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### Also This Month

#### Events & Consultations

**Review and Update of the World Bank Safeguard Policies:** The 3rd phase of consultations on a revised (second) draft kicked off in August. In December multi-stakeholder consultations will take place in the following countries: Mexico, Lebanon, Tajikistan, Nigeria, Niger. [More](#)

**World Bank Group Country Strategies:** In this edition, we highlight the recently published [Country Partnership Framework for Haiti for Fiscal Year 2016-2019](#) and [Systematic Country Diagnostic for Bulgaria](#). Access more of the latest country engagement documents [here](#).

**Corruption in Fragile States - The Development Challenge.** On Monday, December 14, the World Bank is hosting a panel to explore conceptual and operational issues in addressing corruption in FCV environments. [More information here.](#)

### Highlights

#### Climate Smart Development Can Keep 100 Million Out of Poverty



Climate change could push 100 million people back into poverty over the next 15 years with poorest regions hit hardest, according to a [recent World Bank report](#) released just ahead of international COP21 climate meetings in Paris. The report titled "**Shock Waves: Managing the Impacts of Climate Change on Poverty**" calls for an immediate push for rapid inclusive and climate-smart development, together with emission-reductions efforts that protect the poor in order to prevent this. [Read more here.](#)

See the [World Bank's COP21 resources page](#) for the latest WBG news and updates coming out of the United Nations Conference on Climate Change Nov 30 -- Dec 11, 2015.

#### 16 Billion Africa Climate Business Plan to Tackle Urgent Challenges

The World Bank Group unveiled a plan that calls for \$16 billion to help Africa adapt to climate change and build up the continent's resilience to climate shocks. [Read more.](#)

#### Consultations on the Framework for Disclosure in Public-Private Partnership Projects

At the request of the G20, the World Bank Group is working on a framework for public disclosure of information in Public-Private Partnership (PPPs) transactions and a draft is available for public consultation and comment. Your feedback will help ensure that we deliver an effective tool. More information can be found [via this](#)

**Doing Business 2016:** A webinar and live chat on the 2016 Doing Business report will take place on December 9, 2015 and will include a live chat moderated by the World Bank's Doing Business team. [More details](#)

**Call for Proposals to Prevent Gender-based Violence:** The WBG and Sexual Violence Research Initiative (SRVI) will provide grants of up to US\$150,000 for innovative proposals to prevent gender-based violence. Deadline December 9, 2015. [Apply here.](#)

## Upcoming Events

**World Bank Fragility Forum:**  
Washington DC, March 1-3, 2016

**IMF/World Bank 2016 Spring Meeting Civil Society Policy Forum:** Washington DC, April 12-15, 2016

## Blogs

**The Ambition of Paris: A path towards clean economic growth:**  
The Paris climate talks offer a once-in-a-generation opportunity to signal that we can build prosperity and support economic growth without carbon polluting the earth, says World Bank President Jim Yong Kim. [Read here](#)

**The Knowledge Platform: Where We Are and What We've Learned:**  
See what Marine Perron and Janet Oropeza Eng from Fundar, Center for Analysis and Research have learned from managing an online platform that promotes members interacting, networking, sharing and discussing their experiences in the field of social accountability. [Read more.](#)

[link.](#) We will be collecting input and feedback from now through January 15th, 2016.

## Including Persons With Disabilities into Development: The Way Forward



Persons with disabilities face many barriers in access to employment, education, services, and are disproportionately affected by poverty. Making sure that everyone can reap the benefits of development, including persons with disabilities, is at the core of the World Bank's mission. In this video interview, Charlotte McClain-Nhlapo, the World Bank's Global Advisor on Disability, shares insights about current challenges and opportunities for disability-inclusive development, and explains how the institution has been integrating disability into its operations. [More](#)

## E-Forum on WDR17

The [GPSA Knowledge Platform](#) hosted a month-long [online discussion](#) that focused on learning from practitioners' and organizations' experiences on governance and the law. Contributions will inform the writing of the World Development Report 2017 on Governance and the Law.

## A New Approach to Cities: Including inclusion



With more than half the world's population living in cities, urbanization is moving the global economy forward but rising inequalities and exclusion within cities can derail development progress. The World Bank's recent "Inclusive Cities" report aims to go beyond conventional programs by taking a multi-dimensional approach to cities that looks at the multiple spatial, social and economic factors that lead to exclusion and marginalization. [Read more.](#)

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### **AFRICA (AFR) On the Road to Recovery from the Ebola Crisis:**

The three countries hit hardest -- Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone -- are beginning to recover from a crisis that took thousands of lives. [See details»](#)

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### **East Asia Pacific (EAP) Open Insights is the Next Step to Open Data:**

Find out how the Philippines government's "Tax Watch" campaign has been harnessing Open Data to provide insights that accelerate social and institutional change in this blog, by Kenneth Abante, Deputy Chief of Staff to the Philippines's Secretary of Finance. [See details»](#)

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### **Europe and Central Asia (ECA) World Bank Supports Climate Resilience in**

**Central Asia:** The World Bank Group's Board of Directors approved financing to improve regional cooperation, knowledge sharing and physical investments that support climate change mitigation and adaptation in Central Asia. [See details»](#)

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### **Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) Sharing Knowledge to Help**

#### **Countries Tackle Forced**

**Displacement:** Drawing on its own experiences of conflict-related population displacement, the Colombian Land Restitution Unit recently convened a south-south knowledge exchange to highlight global issues of land restitution. The World Bank Community of Practice for Land in Fragile and Conflict-affected situations, was one of the supporters of the event.

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### **Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Economic inclusion can help prevent violent extremism in the Arab world:**

This blog by Hafez Ghanem, World Bank Vice President for the Middle East and North Africa discusses some of the factors that are leading to violent extremism in the Arab world and argues that efforts to prevent this should include policies and programs that aim at improving economic and social inclusion [See details»](#)

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### **South Asia (SAR) Knowledge at School for the Blind:**

The Vocational High School for the Blind is enabling people with visual impairment to pursue higher education and fulfill their ambition to have a vocation and contribute to society. The school is supported by the Afghanistan Second Skills Development Project, implemented by the Ministry of Education with support by the World Bank.

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