

Eurodad Conference 2022 9-10 June, Brussels

Reboot the system

Defining joint strategies
for economic justice

Conference Agenda



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Welcome to Eurodad 2022 Conference

Taking place in Brussels on 9-10 June at Les Ateliers des Tanneurs, 2022 Eurodad's Conference will bring together our members, allies, partners and like-minded academics in an inspirational and interactive setting. Through thought-provoking inputs, and careful facilitation, Eurodad is convening this space for the economic justice movement to analyse, strategise and organise.

Please note this programme is temporary, please check [our website](#) for the latest updates.

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Introduction

Addressing an almost empty hall of the UN General Assembly in September 2020, the UN Secretary General issued an ominous warning that Covid-19 was a dress rehearsal for a world of challenges to come. Three years into the pandemic, the world is steeped in multiple and interconnected crises: of climate change, debt, energy-scarcity and competition for other scarce but crucial resources for development. Against this backdrop, growing inequality and the irreversible breakdowns of the ecological system mean that women, children, youth, indigenous peoples and those who face discrimination on the basis of gender, race, disability, migrant-status etc. are hit the hardest.

At the same time, thanks to the efforts of civil society and social movements, including young people's organised pressure for climate action, there is growing popular awareness of the climate emergency, the importance of public investment in health care and other social services.

Global economic governance has so far not been very effective in supporting the global south's ability to deal with and plan its recovery from the pandemic while grappling with climate chaos. Whether in the area of debt and tax justice or development finance, the economic justice movement has played an important role in drawing attention to the problems and advocating for concrete policy change within institutions still steeped in patriarchy and colonialism.

Agenda: 9 June - Day 1

11:30-12:30	Session 1: "Development cooperation as a leverage for tackling vaccine inequality? A Belgian perspective on the issue"
12:30-14:00	Lunch
14:00-15:00	Welcome and introduction
15:00-16:00	Session 2: Keynote address "Rebooting the system: challenges and opportunities"
16:00-16:30	Break
16:30-18:00	Session 3: Three parallel workshops
18:30	Social event at BrewDog

Agenda: 10 June - Day 2

09:30-10:30	Session 4: "A green recovery: Empty rhetoric or a just transition?"
10:30-11:00	Break
11:00-12:30	Session 5: Three parallel workshops
12:30-14:00	Lunch
14:00-15:00	Session 6: "Ensuring the primacy of human rights in times of systemic crisis"
15:00-15:30	Break
15:30-16:30	Closing ceremony

Session 1: "Development cooperation as a leverage for tackling vaccine inequality? A Belgian perspective on the issue"

 **9 June, 11:30-12:30**

 **Halle Vitrée**

 **Jean Bossuyt** (Moderator - Senior Executive and Head of Democratic Governance, ECDPM), **Kristina Bayingana** (Advisor to the Minister of Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid - Office of the Belgian Minister of Development Cooperation), **Vitalice Meja** (Executive Director, Reality of Aid Africa), **Arnaud Zacharie** (Secretary General, CNCD-11.11.11).

This session is organised by CNCD-11.11.11, 11.11.11 and Eurodad. Over 11 billion doses of Covid-19 vaccine were produced in the past year. Three-quarters were bought up by wealthier countries. At the beginning of March 2022, of the world's population, 56 percent are fully vaccinated; in low-income countries, barely 7 percent are. The global failure to share vaccines equitably is taking its toll on some of the world's poorest and most vulnerable people. At a time that geopolitical conflicts are increasing the pressure on development budgets, and food and energy insecurity risk undermining efforts to rebuild economies, vaccine inequality is a question of global injustice. Moreover, the unequal distribution of covid vaccines around the world also needlessly prolongs the pandemic and its economic and social consequences for all.

In the context of the multidimensional crisis we are experiencing, widening also gender inequalities, it is urgent to join our efforts to avoid letting the coronavirus wipe out a decade of progress in the fight against poverty. What does the discussion on vaccine inequality teach us about the ambition to reboot the system globally in this context? How can official development assistance effectively tackle multiple global public challenges? Are donors' responses so far improving the situation or compounding problems of inequality?

Session 2: Keynote address "Rebooting the system: Challenges and opportunities"

 **9 June, 15:00-16:00**

 **Halle Vitrée**

 **Jason Hickel** (Anthropologist - remote participation), **Emilia Reyes** (Equidad de Género Ciudadanía, Trabajo y Familia)

In the third year of the Covid-19 pandemic, the world is steeped in multiple and interconnected crises. Amidst climate chaos, sovereign debt has reached historic levels and violence- particularly gender-based, has increased. At best, the international community's response has been temporary or insufficient. At worst, it will aggravate the problem. The current crises offer opportunities to draw attention to our issues. At the same time, it requires collaboration across sectors and careful strategizing, planning and implementation to achieve a world in which wealth and power is equitably distributed, which is fairly, democratically, accountably and transparently governed from the local to the global level.

The key note will provide new and a different perspective to our current analysis and provide inspiring yet provocative ideas and inspiration for CSO strategies.

The key note speech will be followed by a short plenary Q&A.

Session 3: Workshop "Our common vision of climate justice"

 9 June, 16:30-18:00

 Gamay room

Countries who are most impacted by climate change, while bearing least responsibility for its causes must have adequate resources and the policy space to implement a fair and just transition to net-zero economies. We will present a draft vision of climate justice at the workshop, and have a discussion on how Eurodad, along with its members, and allies from the Global North and Global South, can raise awareness on how deeply interrelated climate justice is with economic and social justice. The objective is to clarify the systemic linkages between economic, social, gender and climate justice, in order to help deepen the integration of climate issues into the Eurodad secretariat and network's policy and advocacy work, as well as operations e.g. strengthening our sustainable transport policies.

During Session 3 and Session 5, three parallel workshops will take place.

Session 3: Workshop "International Financial Institutions: Time for a reset?"

 9 June, 16:30-18:00

 Halle Vitrée

International Financial Institutions (IFIs) have recently seen their already influential role in the global financial architecture reinforced. While sounding the alarm on the multiple crises, IFIs have not yet presented ambitious solutions. In fact, the measures proposed, merely limited to providing new lending, have opened the door to a new wave of austerity and a strong push for market-based approaches to public services. The need to rethink global economic governance, in particular the role of IFIs, is evident and compelling. This workshop provides a space to rethink the role of IFIs and reflect on concrete opportunities for change. A world café will offer the opportunity to showcase work on IFIs and explore collaborations; reflect on developments in IFI policy and policy-change, and outline opportunities to unleash much-needed systemic change in the current global financial architecture and economic governance.

During Session 3 and Session 5, three parallel workshops will take place.

Session 3: Workshop "Achieving gender justice, women's and gender minorities' rights through economic justice"

 9 June, 16:30-18:00

 Syrah room

A truly effective systemic change that addresses the structural problems and the multifaceted nature of the current global crisis must be developed through a feminist, decolonial and intersectional approach. Such an approach is fundamental to tackle climate change, global governance, exploitation of natural resources, tax justice, debt justice and reform of the financial sector. This workshop will explore the interlinkages with gender justice and Eurodad's policy priorities on debt justice, tax justice and development finance. Considering work being carried out collectively, participants will map expertise, knowledge and synergies as a basis for skill sharing and have a discussion on how Eurodad, its members, and allies can better support this concerted effort.

During Session 3 and Session 5, three parallel workshops will take place.

Session 4: "A green recovery: Empty rhetoric or a just transition?"

 **10 June, 09:30-10:30**

 **Halle Vitrée**

 **Carla Montesi** (Director for Green Deal and Digital Agenda - DG INTPA/European Commission), **Lidy Nacpil** (Coordinator, Asian Peoples' Movement on Debt and Development), **Chenai C. Mukumba** (Policy Research and Advocacy Manager, Tax Justice Network Africa), **Elena Crasta** (Special Advisor, Just Transition Centre), **Max Ajl** (author), **Jeroen Kwakkenbos** (Deputy Head of the EU Office, Oxfam International).

Governments and international institutions have proposed roadmaps to 'build back better.' From the World Bank's 'Green Resilient and Inclusive Development' framework to the EU's Green Deal, these plans promise a lifeline out of the Covid-19 pandemic that is green and fair. However, there are concerns that these plans will deepen the 'Wall Street Consensus,' lock the world into an economic model which will deepen the unjust division of power and resources, lead to fiscal policies that deepen inequalities and social tensions at home and reduce the space of the Global South to define the pace and scope of their just transition.

The panelists will analyse current proposals for a green recovery on the basis of their ability to deliver a just transition. They will also provide their thoughts what remains to be done to ensure that current responses adequately address the financial gaps needed to achieve a just transition.

Session 5: Workshop "Looking ahead to COP27"

 10 June, 11:00-12:30

 Gamay room

The 27th United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP27) in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt will be the first to be held physically in a developing country since COP22 in Marrakech, Morocco (2016). Colloquially known as the 'Africa COP', the Egyptian COP Presidency plans to use their role to focus on implementation of measures on climate impacts, such as adaptation and loss and damage, and climate finance. COP26 did not deliver what is needed on climate finance, thus the stakes are high. At the workshop participants are invited to share perspectives on how the close linkages between climate, social and economic justice are made visible at COP27, and how Eurodad as a network can speak with one voice on the issues of climate finance and climate justice. It offers an opportunity for participants to share plans for COP27 and understand how we can strengthen each other's work on the road to COP27.

During Session 3 and Session 5, three parallel workshops will take place.

Session 5: Workshop "The European Union as a global development actor – What are the opportunities for change?"

 10 June, 11:00-12:30

 Syrah room

The European Union (EU) has a key role to play in promoting a sustainable development agenda. Eurodad and allies work together to put in place effective EU regulation to increase transparency and end harmful tax practices that facilitate tax avoidance or evasion by multinational corporations and wealthy individuals. We challenge the bias of EU development policy that prioritises the role of private finance in the delivery of the Sustainable Development Goals without sound evidence of impact. We influence the positions the EU and its Member States take in the UN and IFIs and groupings such as the G20 and OECD where decisions that have an impact on developing countries' ability to deliver on development and climate priorities are taken. This workshop provides a space for discussion on opportunities and challenges to advocate for policy change in the EU, and in doing so to showcase ongoing and upcoming campaigns or urgent advocacy priorities in the areas of tax, debt and development finance.

During Session 3 and Session 5, three parallel workshops will take place.

Session 5: Workshop "The road to the 4th UN Financing for Development Conference"

 10 June, 11:00-12:30

 Halle Vitrée

There is growing momentum to convene a 4th Financing for Development Summit (#FfD4) or “Monterrey+20”, a key campaign priority of the Civil Society Financing for Development Group since 2020. Supported by the EU and under discussion in developing countries, the UN General Assembly (UNGA) is also due to discuss it. Building on the experiences from FfD3 in Addis Ababa in 2015, the conference is expected to provide a key opportunity for CSOs to raise the profile of key economic justice issues, including a UN Tax Convention, UN Tax Body, debt architecture reform, a debt workout mechanism, and the developmental role of the state, in a venue where all countries have an equal say and there is space for civil society participation. This workshop will be a timely moment to discuss what we want #FfD4 to deliver, strategies to influence the UNGA to secure a strong mandate for the conference and how we will work together going forward.

During Session 3 and Session 5, three parallel workshops will take place.

Session 6: "Ensuring the primacy of human rights in times of systemic crisis"

 **10 June, 14:00-15:00**

 **Halle Vitrée**



Attiya Waris (UN Independent Expert on foreign debt, other international financial obligations and human rights), **Jason Braganza** (Executive Director, AFRODAD), **Maria Arena MEP** (Member of the European Parliament, S&D Group), **Isabel Ortiz** (Director, Global Social Justice Program - Joseph Stiglitz's Initiative for Policy Dialogue), **Bodo Ellmers** (Program Director, Global Policy Forum).

States, particularly those in the global south have to fulfill their obligations as primary duty-bearer for the protection and realisation of universal human rights in a climate challenged world plagued with uncertainty as a result of the pandemic. The financing challenges they face to fulfill their obligations are immense. The current development finance consensus has left them hostage to the one-size-fits-all policy approach that prescribes deregulation to attract foreign investors, greater participation in global financial markets and a race to the bottom on taxation. The resulting unsustainable levels of sovereign debt, hypothecation of labour protection, reduced public investment, including in social services etc. directly undermines these states' human rights obligations.

The panelists will present how the international community can support states to break out of the vicious circle of finance that undermines human rights and build a global finance architecture that supports a virtuous cycle of finance, reinforcing and strengthening countries as human rights duty-bearers.

The venue: Les Ateliers des Tanneurs

📍 Address: Rue des Tanneurs 60A, 1000 Bruxelles



At 8-minute walking distance from Hotel Bedford, the conference space is located in the Palais du Vin and in the ancient Merchie-Pède stores of Les Ateliers des Tanneurs.

Dedicated to wine and textile trading, the complex was representative of the prosperous commercial activity taking place in the Marolles neighbourhood in the past century.

In 1996, the city of Brussels decided to buy the complex to renovate it and develop a new center of activity in the heart of the Marolles. Les Ateliers des Tanneurs was inaugurated on April 21, 2005.

The hotel: Bedford Hotel

📍 Address: Rue du Midi 135-137, 1000 Bruxelles



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The social event: BrewDog

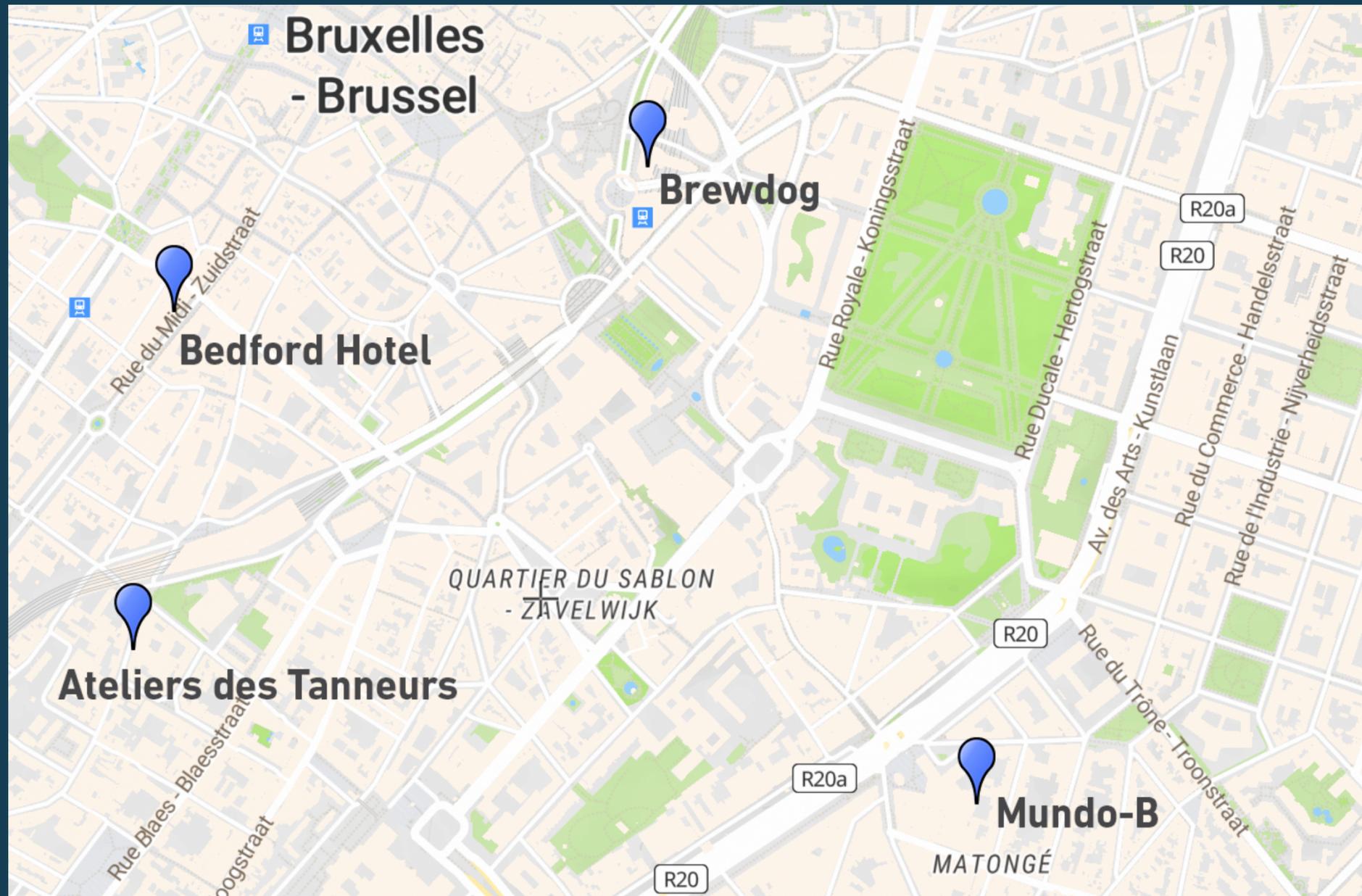
📍 Address: Rue de la Putterie 20, 1000 Bruxelles



Located in the heart of Brussels, in front of the Central Station (Gare Centrale), BrewDog is a craft beer bar & restaurant equipped with forty taps pouring a range of beer from BrewDog and carefully-sourced small Belgian producers, alongside a great range of freshly-cooked food.

The venue has a wooden decking area where the conference's social event will take place on 9 June starting at 18:30.

The map



Les Ateliers des Tanneurs

Rue des Tanneurs, 60A
1000 Bruxelles

Bedford Hotel

Rue du Midi, 135-137
1000 Bruxelles

BrewDog

Rue de la Putterie, 20
1000 Bruxelles

Mundo-B (Eurodad's office)

Rue d'Edimbourg, 26
1050 Ixelles

Your feedback 😊 😞

We would like to get your feedback about this year's conference. This will help us to learn from the bad and the good and hopefully make some improvements for the next time.

Please fill in [this online form](#) and comment on any aspect of the meeting that you wish: presentations, discussions, organisation, documentation, logistics, catering, venue, entertainment!

Tell us what you did not like, what you did like and any suggestions you may have. Thank you!