

# CIVIL SOCIETY ENGAGEMENT

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## NEWS



### 2019 Annual Meetings Civil Society Policy Forum (CSPF). Working Group Elections – Join the group!

The [CSPF Working Group](#) serves as an interlocutor with the WB and the IMF civil society teams to effectively achieve the objectives of the Forum. The call for candidates is now open. Read more on the election process [here](#). Submit a candidate nomination [here](#).

The 2019 Annual Meetings CSPF will take place in Washington, D.C., from Tuesday, October 15 to Friday, October 18, 2019. The deadline for CSOs to register to attend is **September 30, 2019**. Visit the [CSPF website](#) for details.

### IDA19 Replenishment: More Information Now Available

The second formal meeting of the IDA19 Replenishment took place in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on June 18-20, 2019. Over the course of three days, IDA management discussed the proposed policy package with IDA Deputies and Borrower Representatives, to advance progress on ensuring that IDA19 has the focus and resources necessary to make the greatest on-the-ground impact possible in the world's poorest countries. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Replenishment Meeting co-chairs' summary is now available [here](#).



### Share your Views on the Draft World Development Report 2020: Trading for Development in the Age of Global Value Chains

Is there still a path to development through Global Value Chains (GVCs)? The slowing down of trade and GVC growth raises concerns that trade may no longer be the force for prosperity it has been in the past. The 2020 World Development Report finds that for GVCs to continue to boost growth, create jobs and reduce poverty, deeper reforms are needed, and more open and predictable trade policy is required. Read the [Draft Report](#) and share your views by [email](#). The final Report will be released in October.



## Inclusive and Trusted Digital ID Can Unlock Opportunities for the World's Most Vulnerable

Giving people the ability to prove who they are can transform their lives. The World Bank Group is helping countries close the identification gap and meet the requirements of identity in the digital age. Read more [here](#).

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### [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

### [GPSA Forum 2019](#)

Social Accountability and the Challenge of Inclusion

- November 19-21, 2019
- Washington, DC

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## BLOGS AND STORIES

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### [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](mailto:civilsociety@worldbank.org) with your feedback.

### [Getting funds to workers on front line is critical to ending the Ebola outbreak](#)

In this latest emergency, the World Bank has been working with the government and the people of DRC, international partners, and non-governmental organizations to tackle the problem. A central challenge is getting financing to the heroic health workers from the DRC, UN, WHO, and other organizations working on the front lines to contain and eradicate the disease.

### [Girls enrolled in school are less likely to become pregnant as teenagers](#)

Globally, adolescent fertility has declined from 65 births per 1,000 adolescent women in 1990 to 44 births in 2017. This decline in adolescent fertility is strongly associated with an increase in secondary school enrollment of girls. In regions with higher rates of adolescent fertility in 1990, such as Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia, this relationship is even more pronounced.

### [Humanitarian-Development-Peace Partnerships: Aligning to tackle fragility, conflict and violence](#)

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The global challenges of fragility, conflict and violence (FCV) continue to take a toll on millions of lives and threaten both development and peace. In the face of this, there is now an unprecedented high-level global consensus that partnerships between peace, security and development actors who have not traditionally worked together must become the “new normal” to tackle the FCV challenge together.

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