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NEWS



Registration for 2018 Annual Meetings Civil Society Policy Forum (CSPF) is Open

Registration for Civil Society to attend the CSPF is open until **September 7, 2018**. To register, click [here](#). More information on the CSPF is available [here](#).

Call for CSPF Session Proposals – Closing Soon

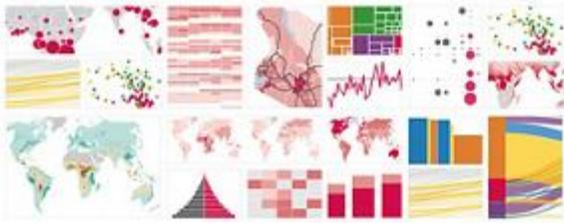
Call for proposals for the IMF-World Bank Annual Meetings CSPF in Bali, Indonesia will close on **Friday, July 6**. To submit proposals, click [here](#).



Environmental and Social Framework (ESF) Guidance Notes for Borrowers

The World Bank has finalized ten [Guidance Notes for Borrowers](#) related to the [Environmental and Social Framework](#). The notes help explain the requirements of the [Environmental and Social Standards](#). The Guidance Notes for Borrowers will be reviewed and updated periodically as the Bank learns from the implementation of the ESF. Also being issued at this time are: two Good Practice Notes for Bank staff on [Non-Discrimination and Disability](#) and [Third Party Monitoring](#); and three templates/checklists – the [Environmental and Social Commitment Plan template](#), the [Stakeholder Engagement Plan template](#), and the [Grievance Redress Mechanism](#) checklist.

Atlas of Sustainable Development Goals 2018 From World Development Indicators



World Bank Releases the 2018 Atlas of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

An all-new visual guide to data and development is out! The Atlas includes more than 180 maps and charts that show progress societies are making towards the 17 SDGs. The Atlas draws on World Development Indicators, a database of over 1,400 indicators for more than 220 economies, many going back over 50 years. Throughout the Atlas, data are presented by country, region, and income group and often disaggregated by sex, wealth, and geography. [View it online](#) and access the [data](#) behind the figures.



Innovate4Climate 2018

On May 22-24, leading innovators, implementers, and financiers from the private sector, civil society, international organizations, and governments met in Frankfurt for [Innovate4Climate](#). Over **1,200 participants** from 74 countries discussed trends in climate finance, investment, and markets. See the [30 presentations](#) at the **I4C Pitch Hub**, 16 interviews in the **Digital Media Zone** and five high-level panel discussions in the **Summit** room [here](#).



CAO and IFC Engage Nigerian Civil Society

On May 17, 2018, CAO collaborated with the IFC Country Office in Nigeria and several leading Nigerian civil society organizations (CSOs) to hold an outreach event in Lagos and Abuja. The meeting—which took place in-person and via videoconference from Washington DC—was to raise awareness about CAO's accountability role and IFC's investment portfolio in Nigeria. More information about CAO's work can be found [here](#).



World Bank Launches Lebanon's Youth Advisory Group

The World Bank Lebanon Country Office is establishing the "Lebanon Youth Advisory Group" (YAG) and is seeking interested youth to apply. One of the main objectives of the Lebanon YAG is to engage youth in continuous dialogue with Bank Staff and provide comments to World Bank-supported programs and activities. The program is expected to start on July 1, 2018 until June 30, 2019. More information is available [here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

[URTZ Conference 2018](#)

This conference will focus on the understanding of urban risk – showcasing new spatial tools and risk data developed in Tanzania that can empower stakeholders to identify and reduce their risks.

- August 29-31, 2018
- Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

[5th Urbanization and Poverty Reduction Research Conference](#)

The conference will bring together academics and development practitioners to present and discuss questions relating to the spatial organization of cities and economic growth.

- September 7, 2018
- Washington, DC

To see more World Bank events, please click [here](#).

PAST EVENTS

[Report Launch: Moving for Prosperity: Global Migration and Labor Markets](#)

A CAD1 billion Sustainable Development Bond raises awareness for how empowering women and girls is one of the most effective ways to accelerate economic development, reduce poverty and build sustainable societies around the world.

[Disruptive Innovations in The Agriculture Value Chain](#)

The ICABR Conference on “Disruptive Innovations, Value Chains, and Rural Development” organized in partnership with the World Bank, is a multidisciplinary forum of discussion to facilitate interactions between leading academics, World Bank staff, policymakers, government experts, civil society organizations, private-sector representatives, and representatives of other international organizations to showcase the present frontier knowledge on these issues.

[States of Disruption: Measuring Governance in a Changing World](#)

Building off recent contributions such as the WDR 2017 Governance and the Law – the purpose of this conference was to better understand the ‘state of disruption’ that is facing public sector institutions across the world – and further the agenda on how ‘success’ in governance reform can be measured.

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