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Deadline Extended for the 2019 Annual Meetings Civil Society Policy Forum Call for Session Proposals

The 2019 WBG-IMF Annual Meetings Civil Society Policy Forum (CSPF) will take place in Washington, D.C., from Tuesday, October 15 to Friday, October 18, 2019. Deadline to submit session proposals has been extended to Friday, July 26, 2019. Read more [here](#).

Registration for CSOs is expected to open on Monday, July 22, 2019. Visit the [CSPF website](#) for details.

WBG ACTION PLAN FOR Preventing and Addressing Sexual Harassment

FY19–FY21

WBG Action Plan to Prevent and Address Sexual Harassment

In May the World Bank Group initiated a new three-year action plan for preventing and addressing sexual harassment, aimed at further strengthening existing internal policies and procedures on sexual harassment. The plan foresees enhanced detection and risk assessment, scaled up staff and managerial training, and a continued focus on transparency and accountability. Ongoing dialogue with a range of stakeholders—including a March 22 workshop with CSOs and faith-based organizations at WBG headquarters—has been instrumental for informing the WBG's work in this area and for sharing best practices on addressing sexual harassment, exploitation and abuse. Read the Action Plan [here](#).

+ \$4.2 TRILLION

The net benefit of investing in the resilience of infrastructure in low- and middle-income countries, with \$4 in benefit for each \$1 invested

#LIFELINES

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Investing in Resilient Infrastructure Pays for Itself Four Times Over

The new report *Lifelines: The Resilient Infrastructure Opportunity*, assesses, for the first time, the cost of infrastructure disruptions to low- and middle-income countries and the economic benefits from ensuring investments flow to resilient infrastructure. The report finds that the net benefit on average of investing in more resilient infrastructure in low- and middle-income countries would be \$4.2 trillion with \$4 in benefit for each \$1 invested. Read more [here](#).



World Bank Group Parliamentary and Civil Society Organizations Field Visit to Senegal and The Gambia

A delegation of parliamentarians from 11 countries visited Senegal and The Gambia June 11-14, 2019. They were joined by leading Civil Society Organization (CSO) representatives as part of a four-day field visit hosted by the World Bank. Read more [here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

[Agriculture Insuretech Innovation Challenge](#)

- July 8-9, 2019
- Mumbai, India

[4th South Asia Economic Network Conference](#)

Subnational Finance and Local Service Delivery

- September 7-8, 2019
- BRAC Center, Dhaka, Bangladesh

[6th Urbanization and Poverty Reduction Research Conference](#)

People, Markets, and Cities

- September 9, 2019
- Washington, DC

[Civil Society Policy Forum](#)

2019 WBG-IMF Annual Meetings

- October 15-18, 2019
- Washington, DC

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

Rights, Technology and Development

- November 4-7, 2019
- Washington, DC

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BLOGS AND STORIES

[Civil Society Engagement Brochure: Just Launched in Four Languages!](#)

Want to learn more about how the Bank engages with CSOs? Do you want to find resources in one place? Look no further! We just published the new Civil Society Engagement Brochure in [English](#), [Spanish](#), [French](#) and [Arabic](#)! Take a look and let us know what you think! You can write to civilsociety@worldbank.org with your feedback.

[Rewriting the Rules to Support Refugees and Host Communities in the Middle East and North Africa](#)

As the world marks World Refugee Day 2019, it is worthwhile to look at how the approach to refugees and the communities hosting them has changed dramatically over the last eight years, and how the World Bank -- and the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region -- has been at the center of that change.

[Making Conservation Profitable for Small-Scale Farmers](#)

Organized into cooperatives, farmers learn to adopt conservation farming techniques, such as composting and rotating crops with nitrogen-fixing species, to improve yields and reduce the demand for land and subsequent deforestation. COMACO-certified farmers are assured long-term trading benefits with the company and typically move from household food deficits to food surpluses within two to three years.

[Community Participation Improves Cities for Millions of Vietnam's Urban Poor](#)

“We took community participation seriously. We would not move forward with a course of action unless we acquired approval from at least 60 percent of residents. Based on such discussions, we drew up the communities’ upgrading plans – also known as the project’s ‘manifesto,’” Hoang Thi Hoa, Senior Urban Development Specialist at the World Bank in Vietnam.

This newsletter is produced by the Civil Society Team of the World Bank Group (WBG) in collaboration with other units. The Newsletter highlights several policies, programs, and initiatives of the WBG which may involve or be of interest to CSOs. Please send your comments and feedback to: civilsociety@worldbank.org. You can subscribe to the Newsletter using our [subscription page](#).

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