World Bank Group Will No Longer Finance Upstream Oil and Gas After 2019

At the One Planet Summit convened by the French President Emmanuel Macron, United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres, and World Bank Group President Jim Yong Kim, the World Bank Group made a number of new announcements in line with its ongoing support to developing countries for the effective implementation of the Paris Agreement’s goals. Read more here.


This joint report from the World Bank and the World Health Organization finds that despite some progress on Universal Health Coverage, at least half of the world’s population still cannot obtain essential health services. And each year, close to 100 million people are being pushed into extreme poverty because they must pay for health expenses out of their own pockets. Read more here. The full report can be downloaded here.

Deadline Extended for Public Comment to ESF Guidance Notes

In August 2016, the World Bank’s Board of Executive Directors approved the Environmental and Social Framework (ESF), which will go into effect in the Fall of 2018. The World Bank is preparing Guidance Notes for Borrowers as a resource to help explain requirements contained in the Standards and provide helpful examples. The deadline to provide comment has been extended until December 22, 2017. Comments can be sent to esfimplementation@worldbank.org.
Call for Nominations - Citizen Engagement Expert Advisory Council

The World Bank Group's Citizen Engagement Secretariat has announced a call for nominations to fill five vacant seats on its 12-member Expert Advisory Council. The Council includes representatives from civil society, academia, private sector, government, foundations, and development partners/agencies. The current call aims to fill 1 private sector seat, 2 foundation seats, 1 government seat and 1 development partner seat. The deadline for nominations is January 12, 2018. Read more here.

Call for Papers - Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics (ABCDE)

The Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics (ABCDE), organized by the World Bank's Development Economics (DEC) Vice Presidency, is one of the world's leading conference series promoting the exchange of innovative and leading research among researchers, policymakers, and development practitioners. The ABCDE Organizing Committee issued a call for papers that examine in innovative ways the link between politics and development. The deadline for submissions is February 28, 2018. Read more here.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Webinar Series: Internet of Things for Agriculture
IoT Keeps Water Infrastructure Running

- December 19, 2017
- Online

Land and Poverty Conference 2018
Land Governance in an Interconnected World

- March 19-23, 2018
- Washington, D.C.

Third Annual Universal Health Coverage Financing Forum
Shaping a collective agenda for sustainable financing for universal health coverage

- April 19-20, 2018
- Washington, D.C.

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BLOGS AND STORIES

Afghan Public Universities Modernize To Attract Talent
The Higher Education Development Project has awarded scholarships to 200 lecturers, 60 of whom are women, to study in other Asian countries, such as Malaysia, India, Thailand, and Iran.

Additional Financing Available to Support Refugees and Host Communities
Uganda is a pilot country for the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework called for in the New York Declaration for
Refugees and Migrants. This is expected to result in a more coherent and robust response to mass exodus through the complementarity of programming and resourcing.

Is your country LGBTI inclusive? With better data, we’ll know
The World Bank is developing a global standard for measuring countries’ inclusion of LGBTI individuals.

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