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Events & Consultations

E-Forum Oct 19 – Nov 6:

Engaging with Citizen Voices and Experiences:

Contribute to the 2017 World Development Report on Governance and the Law. Click [here](#) to participate.

Review and Update of the World Bank Safeguard Policies:

The 3rd phase of consultations on a revised (second) draft kicked off in August. This 3rd phase will focus on feasibility of applying the framework in borrowing countries and on an indicative list of issues that require discussion. Now available: [an update clarifying the process and issues for consultation. More.](#)

Financing for Development MOOC:

Are you interested in learning more about the new sustainable development agenda? Participate in this four-week online course

Highlights

Peru Annual Meetings Represent Milestone in LAC Civil Society Engagement



With close to 600 CSO representatives and leaders in attendance, the 2015 Civil Society Policy Forum meetings recorded the highest number of Latin American civil society participants, with more than 300 from the Latin America region including 260 from Peru. The Forum venue, which was centrally located inside the National Museum, placed the globally diverse CSO participants in the heart of the Annual Meetings deliberations. [Click here for details.](#)

2015 Annual Meetings Closed with Renewed Commitment to Break Down Barriers to Ending Extreme Poverty and Promoting Shared Prosperity

With the global extreme poverty rate projected to dip below 10% in 2015, the Development Committee urged stronger action against climate change, support to the Sustainable Development Goals, a concerted effort to combat illicit financial flows, and other

beginning on November 16. [Sign up now.](#)

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](#).

Jobs

The WBG International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) is recruiting a new Deputy Secretary-General. Deadline to apply is November 17, 2015. Learn more [here](#).

Blogs

Five Challenges Prevent Financial Access for People in Developing Countries: Two billion people worldwide still lack access to regulated financial services. See what Gloria Grandolini, Senior Director of the WBG Finance and Markets Global Practice, says are the biggest obstacles to financial inclusion. Read full [blog](#).

PUBLICATIONS/PODCAST

Global Monitoring Report 2015/2016: This new WB/IMF report says that large-scale migration from poor countries to richer regions of the world will reshape economic development for decades. Read the full [report](#).

obstacles to alleviating extreme poverty and inequality. Read the Development Committee [Communique](#).

World Bank Group Pledges Increase in Climate Financing



In preparation for the COP 21 in Paris, the WBG announced a potential increase in climate financing to \$29 billion annually with the support of its members, giving a huge boost to global efforts to help countries tackle the impacts of climate change and move toward low-carbon growth.. [More»](#)

World Bank Group Strategic Framework for Mainstreaming Citizen Engagement

Citizen Engagement is indispensable for effective, trustworthy and transparent public sector institutions that sustain citizen confidence. This year the WBG adopted a Strategic Framework to achieve 100% beneficiary feedback by 2018 in WBG- supported projects. Learn more in the [2015 Annual Report»](#)

A Call for Global Action to Increase Youth Employment



One third of the world's young people lack employment, education or training. The new report "Toward Solutions for Youth Employment: A 2015 Baseline Report" by the Solutions for Youth Employment (S4YE) coalition highlights four priority areas to support opportunities for young people. Find out [more](#)»

STEPing Ahead with Procurement Reform

In 2016, the WBG will launch a new Procurement Framework and an electronic procurement processing and tracking platform (STEP) that will provide more transparency and open reporting on procurement spending and contracting between borrowers and the Bank. Read [More](#) »

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Regional News



AFRICA (AFR) Africa's Population Boom Can Propel the Region's

Economic Take-Off: According to a new report by the World Bank Group, government policies and actions taken today in Africa can increase the likelihood of capturing the potential benefits from the region's rapid population growth and propel economic takeoff. [See details](#)»

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East Asia Pacific (EAP) Keeping Kids in Healthy and in School in the

Philippines: Pantawid Pamilya, a conditional cash transfer program, is increasing access to healthcare, food and education to nearly 4.5 million households vulnerable to poverty in the Philippines. [See details](#)»

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Europe and Central Asia (ECA) Catalyzing Youth Entrepreneurship in

Tajikistan: The WBG joined forces with the Government of Tajikistan to launch the Youth Entrepreneurship Forum to provide skills training for young business and civil society leaders and capacity building for state entities to foster a strong investment climate. [See details](#)»

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Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) New Regional Program to

Protect Amazon: The Global Environment Facility (GEF) Council on October 21 approved a first-of-its-kind multi-million dollar project to help protect over 80 percent of the Amazon and boost efforts to combat climate change. [See details](#)»

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Middle East and North Africa (MENA) New Joint Initiative to Mobilize



South Asia (SAR) Community Engagement in Monitoring of Road Projects in India:

Support for Refugees, Recovery and Reconstruction: Over 15 million people have been displaced over the past four years due to conflict and instability in MENA. Find out how the UN, WBG and IDB are partnering to scale-up financing to help MENA countries address the enormous humanitarian and economic toll. [See details»](#)

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With nearly 70% of the population of India living in villages, access to roads is crucial to increasing agricultural income and employment opportunities in rural areas. See how citizen monitoring of road construction is helping promote access to economic and social services. [See details»](#)

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