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Also This Month

World Bank Launches Task Force to Tackle Gender-based Violence:

The World Bank launched a Global Gender Based-Violence Task force on October 13 to strengthen the institution's response through its projects to issues involving sexual exploitation and abuse. [Read more](#)

IDA Makes its Mark on the Annual Meetings:

A team of artists illustrated IDA's game-changing role through the decades with a large-format mural in the World Bank's atrium during the Annual Meetings. Watch the [time-lapse video](#) of the undertaking and watch a [video](#) about how IDA is making progress in the poorest countries.

World Bank Group Country Strategies:

In this edition, we highlight the newly completed [Systematic Country Diagnostic for Vietnam](#). Access more of the latest country engagement documents: [SCDs](#) and [CPFs](#).

Highlights

Implementation of the Environmental and Social Framework



The World Bank has started an intensive preparation and training period to prepare for the introduction of the new framework. Implementation will focus on: supporting and strengthening the capacity of borrowers; training Bank staff and borrowers to implement the framework; strengthening the Bank's environmental and social risk management system; developing directives, procedures, and guidance; and strengthening strategic partnerships. For more, information, see the [fact sheet](#) and [website](#).

Kristalina Georgieva Appointed Chief Executive Officer of World Bank

On October 28, World Bank Group President Jim Yong Kim announced the appointment of Kristalina Georgieva as Chief Executive Officer of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) and the International Development Association (IDA), lending arms for middle-income and poor countries known collectively as the World Bank. She will begin her appointment on January 2, 2017. [Read more](#).

World Bank Announces New Advisor on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Issues

On October 27, World Bank Group President Jim Yong Kim announced Clifton Cortez as the Bank's Advisor on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) issues – a newly created senior position responsible for promoting lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex (LGBTI) inclusion throughout the work of the World Bank. In his position, Cortez will oversee expanding the inclusion of LGBTI groups throughout Bank

Job Opportunity

AI Appeals Board Member:

The World Bank is seeking a member to join its Access to Information Appeals Board.

[More details](#)

Upcoming Events

[World Bank Youth Summit: Rethinking Education for the New Millennium](#), Washington DC, November 14-15, 2016

[Book Launch: How Change Happens with Oxfam's Duncan Green](#), Washington DC, November 29, 2016

[Law, Justice and Development Week 2016](#), Washington DC, December 5-8, 2016

Blogs

[Open About What We Do and Open About What We've Done](#): Stefan Koeberle, World Bank Group Director for Strategy, Risk and Results, highlights the wealth of data about the Bank's projects and operations that is available in the International Aid Transparency (IATI) open data format. As of September 2016, this includes open data World Bank project results, he says.

[Citizen Engagement in Kenya: From Law to Practice](#) - In this blog, senior public sector specialist, Tiago Carneiro Peixoto, looks at how the Kenya Participatory Budget Initiative (KPBI) and leaders from West Pokot and Makueni counties are testing participatory budgeting as a way to achieve more inclusive and effective citizen engagement processes.

[Where is Gender Discrimination in Business Regulated?](#) - This DataBlog entry looks at the percentage share of economies in regions

operations and serve as a liaison to external groups. [Read more.](#)

Your Feedback Needed to Update the Public Private Partnerships (PPP) Reference Guide



The World Bank Group is working with other multilateral development organizations to release a new version of the PPP Reference Guide in Spring 2017. The PPP Reference Guide aims to identify the key issues that must be addressed when working on PPPs, and provide the most relevant and recent references that PPP practitioners can turn to for answers. We are seeking your inputs and feedback on the current version of the PPP Reference Guide, and in the area of stakeholder engagement. [Share your comments with us by November 10, 2016.](#)

Draft IDA18 Deputies' Report Available Online for Public Comment

The [draft IDA18 Deputies' Report](#) is now available on the [IDA website](#) for public comment. The report represents the culmination of nine months of formal discussions among IDA Deputies (representatives of contributor countries) and representatives of borrower countries regarding the policy direction and commitments for IDA18. Please send comments to idadeputiesreport@worldbank.org by COB Friday, Nov. 11, 2016 to be considered for inclusion in the final draft report. More information can be found [here](#).

2016 Annual Meetings Civil Society Policy Forum Survey Results

686 CSO representatives from 72 countries attended the 2016 Annual Meetings and Civil Society Policy Forum (CSPF) that took place from October 4-7, 2016. More than 167 attendees responded to the participant's survey that we circulated at the end of the meetings. An infographic with key figures and an overview of survey results can be found [here](#).

around the world with regulations on gender non-discrimination. It shows that 60 percent of economies do not have laws mandating gender nondiscrimination in hiring and equal remuneration. Such laws are more common in OECD high-income economies, followed by economies in Europe and Central Asia.

New Web presence for the Platform for Collaboration on Tax

The Platform for Collaboration on Tax, a joint initiative of the IMF, OECD, UN and World Bank that was launched earlier this year, has a new web page:

www.worldbank.org/taxcollaboration. The Platform is designed to intensify the cooperation between these organizations on tax issues and strengthen their ability to provide capacity-building support to developing countries.

The Governance Gap event at the Annual Meetings

At the “[The Governance Gap](#)” event during the Annual Meetings, panelists gave insights into the importance of bridging the trust divide between citizens and their governments. The event was moderated by [Clare Short](#), former Secretary of State for International Development in the UK, and the panel included Oxfam Executive Director [Winnie Byanyima](#). A recording can be found [here](#). Before the event, Governance Senior Director Debbie Wetzel shared her thoughts on trust and government in a blog post: “[The Governance Gap: Can we bridge it?](#)”.

For more on World Bank - Civil Society Engagement, visit, www.worldbank.org/civilsociety.

Regional News



AFRICA (AFR) Taking Disaster Risk Management to New Heights

This feature story looks at how the Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR) is supporting efforts in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania’s to protect residents from recurrent flooding, which disproportionately impacts the city’s unmapped, resource-poor informal settlements. A participatory mapping project is training university students and local community members to use novel technologies, including drones, to create open-source maps of the most flood-prone areas of the city, putting crucial information into the hands of those who need it most. [Read more](#)»

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East Asia Pacific (EAP) Indonesia: Rebuilding Hope Through Unity after Natural Disasters: Sitting on the world’s most active seismic region,

Indonesia is prone to natural disasters. In an effort to rebuild more than 300 thousand homes destroyed by an earthquake, the World Bank provided assistance to REKOMPAK - a community based Housing and Reconstruction project in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. [Read more](#)»

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Europe and Central Asia (ECA)

Water, Water (Not) Everywhere: the Imperative of Increasing Water Use

Efficiency: As access to water diminishes in Central Asia, countries in the region are looking for ways to improve water-use efficiency across all sectors by learning from best global practices. [Read more](#)»

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Latin America and Caribbean (LAC)

Latin America Needs to Improve Access to Opportunities to Win Poverty

Fight: New World Bank data released in October shows that in order to win the fight against poverty in Latin America and the Caribbean, children, need to have better access to basic services such as electricity, good education, running water and the internet. [Read more](#)»

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Middle East and North Africa (MENA)

Poverty had Fallen in the Maghreb, but Inequality Persists:

Extreme poverty has been in decline across the Maghreb region, but large segments of the population are at risk of falling back into poverty, and high unemployment rates, especially among young people, remain a challenge. [Read more](#)»

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South Asia (SAR)

Rising Bangladesh Brings Hope, Ambition, and Innovation to End Poverty

What will it take to end poverty? This feature story argues that many answers may come from Bangladesh. Once considered one of the poorest countries in the world, Bangladesh is a rising lower middle-income country, where poverty has fallen dramatically over the last generation, with innovation driving change. [Read more](#)»

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