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## Civil Society Engagement Newsletter

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### NEWS



#### 2019 Annual Meetings - Civil Society Policy Forum (CSPF) Recap

We wish to extend our gratitude to the 858 CSO participants that attended the 2019 Annual Meetings Civil Society Policy Forum in Washington DC. Read the Development Committee Communiqué [here](#). You can replay the CSO Townhall with President Malpass [here](#). For a preliminary report on CSO registration and attendance, please click [here](#). Stay tuned for the CSPF Participant Feedback Survey Results Report.

The [CSPF Working Group](#) election results will be announced next month.



#### Coming November 1: IDA19 Draft Deputies Report Open for Public Comment

The proposed IDA19 replenishment package is now at an advanced stage as the process draws closer to the pledging meeting in December 2019. The IDA19 Draft Deputies Report will be available for public comment from November 1 to 15, 2019. Should you like to [review and submit input](#), please do so by Friday, November 15, 2019. Further, [hear directly](#) from the borrower countries how IDA is making a difference.



#### Public Consultation: Global Guide to Community Engagement for Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs)

The draft [Guide to Community Engagement for PPPs](#) is open for public consultation to capture inputs and recommendations by all relevant stakeholders. The guide is intended for the governments that prepare PPPs, the private partners that implement PPPs, and the investors and lenders of PPPs. It also intended to inform communities affected by a PPP about what they should expect. Please [submit](#) your input and feedback by December 31, 2019.



## Apply Now for a Universal Health Coverage Day Micro-Grant

Every year on Universal Health Coverage Day, 12/12, advocates have mobilized thousands of people to drive action at the local and national levels. The UHC Day Coordination Group, powered by UHC2030, is able to offer a limited number of micro-grants to support civil society-led campaigns. To apply for a UHC Day micro-grant, please complete the [application form](#) before 11:59pm ET on Thursday, 31 October 2019. For more information contact [campaign@uhcday.org](mailto:campaign@uhcday.org).

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### [Law, Justice and Development Week 2019](#)

Rights, Technology and Development

- November 4-7, 2019
- Washington, DC

### [GPSA Forum 2019](#)

Social Accountability and the Challenge of Inclusion

- November 19-21, 2019
- Washington, DC

### [World Bank Youth Summit 2019](#)

Smarter Cities for a Resilient Future

- December 2-3, 2019
- Washington, DC

### [#Infra4Dev Conference](#)

Infrastructure in the Digital Era - How Should Regulation Adapt?

- December 11, 2019
- Toulouse, France

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## BLOGS AND STORIES

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### [Engaging rural Bangladeshi women to monitor public procurement](#)

Over the last few years, Bangladesh has piloted citizen's engagement for monitoring procurement contracts in rural areas. Female participation in procurement site meetings was, on average, 30 percent. The Digitizing Implementation Monitoring and Public Procurement Project (DIMAPPP)'s Citizen Engagement team set out to find some answers in Sylhet division. Procurement or construction work is mostly perceived as "men's work," more so in the rural areas. Women's participation in this sector, as tenderers, is minimal.

### [Keeping the momentum on state-of-the-art civil registration and vital statistics systems](#)

National civil registration and vital statistics (CRVS) systems provide necessary population data to monitor national and sub-national development programs as well as the Sustainable Development Goals. A new supplement on CRVS systems in low- and middle-income countries published in Journal of Health, Population and Nutrition presents best practices and recommendations on how to improve CRVS systems globally.

### [In Niger, drip-irrigation helps farmers battle climate induced water woes](#)

Climate change is altering landscapes across Africa but none more so than in Niger, a country in the Sahel region, where fickle rainfall and searing drought are stretching the resources of the Niger – Africa's third-largest river – causing it to shrink in size. Thanks to a new private sector initiative, some small- and medium-scale farmers in Niger now have access to solar-powered drip irrigation technology, enabling them to produce more with less water and energy, improving their incomes and resilience to drought, floods, and other climate-related extremes.

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