



Frequently Asked Questions

Best source of schedule or logistics information:

AMWeb: amweb.worldbank.org | <https://www.worldbank.org/en/meetings/splash>

Additional Websites:

World Bank Live: live.worldbank.org

Development Committee: <https://www.devcommittee.org/>

CSO Policy Forum: <https://www.worldbank.org/en/events/2021/10/08/civil-society-policy-forum>

IMFConnect: www.imfconnect.org

Joint Bank/Fund site: www.bankfundmeetings.org

General Information/Logistics

1. What are the dates for the Annual Meetings?

The principal week of the Annual Meetings is Monday, October 11 through Sunday, October 17. To accommodate for the time differences between countries, events will also take place outside the principal week of the Annual Meetings. The Civil Society Policy Forum will begin on September 27 and run until October 8, 2021.

2. What are the Annual Meetings?

Each September or October, the Boards of Governors of the World Bank Group and the IMF hold joint Annual Meetings to discuss a range of issues in support of member countries. The plenary session of the Board of Governors of the two organizations is held during the Annual Meetings, as are meetings of the Development Committee and the International Monetary and Financial Committee. Annual Meetings are usually held every third year in a member country.

In addition to these events, a variety of activities are organized to involve media, CSOs, and the private sector.

3. Who can I contact if I am interested to be a future Speaker?

Please email your contact details along with a professional summary and your areas of expertise to SECCOffice@worldbank.org and we will direct your inquiry to the appropriate Bank team.

4. Will there be in-person Events at World Bank or IMF headquarters in Washington, DC?

The International Monetary and Financial Committee (IMFC) and Development Committee (DC) meetings will be held in hybrid format and their members will be invited to attend in person. All public and by-invitation-only events—including the Program of Seminars and other public events, ministerial meetings, CSO engagements, and press conferences—will be virtual.

5. Will the WBG and IMF headquarters buildings in Washington, DC be open during the Meetings?

The WBG and IMF HQ buildings will open based on the return-to-office framework established by the Emergency Management Teams. While a small number of invited participants may attend the DC or IMFC events in-person, all other meetings are expected to be virtual and therefore participants will not be granted access to the HQ buildings.

6. What is the Meetings Login Page? What is the “Schedule for Registrants”/Meetings Login Schedule?

The [Meetings Login Page](#) is a password-protected site exclusively for registered participants that provides access to the “Schedule for Registrants” with event sign-up or viewing links for by-invitation-only events, a searchable list of Participants who have opted in to be shown, and a direct messaging feature.

Credentials for the [Meetings Login Page](#) are the email address used to register and a unique Registration ID – which are both provided in the Registration Confirmation letter.

7. Is there a list of all participants for this Meeting?

The Participant List is available on the Annual Meetings website, [AMWeb](#), by clicking the [Networking](#) tab. The Participant List will be updated on a regular basis.

Meetings’ registrants may log in to the Meetings Login Page (<https://meetingslogin.worldbank.org>) to access a searchable list of Participants who have opted in to be shown. Credentials for the [Meetings Login Page](#) are the email address used to register and a unique Registration ID – which are both provided in the Registration Confirmation letter.

8. I would like to contact a speaker or participant; how can I connect?

Please visit the Annual Meetings website, [AMWeb](#), then navigate to [Networking](#) to find the Participant List.

Meetings’ registrants may log in to the Meetings Login Page (<https://meetingslogin.worldbank.org>) to access a searchable list of Participants who have opted in to be shown. Credentials for the [Meetings Login Page](#) are the email address used to register and a unique Registration ID – which are both provided in the Registration Confirmation letter.

9. What does a “hybrid meeting” format imply?

For the 2021 Annual Meetings, all public and by-invitation-only events—including the Program of Seminars and other public events, ministerial meetings, CSO engagements, and press conferences—will be virtual. The International Monetary and Financial Committee (IMFC) and Development Committee (DC) meetings (which are closed, by-invitation-only events) will be held in hybrid format and their members will be invited to attend in person. This combination of virtual plus in-person participation is considered a hybrid meeting. Virtual events will be complemented by online platforms (such as the World Bank Group and IMF websites and social media accounts), online media briefing centers, and other means of digital communications.

10. Are any officials traveling to Washington to attend the 2021 Annual Meetings?

A small number of Delegates (Development Committee Governors and IMFC Governors) may attend the DC and IMFC Meetings in person. Others should not travel to Washington, D.C. as building access will not be granted.

11. What hotels are available for Meetings participants?

As there will be a limited in-person component to the Annual Meetings, there are no hotel blocks for Meetings attendees and participants should not come to the WBG and IMF HQ buildings unless specifically invited to attend the DC or IMFC Meetings. For those invited to attend these closed ministerial meetings, a separate communication regarding available hotels and booking instructions has been issued.

12. Can Bank staff have visitors come to the HQ Building during the Annual Meetings?

In line with the [prevailing guidance](#) on building access provided by the World Bank Group Emergency Management Team, visitor passes will not be issued for Bank buildings during the Annual Meetings. Any adjustments to this policy will be communicated in subsequent messages.

13. What procedures will be in place regarding badging and building access?

As the 2021 Annual Meetings will be in mostly virtual format, only those participants invited specifically to attend the Development Committee or IMFC meetings will be given badges that will allow them to enter and move around the HQ buildings. Instructions for picking up a registration badge will be shared directly with the invited attendees of these events.

14. What screening procedures can be expected at the MC building?

For those invited to attend in person, screening procedures may include a questionnaire, temperature check, and proof of vaccination or negative rapid test (provided by the World Bank Group and IMF) prior to badge pick-up. Once badges are obtained, security screening procedures will be in place at the MC building. Additional information about specific entry requirements will be communicated directly to delegates invited to attend in person.

15. I'm a Delegate attending in person, but I do not feel well or have been in contact with someone who tested positive for Covid-19; where should I report my status?

Specific guidance for attendees invited to attend in person will be communicated at a later date.

16. How can I book a conference room during the Annual Meetings? (For World Bank Staff/Executive Directors only)

Instructions for booking a business center conference room were shared with EDs Office Staff and Senior Management in early August. That guidance can be found [here](#).

17. What food and beverage options are there if I'm attending in person?

Only Delegates and World Bank Senior Management specifically invited to attend the Development Committee meeting should plan to come to the MC building. Within the MC building, there will be limited service at the MC cafeteria. Other details about coffee about availability of the Main Dining Room and coffee options will be provided closer to the Meetings.

Registration

1. Do I need to register? How do I register? Where can I find registration instructions?

The public program of events, including the Plenary Session speeches, will be streamed on World Bank Live (live.worldbank.org) and are available to all persons without registering. The schedule of public events can be found on [AMWeb](#) in early September.

Registration is required to gain access to the [Meetings Login Page](#) and to attend by-invitation-only virtual events. Registration confirmation letters will include instructions on how to log in to this password-protected page containing the "Schedule for Registrants" that includes information not included on the public schedule such as sign-up links or viewing links for World Bank events.

Registration guidance can be found on the Annual Meetings website, [AMWeb](#). Here you will find descriptions of registration categories, open and closing dates, contact information, and registration form links. Visit <https://www.worldbank.org/en/meetings/splash/annual/registration>.

Attendees should start on the [registration page](#) and complete the appropriate registration form. Once submitted, the application is reviewed based on the policies and procedures governing accreditation. **Bank staff do not need to register** and should not submit an application.

2. Do Staff need to register? / How do Staff Register?

Bank staff will be able to participate fully in the Annual Meetings and do not need to register.

Bank staff will have access to view the "Schedule for Registrants" and sign-up for or view invitation-only events through the [Meetings Login Page](#). TStaff should reach out to the event organizers listed on the "Schedule for Registrants" with questions about specific events. (Closed events or restricted sessions posted to the schedule are for information only and requests to sign up will not be accepted.)

The program of public events, including the Plenary Session speeches, will be available on [World Bank Live](#) without the need for registration.

3. I have not received a confirmation on my Registration. How do I follow-up?

Confirmation of Annual Meetings Registration: If you have submitted your Annual Meetings registration application and more than 15 business days have passed, or we are within 5 business days of the start of the Meetings, email Meetings-Registration@worldbank.org with inquiries about the status. Registration confirmation emails will come from Meetings-Registration@worldbank.org.

Confirmation of Individual Event Sign-ups: If you are inquiring about individual sign-up confirmation(s) for a specific virtual event, please ensure you have already received your Annual Meetings confirmation letter and that you have accessed the [Meetings Login page](#) and submitted a secondary sign-up for that specific event. If you have not received a confirmation or join links for the event, please inquire with the event organizer listed on the schedule, or the name included in the event invitation, to check on the status.

4. What are the requirements to register for the Annual Meetings?

A description of the registration requirements can be found under each category on the Registration Page on [AMWeb](#).

5. How long does registration confirmation take?

Confirmation time varies but can take approximately 2 to 3 weeks. We advise you to register as early as possible to allow enough time for applications to be processed. Registration requests for CSOs and Guests must be submitted by September 20; no applications for those attendee categories will be accepted after that date.

6. What is my Registration ID?

A Registration ID is a unique identifier that is provided to each registrant in the registration confirmation letter sent by MeetingsRegistration@worldbank.org. The Registration ID along with the email address used to register are required to access the [Meetings Login page](#).

IMF attendees should refer to their registration confirmation email from the IMF.

If you did not receive a registration confirmation email, your registration request is still being processed and you will receive an email once your registration is confirmed.

If you have registered for the Meetings but are inquiring about how to sign up for a specific event, please make sure you have followed these steps: If an event requires sign-up, you will see a Webex or Zoom sign-up page where you will need to fill in basic details (name, email, etc.). After submitting this sign-up request, you will receive a confirmation from the event organizer with the link and anything else needed to view the event if sign-up is approved. If the Webex/Zoom sign-up form asks for a registration ID/confirmation number, you can enter the number provided in your Meetings registration confirmation email, but it is best to inquire directly with the event organizer for any questions about sign-up requirements.

7. Is there a fee to register? Is there a fee to watch specific events?

No.

8. We forgot to register one of our speakers, how do we register him/her?

Please email MeetingsRegistration@worldbank.org and note that the last-minute registration is for a speaker. If you are the Meeting Organizer, make sure your GCS Event Planner is aware of the last-minute request.

Schedule/Events/How to Participate

1. Where can I find the Schedule and is it updated daily?

The schedule of events, as well as speaker information and session descriptions, will be available on the Annual Meetings website, [AMWeb](#), beginning in September. The schedule is accessible to staff and to the public, so the link for the schedule can be shared. The schedule is updated in real time.

2. Where can I find information about IMF events?

IMF events are also included on the full schedule on [AMWeb](#). Should you need additional information beyond that, please visit their websites: <https://imfconnect.org> or <https://meetings.imf.org/en/2021/annual>.

3. What is the agenda of the Annual Meetings Plenary Session?

The Plenary Session will be conducted in two parts: the first part will feature speeches from three speakers: the 2021 Annual Meetings Chairman, the President of the World Bank Group, and the Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund. These speeches will be streamed on [World Bank Live](#) and will be available on demand thereafter. Bank staff are encouraged to watch the proceedings.

The Plenary Session will have a second part for “Official WBG Business” chaired by the 2021 Annual Meetings Chairman. This event is closed, and all participants will be invited separately.

4. How can I be invited to/attend the Plenary Session?

The Plenary Session will be held virtually. The speeches will be streamed on [World Bank Live](#) and registration is not required. The “Official WBG Business” portion of the Plenary Session is invitation-only and staff and attendees may not request to attend.

5. Is it possible to watch the Development Committee and/or other major Ministerial events? How?

No, the Development Committee, IMFC, and other high-level ministerial events are by-invitation-only and are restricted to a defined list of participants. (Requests for an invitation will not be accepted.) In the event that a ministerial event has a view-only link, that link will be posted to the “Schedule for Registrants” on the [Meetings Login page](#); the absence of a link for an event indicates that the event is closed and viewing is not possible.

6. How can I be invited to “Invitation-only events”?

If the event is by-invitation-only, registered Annual Meetings attendees can log in to meetingslogin.worldbank.org to see the “Schedule for Registrants” that includes sign-up links or viewing links for World Bank events. To participate in a by-invitation-only event that requires sign-up, you will need to complete the secondary sign-up for that event. For some by-invitation-only events, this secondary sign-up will require approval by the event organizer and space may be limited. (Closed events or restricted sessions posted to the schedule are for information only and requests to sign up will not be accepted.)

7. How can I watch the Program of Events/Public Program?

The schedule for the public program of events will be available on [AMWeb](#) by selecting “OPEN” as Access type. (The schedule will go live in early September.) The public program of events will be streamed on [World Bank Live](#).

8. How do I watch the events I’ve signed up for or have been invited to attend?

On the “Schedule for Registrants” which can be accessed from the [Meetings Login Page](#), each event will have a link to either sign-up for that event or will have a viewing link.

9. If I showed interest in an event, when will I receive the Webex/Zoom link to join the meeting?

If the event required a sign-up, the confirmation or link to join will be sent by the event organizer to the email you provided. In general, Registered Annual Meetings attendees can log in to the [Meetings Login Page](#) to see the “Schedule for Registrants” which contains details about the by-invitation-only events including viewing links (if available).

10. I signed up for an event but did not receive a confirmation with the link to view. What should I do?

You should inquire with the event organizer listed on the “Schedule for Registrants” regarding the status of your virtual event registration. Access to by-invitation-only events is managed exclusively by the event organizers.

11. What virtual platforms will be used for the Events?

Annual Meetings’ events will primarily use Zoom and Webex Events platforms.

12. Will there be taped recordings available to watch past meetings?

The public program of events will be recorded and will be available for replay at <https://live.worldbank.org>. By-invitation-only events are not recorded.

13. What should I do if I experience technical issues when connecting to an event or meeting?

Bank staff: Please contact your ITS business partners.

For other participants: Please check to ensure that you have been confirmed for the event you are trying to attend and contact the event organizer if you are having trouble accessing the meeting with the link provided. For other connection or equipment issues, please check with your local IT support.

14. Are we able to get transcripts of the “by invitation events”?

Transcripts are not generally available for events. You may inquire with the event organizer.

15. How can I get more information about the Civil Society Policy Forum?

The Civil Society Policy Forum will be held from September 27 to October 8, and the schedule of events will be available on [AMWeb](#), and also on the [CSO website](#).

16. How can I get more information about the Global Parliamentary Forum?

Information about the Parliamentarian Network can be found [on their website](#). Information about the Forum will be posted to [AMWeb](#) as it becomes available.

17. How can media participate in any of the events?

Journalists will be able to access press conferences via the IMF’s [Online Media Briefing Center](#) and the World Bank’s [Online Media Briefing Center](#). For further information on media access to the various press conferences and to receive broadcast materials, please contact the media relations teams at the IMF (media@imf.org) and World Bank Group (press@worldbank.org).

18. For the event times posted on the AMWeb Schedule, is that Washington, DC time or my local time?

All events are listed as local time in Washington, D.C. (EDT-Eastern Daylight Time).

Meetings Login Page Functionality

1. My username or password is not working.

If you received a registration Confirmation from MeetingsRegistration@worldbank.org, make sure you are typing the registration ID/password in exactly as listed (note, if copying/pasting make sure there are no spaces at the end of the registration ID/password, and make sure your keyboard is not replacing any English characters). Also make sure that you are using the email address you used to register for the Meetings.

If you received your registration confirmation within the past hour of trying to log in, there may be a slight delay with the system recognizing credentials and it’s advised that you try again in another hour.

If you have not received your registration confirmation letter, your registration has not yet been approved and you will not be able to login until you receive a registration confirmation letter.

Those still experiencing issues logging in should email InfoDesk@worldbank.org.

2. Why am I not appearing on the “Participant List” (either PDF version or within Meetings Login page)?

For Bank Staff: The Participant List shows those who have opted in when registering for the Meetings. The PDF Participant List will display only non-Bank staff who have opted in. If you would like to be shown on the Participant List in the Meetings Login page, please send an email to MeetingsHR@worldbank.org and we will update your account.

For other participants: The Participant List shows those who have opted in when registering for the Meetings. If you would like to be shown on the Participant List, your registration record will need to be updated. Please send an email to MeetingsRegistration@worldbank.org and we will update your account.

3. How do I send messages to other participants?

Once you have accessed the [Meetings Login Page](#), you will see a tab called “Participants” and a tab called “Inbox” at the top of the page. “Inbox” will show any messages that you have received, and you can also send a message from this page. You can also go to the “Participants” tab and view the list of attendees who have opted in to be shown on this listing and click “Send Message” next to a name to send a message to that person.

4. How do I stop receiving messages from other participants? / How do I remove my name from the Participant list?

For Bank Staff: Please email MeetingsHR@worldbank.org with your request to be removed from the Participant List, which will also mean you will no longer have access to the messaging feature.

For other participants: To be removed from the Participant List and to be removed from the messaging function, your registration record will need to be updated. Please send an email to MeetingsRegistration@worldbank.org and we will update your account.