Multilateral organisations or groupings advise governments on what policies they should use to fight inequality. They include the UN, IMF, OECD, World Bank, Financial Stability Board and G20. DFI, therefore, monitors their progress too, assessing their overall focus on inequality and their actions in specific policy areas. It conducts regular analysis of their performance on specific issues (for example of the IMF’s tax technical assistance or its policies on social spending); and an annual systematic analysis (the latest report being Are the Multilateral Organisations Fighting Inequality? in partnership with New Rules for Global Finance, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, ITUC and many other civil society and academic experts.

DFI has also worked with many multilateral organisations over the last two decades to enhance their focus on ending poverty and sharply reducing inequality. These include the African Development Bank, African Union, BCEAO, BEAC, EU, FSB, ILO, IMF, OECD, UEMOA, UNCTAD, UNDESA, UNDP, UNECA, UNESCO, UNICEF, UN-WOMEN and the World Bank.