DFI took part in the first meeting of a civil society advisory panel on Social Spending in IMF Programmes, which will input into the redesign of IMF conditionality related to social spending.

IMF staff and panelists discussed the scope of the review, including the sectors to be covered, the need to take account of broader IMF work on inequality and therefore to look at comprehensive education, health and social protection coverage, and the successes and failures of existing conditionalities such as indicative social spending floors. They also contributed ideas on existing analysis including the GSW reports and database, as well as names of other experts for the reviewers to contact. Further meetings will be held, culminating in a public discussion at the BWI Annual Meetings in October.