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NEWS



2019 Annual Meetings Civil Society Policy Forum

The 2019 WBG-IMF Annual Meetings Civil Society Policy Forum (CSPF) will take place in Washington, D.C., from Tuesday, October 15 to Friday, October 18, 2019. **Registration for CSOs** is now open. We encourage CSOs to apply early, to allow for the relevant reviews and clearances, and to for enough time to make travel and visa arrangements.

The deadline to **submit session proposals** is **Friday, July 26, 2019**. Visit the [CSPF website](#) for details.



24-Hour Global 'Econothon': Talking Development and Economics

Want to learn more about the economics behind international development? How can we stimulate economic growth, reduce poverty and help people in developing countries? Join us on July 24 and 25 for a live, 24-hour "Econothon" where experts from the World Bank Group and beyond will engage a global audience on the development challenges facing the world today. Join the conversation by submitting your questions on the chat. For more information, click [here](#).

IDA19 Replenishment Papers 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 papers prepared for and discussed by participants at the meetings are available [here](#). (Note: A few final papers, including the Special Theme paper for Jobs & Economic Transformation, will be posted soon.)



Mini Grids Have Potential to Bring Electricity to Half a Billion People

Mini Grids for Half a Billion People: Market Outlook and Handbook for Decision Makers is the most comprehensive study on mini grids to date. It provides policy makers, investors and developers with insights on how mini grids can be scaled up. The report also takes stock of the global mini grid market and industry, analyses costs and technological innovations and shows the importance of micro-finance and income-generating uses of electricity. Read more [here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

[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

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BLOGS AND STORIES

[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 with your feedback.

[Invest More, Invest Better: Civil Society Calls for Clear UHC Financing Commitments to Leave No One Behind](#)

In the lead up to the first ever UN High-Level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage (UHC) in September 2019, UHC2030, the multi-stakeholder platform co-led by the World Bank and World Health Organization, developed its Key Asks from the UHC Movement through broad consultation with its members, including "Invest more, invest better" which says: set nationally appropriate spending targets for investments in health.

[Technology driving transparent and accountable public procurement reform in Bangladesh](#)

In 2012, Bangladesh introduced an integrated electronic government procurement (e-GP) system as part of its overarching development agenda. This new platform was designed with transparency and accountability in mind and made every step related to public tenders fully online, from the registration of tenders all the way to the contract awards. Also, it initiated contract management online, including payments.

[Social and cultural barriers keep young women out of the economy. But we can change that.](#)

In many countries, women are disproportionately burdened with household responsibilities, including caring for children or elderly family members. The Bank conducted online consultations for the Solutions For Youth Employment (S4YE) 2018 Annual Report "Digital Jobs for Youth: Focus on Young Women in the Economy." The consultations sought to provide insight into the

experiences of three key groups: young digital skill trainees and entrepreneurs; digital skills training implementers; and firms that hire young workers for digital jobs.

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