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Also This Month

Consultations - Grievance Redress Service:

From June 1-30, 2016 we invite comments on the draft procedure governing the processing of complaints from project-affected parties to the Bank's Grievance Redress Service. Please see the [dedicated GRS consultations website](#).

Urban Breakfast. A briefing on Habitat III,

June 20, 8:30am, National Press Club, Washington D.C. The Habitat III secretariat and World Bank will host a briefing on this upcoming once-every-20 year UN conference on cities. [More information and RSVP here.](#)

World Bank Group Country Strategies:

The new [Country Partnership Framework \(CPF\) for Bangladesh](#) focuses on creating jobs and accelerating growth. Find the CPF document [here](#) and the

Highlights

Future of the Civil Society Policy Forum Discussed During 2016 Spring Meetings



More than sixty CSO representatives who attended the 2016 Spring Meetings participated in a session to discuss the future of the Civil Society Policy Forum and provided feedback and suggestions on how to modernize the Forum. A summary of the discussion can be found [here](#). The call for proposals for the Civil Society Policy Forum that will take place just ahead of the 2016 Annual Meetings will launch in the week of July 11, 2016.

Groundbreaking Pandemic Financing Facility to Protect Poorest Countries Launched

In May, the World Bank Group launched the [Pandemic Emergency Financing Facility](#), an innovative, fast disbursing global funding mechanism designed to protect the world against deadly pandemics, which will create the first ever insurance market for pandemic risk. [Read more.](#)

World Bank Group President Highlights the Need to do More to Tackle Corruption

World Bank Group President, Jim Yong Kim, participated in the 2016 Anti-Corruption Summit in London earlier this month. In his speech he discussed the need to do much more to tackle corruption and he outlined four areas of focus. [Read More](#)

Partnering to Promote Inclusion and Opportunity for Persons with Disabilities

Systematic Country Diagnostic (SCD) document [here](#). Other country engagement documents can be found on the Country Strategies page [here](#).

Upcoming Events

[Global Youth Forum 2016-](#)

June 13- 16, 2016

[Second IDA-18 Replenishment Meeting:](#)

June 21 -24, 2016, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar

[RESULTS International Conference:](#) June 25-28, 2016, Washington DC

2016 Annual Meetings of the IMF and World Bank Group: Washington DC, October 7 -9, 2016

Blogs

[The World Bank: In the top 10 of the Aid Transparency Index](#)

- Director for Strategy, Risk and Results, Stefan Koeberle, blogs on the World Bank's standing in the 2016 Aid Transparency Index, a broadly recognized measure of donors' aid transparency. For the second consecutive year, the World Bank (IDA) is in the top category — this year as number 6 on the list.

[Putting an End to Childhood Malnutrition](#)

- In this blog, Tim Evans, Senior Director of the World Bank's Health GP, highlights the importance of focusing on nutrition as a foundational part of development and highlights some of the work being done by various international actors in this area.



Thanks to an increased focus on persons with disabilities – and a host of new partnerships with leading global disability organizations – the World Bank is ramping up efforts to promote inclusion and opportunity in this area. [Read More](#)

Papers for the IDA-18 Replenishment Meeting Now Available

IDA, the World Bank's fund for the poorest, is vital for delivering on the 2030 development goals. Every three years, donors meet to replenish IDA resources and renew its policy framework. The replenishment process typically consists of four formal meetings with donor governments and representatives of borrowing member countries, held over the course of one year. The next meeting will take in Myanmar from June 21-24, 2016. [Learn more and find papers to be discussed here.](#)

Social Accountability for Development Impact

On May 19-20, the GPSA Global Partners Forum brought together over 300 partners from civil society organizations, private sector, governments and the World Bank to break silos and address challenges in the social accountability field. [Read more.](#)

Winning the Tax Wars: Global Solutions for Developing Countries

Tax base erosion, driven by tax avoidance and tax evasion by multi-national firms and wealthy individuals, afflicts many countries, as the Panama Papers highlighted recently. These dynamics are damaging for developing countries. A recent conference hosted by the World Bank Group, [Winning the Tax Wars](#), examined these issues and posed some possible solutions. Watch a recording of some of the sessions here. Read about the conference here.

Grievance Redress Service – Annual Report 2015

Last year, the World Bank launched the Grievance Redress Service (GRS). The [2015 annual report](#) offers a detailed look into the first year of operations with summaries of selected cases. The GRS received 28 complaints concerning both operational and procurement matters. The complaint registry is frequently updated and available on the [website](#).

Regional News

AFRICA (AFR) The Africa Climate Business Plan:

A new World Bank climate plan outlines a number of concrete actions designed to increase climate resilience and promote low-carbon development in Sub-Saharan Africa. To tackle the climate challenge in collaboration with African governments and a variety of regional and international partners, the plan focuses on increasing adaptation through a dozen priority areas grouped into three clusters: strengthening resilience; powering resilience; and enabling resilience. See [details»](#)

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East Asia Pacific (EAP) Speak Up and Be Heard Indonesia! Championing Social Accountability in Healthcare Services:

This story looks at the role social accountability plays in improving the quality of health services in Indonesia. Social accountability is key to helping policy makers draft policies that serve the needs of the citizens. Social accountability can help Indonesia reduce its high mortality rate, decrease incidence of stunting among Indonesian children, and help alleviate the hardship of the country's 28 million poor.

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Europe and Central Asia (ECA) Integrity and Transparency are Crucial to Professionalization of Public Procurement:

On May 17, 2016, public procurement specialists from across Europe and Central Asia gathered in Astana to share experiences and best-practices in public procurement reforms. They discussed and promoted cross regional cooperation in public procurement and good governance at the 12th Procurement, Integrity, Management and Openness (PRIMO) Forum. [See details»](#)

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Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) Poverty Map Helps Earthquake Victims in Ecuador:

This feature story looks at how tools like the recently launched poverty map of Ecuador, a World Bank report with statistics on how poverty is distributed throughout the country, are being used to help relief organizations like the Red Cross target aid following the earthquake that struck Ecuador on April 16, 2016. [See details»](#)

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Middle East and North Africa (MENA) New Program of Support for Tunisia Focused on Supporting Youth and Employment, Equal Opportunities for Regions:

The World Bank Group's Board of Executive Directors endorsed the new five-year strategy of support that will provide up to US\$5 billion in loans for Tunisia to restore economic growth and create jobs, especially for young people, women and the regions that have been left behind. The World Bank consulted with a broad cross section of Tunisian society to prepare the new Country Partnership Framework (CPF), including academia, civil society, the private sector and young people. [See details»](#)

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South Asia (SAR) Afghanistan Systematic Country Diagnostic: An Analysis of a Country's Path Toward Development:

The World Bank released its first System Country Diagnostic (SCD) for Afghanistan in 2016. The SCD is a country-level analytical document that provides an evidence-based diagnostic within an objective framework to help identify development priorities. This feature story discusses the key findings, critical constraints, and key priorities of the SCD. [See details»](#)

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