



Official agenda for ODI Global at the Spring Meetings

22-24 April 2025

ODI Global will host a series of events on the margins the World Bank Group/IMF Spring Meetings in Washington, D.C. During this time of major geopolitical upheaval, we will lead conversations with policy-makers, government officials, the private sector and civil society around the future of multilateralism, humanitarian action and development aid.

Tuesday

08:00 - 12:00 | Roundtable

Climate, trade and the green transition under the Trump presidency

This roundtable will explore the potential effects of carbon tariffs and take stock of the stated aims and likely impact of the new administration's universal tariff policy.

16:00 - 19:30 | Roundtable & Reception (livestreamed)

Reducing the cost of capital in small, vulnerable states

This discussion, hosted by ODI Global and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), will explore how to tackle the 'cost of capital crisis' in Small Island Developing States.

Wednesday

08:15 - 9:45 | Roundtable

Learning from the past, preparing for the future: Africa's strategic partnerships in the world

This closed door roundtable will spur a dialogue on new opportunities for trade, investment and collaboration between Africa and the Gulf.

08:30 - 10:00 | Public Event (livestreamed)

The future of global humanitarian action

This session will explore what kind of change is feasible and realistic in the humanitarian sector, balancing progress with preserving its best aspects.

15:30 - 17:30 | Roundtable

Public finance in the digital era – emerging themes

This roundtable explores how digital-era public financial management (PFM) can enhance service delivery and adapt to emerging governance challenges.

15:30 - 17:00 | Public Event (livestreamed)

What's next for global cooperation?

This event explores the challenges and opportunities of a world in transition, from the shifting role of the US to the rise of emerging powers and the potential for new coalitions to drive progress.

17:30 - 18:30 | Reception

Centre for private finance in development launch

We are launching the Centre for Private Finance in Development: a new initiative to drive smarter policies and unlock private capital for sustainable development.

17:30 - 18:30 | Networking Session

Public finance networking session

An informal gathering where we will take the opportunity to reconnect, update on our recent and upcoming work, as well as exchange ideas on areas of public finance.

18:00 onwards | Reception

Evening reception celebrating the Mission 300 Fellowship

An evening reception to launch the Mission 300 Fellowship, which will advance the goal to connect 300 million people to electricity in sub-Saharan Africa by 2030.

Thursday

12:00 - 14:00 | Roundtable

Leveraging finance and trade to secure adaptation across low-income countries

This roundtable explores how finance and trade reforms can boost climate adaptation in LICs. Experts discuss leveraging IDA, private investment and trade to build resilient value chains.

15:00 - 16:30 | Public Event (livestreamed)

Unlocking the potential of blended concessional finance: making aid work harder

This session will spark a much-needed conversation on how blended concessional finance, often funded by aid, can be used more effectively to crowd in private capital.

Scan for further information on all events or visit
odi.org/2025-spring-meetings

