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Highlights

2016 Annual Meetings Civil Society Policy Forum Call For Proposals Open



The Call for Proposals for the Civil Society Policy Forum (CSPF) that will take place during the 2016 IMF/World Bank Annual Meetings is now open. More details and a link to the proposal form can be found [here](#). CSO registration for attendance at the Annual Meetings will open on July 25.

Update on the World Bank Safeguard Review

On July 20, a subcommittee of the World Bank's Board of Executive Directors with oversight on policy issues endorsed the third draft of the proposed Environmental and Social Framework (ESF) for full Board consideration and discussion on August 4, 2016. More information and the draft ESF is available [here](#). Please note that the ESF is subject to change prior to the conclusion of the review process.

Interim Working Group on the Future of the CSPF

Following up on CSO recommendations about the [future of the CSPF](#), a decision was made to convene an interim CSO working group. The working group will be in charge of making proposals on the design of a permanent CSO working group that will collaborate with the World Bank and IMF in co-producing the CSPF. If you are interested in being considered for this interim working group, please complete the [Expression of Interest form](#) by August 1. A concept note providing more background can be found [here](#).

Also This Month

Social Impact Navigator: Phineo, together with the Global Partnership for Social Accountability and the Bertelsmann Foundation, produced a guide to help CSOs more systematically integrate impact orientation into their daily work. Download [here](#).

#Film4Climate Global Video Competition invites young people to share their climate change story as a short video of under 1 minute or 1-5 minutes. It is a joint initiative of the World Bank Group, Connect4Climate, and United Nations. Deadline Sept 15. More information [here](#).

Innovations in Preventing Gender-based Violence (GBV) - Call for Proposals: The World Bank Group and Sexual Violence Research Initiative (SVRI) have launched an open call for awards to recognize

promising innovations aimed at preventing GBV . Deadline October 1, 2016. More information [here](#).

Upcoming Events

[71 Session of the United Nations General Assembly](#), New York, 13-26 September, 2016

[2016 Annual Meetings of the IMF and World Bank Group](#): Washington DC, October 3 -9, 2016

[End Poverty Day](#), October 17, 2016

Blogs

[Well-regulated financial technology boosts inclusion, fights cyber-crime](#) - Joaquim Levy, Managing Director and World Bank Chief Financial Officer looks at how financial technology — or FinTech — is enabling the expansion of financial services to low-income families who have been unable to afford or access them. The possibilities and impact are vast, as is the potential to improve lives in developing countries, he says.

[Protected Land Has Nearly Doubled Since 1990](#)
Protection laws are an important conservation strategy that help to preserve natural habitats and biodiversity. In this blog, Tariq Khokhar, the World Bank's Global Data Editor shares a chart which shows that globally the portion of the world's land under protection has doubled since 1990, and Latin America has the most land within protected areas of any region of the world.

New Procurement Framework Promotes Strengthened National Procurement Systems



The World Bank's new Procurement Framework became effective on July 1, 2016. Aimed at helping countries make the best use of their public spending, the new Framework will enhance the strategic role of procurement in development effectiveness. It reflects the views, knowledge, and expertise of a wide range of stakeholders from across the globe, including CSOs. [More](#).

10 Countries Move Up and Down in Income Groups

Each year on July 1, the World Bank revises its classification of the world's economies based on estimates of gross national income per capita. A list of these countries and more information about country classifications can be found [here](#).

World Bank Group President Appoints Romer as Chief Economist

On July 18, President Kim announced the appointment of Paul Romer as World Bank Chief Economist. Romer is a widely respected economist and a successful entrepreneur who joins the Bank at a critical time when the field of development is transforming under the forces of rapid technological change, globalization, and demography. [Read more](#).

Keith Hansen at RESULTS Conference: Investing in the Early Years “Hardwires” Children for Success Countries Move Up and Down in Income Groups

WBG VP for Human Development Keith Hansen delivered a keynote speech at the June 2016 [RESULTS International Conference](#) in Washington DC. Addressing 500 people from over 20 countries, Keith focused on the evidence that investing in the early years of a child's life can build a more just, prosperous, and stable world where young children and their nations are hardwired to succeed. The topic was also the subject of a WB Live discussion with Roger Thurow, the author of *The First 100 Days - A Crucial Time for Mothers and Children*. See a replay [here](#).

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Regional News

AFRICA (AFR) Improving Skills Development, Entrepreneurship, and Employment Opportunities for Africa's Rising Generation: The World Bank

Senegal Office organized a pan-African youth forum in Dakar to bring together stakeholders to discuss how to improve the education, economic, and social prospects of young Africans. [Read more»](#)

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East Asia Pacific (EAP) Daw Aung San Suu Kyi - To End Poverty, We All

Have to Join In: To End Poverty, We All Have to Join In: Suu Kyi asked donor and borrower governments gathered for a meeting of IDA, the World Bank's fund for the poorest, to consider the villages of Myanmar in their discussions. [Read more»](#)

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Europe and Central Asia (ECA) The World Bank at European Development Days 2016:

In June, the World Bank Group participated in European Development Days (EDDs), an annual event in Brussels organized by the European Commission to bring together the development community to share ideas and experiences in ways that inspire new partnerships and innovative solutions to the world's pressing challenges. [Read more»](#)

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Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) A School Bus Full of Opportunities for Children and Youth in El Salvador:

This feature story and video show how a small stipend provided to children in need improves their safety and helps them avoid walking alone in the streets on their way to school. [Read more»](#)

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Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Helping Yemen Fight Polio Amid Conflict:

Supported by the World Bank Group, the national polio campaigns in Yemen reached around 1.5 million Yemeni children under five years since January 2016. [Read more»](#)

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South Asia (SAR) Solar Energy to Power India of the Future:

India's plan to ramp up solar power generation is among the largest in the world and will help bring sustainable, clean, climate-friendly electricity to millions of people. The World Bank Group is helping India deliver on its plans with more than \$1 billion in lending over the next year, the World Bank Group's largest-ever support for solar power in any country. [Read more»](#)

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