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## Civil Society Engagement eNewsletter - September 2015



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### Also This Month

#### Events & Consultations

##### Civil Society Townhall 2015:

Send your comments in advance and join World Bank Group President Jim Yong Kim and International Monetary Fund Managing Director Christine Lagarde as they engage with representatives from Global Civil Society Organizations in an interactive townhall event on October 7, 2015. [More](#).

##### 2015 Annual Meetings of the WBG/IMF:

Follow the 2015 Annual Meetings on the WB live webcast. The schedule of flagship and side events beginning October 6-11 is available [here](#).

**GPSA Receives a Record Number of Proposals during its 3rd Call for Proposals:** See [details](#).

##### 2015 Development Policy Financing Retrospective (DPF):

A summary of the feedback received during all the consultation meetings on the World Bank's DPF

### Highlights

#### A Record Number of CSOs Register for the Annual Meetings



Over 1000 civil society representatives from around the world are registered to attend the Civil Society Policy Forum that will take place on October 6-9 in Lima, Peru on the margins of the 2015 Annual Meetings. The World Bank, IMF, governments, civil society and other experts will come together in 43 policy sessions to discuss important development issues, including governance, citizen engagement, climate change, safeguards, resettlements, extractives, human rights and more. Click [here](#) for details and find the online schedule [here](#) in English and in Spanish [here](#).

#### An Open Discussion on Open Budgets

Just four of 103 countries perform well in budget transparency, citizen engagement and oversight, according to the International Budget Partnership's (IBP) Open Budget Survey. Read what WBG Managing Director and COO Sri Mulyani Indrawati said about the difficulties and importance of making budgets transparent and accessible [here](#).

Retrospective has been posted. To access, please visit [here](#).

**World Bank Group Country Strategies:** In this edition we highlight recently published Systematic Country Diagnostics for [Chad](#) and [Madagascar](#). Access more of the latest country engagement documents: [Systematic Country Diagnostics](#) and [Country Partnership Frameworks](#).

**New Access to Information Brochure!** Contains links to the most important World Bank resources and other transparency and open initiatives. Will be available in Spanish, French, Chinese, Cyrillic and Arabic. [Read](#).

### Jobs

**Are you interested in a career in international development?** See how you can contribute to the World Bank's mission. Click [here](#) for details and to apply.

### Blogs

**Measuring Poverty in a Rapidly Changing World:** Following the global adoption of the SDGs, the WB Senior Vice President and Chief Economist, Kaushik Basu, explains how the World Bank Group will contribute to bringing down the number of people living in extreme poverty to less than 3 percent by 2030. [Read full blog](#).

### PUBLICATIONS/PODCAST

Women, Business and the Law 2016: Getting to Equal: A new report highlights laws and regulations that affect women's economic opportunities in 173 countries. See the [report](#).

## Women's Insurance Market Represents Trillion-Dollar Opportunity



A new report released by the International Finance Corporation (IFC) shows that the insurance industry is expected to earn up to US\$1.7 trillion from women alone by 2030, presenting a major new opportunity for sustainable and inclusive growth. Learn more [here](#)»

## World Bank, Novak Djokovic Foundation Partner to Promote Early Childhood Development in Serbia and Globally

The World Bank joins forces with the Novak Djokovic Foundation for the "Early Wins for Lifelong Returns" joint initiative to promote early childhood development through global advocacy on the importance of investing early in the lives of children and investments to help disadvantaged children. More about this initiative is available [here](#)»

## Youth Innovation Fund 2015: Empowering Young People to Translate Ideas into Jobs



The World Bank Group Youth Innovation Fund, a Youth-to-Youth flagship program, seeks to tackle unemployment of nearly 73 million youth around the world by empowering young people to translate their ideas into jobs and help equip them with the opportunities, connections or expertise they need to take their business ideas to the next level. Read [more](#)»

### **IMF and World Bank Group to Hold 2018 Annual Meetings in Indonesia.**

The 2018 Annual Meetings of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank Group will take place in Bali Nusa Dua, Indonesia, in October 2018, following a vote by the Boards of Governors of the two institutions. Read [More](#) »

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## **Regional News**



### **AFRICA (AFR) The Challenge of Stability and Security in West Africa:**

This new report captures lessons and analyzes the drivers of conflict and violence to make recommendations on how to improve the way development partners can support stability. [See details](#)»

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### **East Asia Pacific (EAP) World Bank, WMSU Sign Partnership for Citizen**

Engagement in Mindanao: The Western Mindanao State University has joined the growing nationwide network of Knowledge for Development Community through a partnership agreement for citizen engagement with the World Bank. [See details](#)»

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### **Europe and Central Asia (ECA) Academia to Play Bigger Role in Ensuring Quality Auditing and**

**Accounting in Western Balkans:** Skilled accounting and auditing professionals are a requisite for a firm's ability to borrow at lowest possible interest rate and generate growth. Universities in the Western Balkans are cooperating to improve the formal education of future accounting and auditing professionals here. [See details](#)»

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### **Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) Peru/ World Bank: New Titles to Protect 130 Amazon**

**Communities:** Peru's deforestation rate is climbing, especially in areas without legally assigned rights to land. A US\$5.5 million grant through the Strategic Climate Fund will support indigenous communities' efforts to protect the Peruvian Amazon. [See details](#)»

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### **Middle East and North Africa (MENA) World Bank and Algeria Reaffirm**

#### **Partnership and Look to the**

**Future:** WB Vice President for MENA met with Algerian government officials and civil society to discuss and bolster their partnership to support the country's development, economic, social, and political priorities. [See details»](#)

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### **South Asia (SAR) Mongolia's Rural Communities to Play**

**Greater Role:** A new program financed by the WB and Switzerland will make the government funding process more transparent and more responsive to community needs. [See details»](#)

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