

# CIVIL SOCIETY ENGAGEMENT

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## NEWS

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### **Closing Soon: Registration to Spring Meetings Civil Society Policy Forum (CSPF)**

Registration is [open](#) for civil society representatives wishing to attend the next CSPF, which will convene in Washington, D.C., from April 17-20, 2018. Registration closes on Friday, March 30.

### **Now Available: Preliminary Schedule**

The preliminary schedule for the CSPF is now available on the [CSPF website](#). It will be updated regularly. Session descriptions and panelist are coming soon.

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### **WOMEN, BUSINESS AND THE LAW 2018**



### **Report Launch: Women, Business and the Law 2018**

What actions can be taken to increase economic opportunity for women? How can governments improve labor market participation by their female citizens? Hard data from Women, Business and the Law helps answer these questions. An event to launch the report and discuss its findings will be held at the World Bank on March 29, 2018 at 12:30pm -1:30pm EST. Watch a live webstream of the event [here](#).

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## **New Report: Groundswell, Preparing for Internal Climate Migration**

The worsening impacts of climate change in three densely populated regions of the world could see over 140 million people move within their countries' borders by 2050, creating a looming human crisis and threatening the development process, a new World Bank Group report finds. Read more [here](#).



## **New e-Learning Course: “Conflict of Interest Risk Management for Your Project”**

A new course for World Bank Group staff, clients, partners and CSOs aims to raise awareness of the various types of conflict of interest situations often seen in development projects, including “gray areas.” Participants will be able to gain basic skills for identifying, assessing, and managing conflict of interest risks and can engage with others and share solutions and resources to various challenges through a discussion forum. More information is available [here](#).



## **Applications Open: Global Environment Facility (GEF) CSO Forum at the Sixth GEF Assembly in Vietnam**

The GEF Civil Society Forum will convene in Da Nang, Vietnam, on June 26, 2018, with the overarching theme of “Partnerships for Transformative Change: Civil Society’s Contribution to Transforming Systems to Safeguard the Future of Our Planet.” The Forum will highlight the crucial role of CSOs in the implementation of GEF’s mandate. Applications to attend the forum and more information available [here](#).

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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## [Launch of the 2018 Women, Business, and the Law report](#)

*The fifth in a series of biennial reports measuring gender discrimination in legal treatment, and its economic consequences*

- March 29, 2018, 12:30 ET, 16:30 GMT
- Watch via World Bank Live [here](#)

## [Civil Society Policy Forum](#)

*2018 IMF/WBG Spring Meetings*

- April 17-20, 2018
- Washington, D.C.

## [Third Annual Universal Health Coverage Financing Forum](#)

*Shaping a collective agenda for sustainable financing for universal health coverage*

- April 19-20, 2018
- Washington, D.C.

## [8th Global Housing Finance Conference](#)

*Breaking the Mold – New Ideas for Financing Affordable Housing*

- May 30-June 1, 2018
- Washington, D.C.

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## PAST EVENTS

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• [The 19th Annual Land and Poverty Conference: Land Governance in an Interconnected World](#) concluded last week with a record 1,800 participants from government, academia, CSOs, and the private sector. Many of the world's most pressing development challenges—from rapid urban expansion to climate change, disaster resilience, and social inclusion—are intimately tied to land and the way it is used. In over 150 sessions, participants addressed issues like customary land rights, indigenous peoples rights, gendered land data, the SDGs, responsible agricultural investments, urban informality, potential of new technologies, multi stakeholder policy dialogue, and many others. Livestreamed sessions from the conference will be posted in the coming weeks on the website.

• [The Fragility Forum 2018](#) took place March 5-7 in Washington DC with a total of 47 sessions and over 1,300 participants. Key sessions were streamed live via World Bank Live and can be replayed via the website. Under the theme *Managing Risks for Peace and Stability*, the forum brought together policy makers and practitioners from humanitarian, development, peace and security communities to share practical solutions and explore innovative ways to improve development approaches to foster peace and stability.