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THE COMMITMENT TO REDUCING INEQUALITY INDEX

A new global ranking of governments based on what they are doing to tackle the gap between rich and poor



A computer classroom in Omaputa Combined School, northern Namibia. The Namibian government is committed to reducing inequality and secondary education is free for all students. Photo: John Hogg/World Bank

In 2015, the leaders of 193 governments promised to reduce inequality as part of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Without reducing inequality, meeting the SDG to eliminate poverty will be impossible. Now Development Finance International and Oxfam have produced the first index to measure the commitment of governments to reducing the gap between the rich and the poor. The index is based on a new database of indicators, covering 152 countries, which measures government action on social spending, tax and labour rights – three areas found to be critical to reducing the gap.



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DFI and Oxfam presented the [Commitment to Reducing Inequality Index \(CRII\)](#) at the CSO Innovation Fair on 18 April 2018 in Washington, in the margins of the Spring Meetings of the IMF and the World Bank.

Held for the first time in the World Bank Atrium, the Fair gave CSOs an opportunity to showcase their projects, innovative products, flagship reports, and ground-breaking campaigns that produce improved development outcomes and contribute to a continued dialogue.

More than 150 participants at the Spring Meetings – including delegates from 52 countries, BWI staff and CSO representatives, stopped at the DFI-Oxfam stall and had the opportunity to explore the Index, enquire about the methodology, and discuss the data findings and the policy solutions (social spending, progressive taxation and labour rights) to fight inequality promoted by DFI and Oxfam. The next edition of the CRII is due to be launched at the Annual Meetings of the BWIs in Bali in October.