

**A look at the outcome of recent IMF and WB meetings.**  
**Growth with exclusion vs. Sustainable human development?**

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Argentine democracy, through Acts 23696 and 23697, passed by the National Parliament in 1989, determined the legal framework through which the economic organization of the country was decided. It was done copying the recipe: “the road towards progress without frontiers”, taken from the well

to “learn” and listen to the participants he had never invited before, since he had always met government and private capital representatives.

The meeting was harsh and tough. Acknowledging our share of responsibility in the crisis and expressing the need to build up a trustworthy, viable and transparent country, we asked the IMF to revise its techniques and to take into account the ethical aspect in addition to the terrible social consequences resulting from some of the measures taken by them. They were told: “Debts cannot be paid at the expense of suffocating a country’s economy and no government can morally request deprivations incompatible with human dignity”.

Kohler admitted that so far there has been no equilibrium between the economic and social agenda. He even restated they are pursuing talks with social organizations in order to find new ways to defeat poverty. Although we, as participants, had the feeling that our demands had not been understood properly by the IMF, Kohler said in a press conference that “it had been one of the most important meetings ( a9107dd ) 0 g2, de

