

# CIVIL SOCIETY ENGAGEMENT

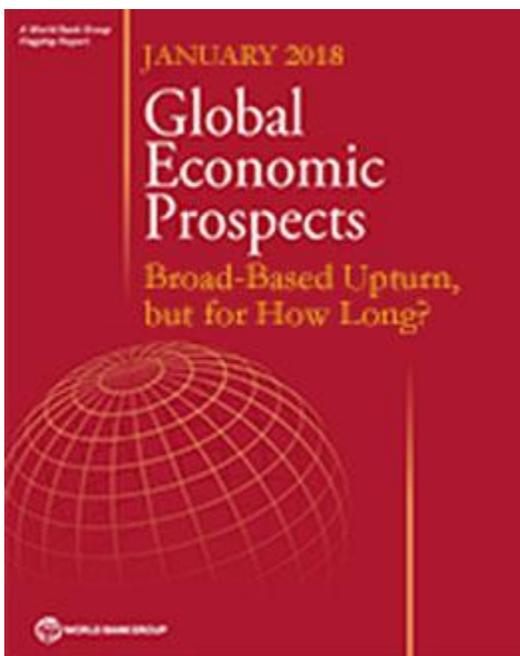
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## NEWS



### **Opening Soon: Call for Session Proposals for the 2018 Spring Meetings Civil Society Policy Forum (CSPF)**

The next CSPF will convene in Washington, D.C., from April 17-20, 2018, just ahead of the Spring Meetings. The Call for Session Proposals will be launched on January 29, 2018, and will remain open until **March 2, 2018**. Stay tuned to the [CSPF website](#) for more details.



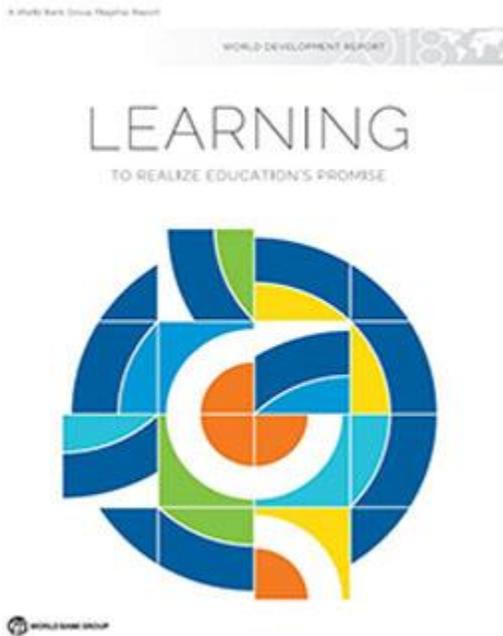
### **Global Economic Growth to Edge Up to 3.1% in 2018**

According to the newly released Global Economic Prospects, global economic growth is expected to edge up to 3.1 percent in 2018 after a much stronger-than-expected 2017, as the recovery in investment, manufacturing, and trade continues. Growth in advanced economies is expected to moderate slightly to 2.2 percent in 2018, as central banks gradually remove their post-crisis accommodation and the upturn in investment growth stabilizes. Growth in emerging markets and developing economies as a whole is projected to strengthen to 4.5 percent in 2018, as activity in commodity exporters continues to recover amid firming prices. Read more [here](#).



## Road Deaths and Injuries Hold Back Economic Growth in Developing Countries

A new World Bank study, funded by Bloomberg Philanthropies, finds that reducing road traffic deaths and injuries could result in substantial long-term income gains for low- and middle-income countries. The report, *“The High Toll of Traffic Injuries: Unacceptable and Preventable,”* can be downloaded [here](#).



## WDR 2018 Facebook Live - Tackling the Global Learning Crisis

On January 9, the World Bank and the ONE Campaign co-hosted a Facebook Live conversation on tackling the global learning crisis. ONE Campaign's Policy Manager, Alice Jowett, joined co-authors of the [World Development Report 2018](#) Halsey Rogers and Deon Filmer, for the discussion on concrete actions that can help countries accelerate improvements in education. Watch the recording [here](#)



## Deadline Extended! Call for Nominations – Citizen Engagement Expert Advisory Council

The deadline for nominations for the World Bank Group's Expert Advisory Council on Citizen Engagement has been extended to **January 31, 2018**. There are 5 vacant seats for foundations, government, private sector and development organization representatives. Read more [here](#)



## Upcoming Consultations for WDR 2019

The 2019 World Development Report (WDR) will look at the changing landscape of work and explore the implications for future labor markets. The report will analyze how increasing automation, the rise of the gig economy, and shifts in global trade and investment, as well as demographic change and urbanization, are all shaping demand and supply for different skillsets. Consultations will open in February 2018 upon release of the briefing materials. More information will be posted on the [Consultation Hub](#) in the coming weeks.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### [Employment and Violence in Fragile States](#)

*A look at findings from rigorous studies on the link between popular employment programs and social stability*

- January 30, 2018
- Washington, D.C. and Online

### [Open Budget Survey 2017 Global Release Event](#)

*How Can We Bridge the Gap Between Citizens and State?*

- January 31, 2018
- Washington, D.C. and Online

### [Fragility Forum 2018](#)

*Managing Risks for Peace and Stability*

- March 5-7, 2018
- Washington, D.C.

### [Land and Poverty Conference 2018](#)

*Land Governance in an Interconnected World*

- March 19-23, 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.

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

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## BLOGS AND STORIES

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### [World Bank Sustainable Development Bond Raises Awareness for Women and Girls' Empowerment](#)

*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.*

### [Flagship Afghan Rural Program Lays Strong Foundation for the Future](#)

*Small villages throughout Afghanistan have benefited greatly from the National Solidarity Programme.*

### [World Bank and WHO: Half the world lacks access to essential health services, 100 million still pushed into extreme poverty because of health expenses](#)

*At least half of the world's population cannot obtain essential health services, and each year, large numbers of households are being pushed into poverty because they must pay for health care out of their own pockets.*

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