2018 IMF-WBG Spring Meetings

Civil Society Policy Forum

Participants Feedback Survey Results
Q1: What type of organization do you represent? 

n = 179

Q2: Where are you located? 

n = 179
Q3: Top reasons for attending the CSPF
n = 178

- To network and share information with other Civil Society Organizations: 61.80%
- Professional development – learn about the WBG/IMF policies and attend policy sessions: 47.19%
- To advocate policies with WBG/IMF staff and Executive Directors: 30.90%
- To dialogue with WBG/IMF Staff: 27.53%
- To organize a policy session: 19.66%
- Other: 4.49%
- To interact with the media (press): 1.12%

Q4: Satisfaction with registration
n = 178

- Very Satisfied: 60.11%
- Somewhat Satisfied: 26.40%
- Somewhat Unsatisfied: 6.74%
- Very Unsatisfied: 3.93%

Q5: Most attended days
n = 168

- Wednesday, April 18: 65.48%
- Thursday, April 19: 61.90%
- Friday, April 20: 58.93%
- Tuesday, April 17: 54.76%

If attended only one session, please specify:
1. EDs Roundtable
2. Moving from Evidence to Action
3. Roundtable session on Friday
4. “Attended numerous sessions, just not CSO”
5. “Attended almost all the sessions”
Q6: How satisfied were you with the following aspects of the CSPF?

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<th>Aspect</th>
<th>Very Satisfied</th>
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<tr>
<td>Relevance of session topics</td>
<td>46.71%</td>
<td>43.11%</td>
<td>6.59%</td>
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<td>Quality of speakers or panelists</td>
<td>55.69%</td>
<td>34.13%</td>
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<td>Length of sessions</td>
<td>48.17%</td>
<td>45.12%</td>
<td>3.66%</td>
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<td>WBG/IMF staff participation</td>
<td>39.16%</td>
<td>39.76%</td>
<td>9.04%</td>
<td>8.43%</td>
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<td>CSO Innovation Fair</td>
<td>19.63%</td>
<td>25.15%</td>
<td>9.82%</td>
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Q7: To what extent were the following sessions useful to you?

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<td>WBG orientation session</td>
<td>17.79%</td>
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<td>3.68%</td>
<td>1.23%</td>
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<td>Prep session for EDs roundtable</td>
<td>19.14%</td>
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<td>CSO-led sessions</td>
<td>37.13%</td>
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<td>WBG/IMF-led sessions</td>
<td>33.95%</td>
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<td>Feedback session with CSPF working group</td>
<td>20.13%</td>
<td>5.03%</td>
<td>0.63%</td>
<td>50.94%</td>
<td>23.27%</td>
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Q8: How satisfied were you with the following aspects of the CSO Roundtable with WBG Executive Directors?

### Choice of topics
- Very Satisfied: 31.14%
- Somewhat Satisfied: 32.34%
- Somewhat Unsatisfied: 4.19%
- Very Unsatisfied: 2.40%
- Don’t know: 29.94%

**n = 167**

### Number of topics
- Very Satisfied: 31.93%
- Somewhat Satisfied: 32.53%
- Somewhat Unsatisfied: 5.42%
- Very Unsatisfied: 1%
- Don’t know: 29.52%

**n = 166**

### Format and structure
- Very Satisfied: 28.92%
- Somewhat Satisfied: 29.52%
- Somewhat Unsatisfied: 8.43%
- Very Unsatisfied: 3.61%
- Don’t know: 29.52%

**n = 166**

### CSO Moderator
- Very Satisfied: 29.70%
- Somewhat Satisfied: 25.45%
- Somewhat Unsatisfied: 5.45%
- Very Unsatisfied: 0.61%
- Don’t know: 38.79%

**n = 165**
Q9: Ideas to improve CSO Roundtable with the WBG EDs  n = 67

**TIME**

“Have more time for the dialogue”

“Limit questions to 30 seconds and for answers 1 minute max. per person”

**SPACE**

“The sessions should take place in the MC building. Find a way to reduce sessions running concurrently”

“Request more seats for participants from abroad”

“The Roundtable should absolutely be held in a forum where all CSOs can participate and not in an overflow room (which also did not have enough seating)”

**INCLUSION**

“It would be important in some meetings to have a simultaneous translator”

**NETWORKING**

“The roundtable should be earlier in the day with an opportunity to meet for a social gathering with EDs later. It is a critical event for external stakeholders and the fact that it’s in the evening makes it difficult for everyone to participate.

**REGIONAL & THEMATIC MEETINGS**

“Organize Roundtables specially for NGOs to discuss the most pressing issues of economic development in their countries”

“Holding separate sessions on a regional basis with the EDs to enhance both citizen engagement and consultation with CSOs”

“Smaller more focused groups”

**TOPICS**

“The Roundtable tried to cover too many topics in short increments. Either make two Roundtables so there can be more questions/dialogue, make the Roundtable longer, or don't have as many topics”

**FORMAT**

“Introductions should happen in the beginning; maybe too many topics were on the agenda, it felt a bit rushed”

“A more informal Roundtable discussion with civil society”

“While I realize that it is difficult, it would be useful to foster more of a substantive exchange. EDs should be encouraged to answer all questions and to engage in more substantive discussions”

“Fewer sessions with ample time for more constructive discussions”
Q10: Suggestions to improve engagement with the Executive Board  n = 73

CONTINUOUS COMMUNICATION

“The discussion should be continuous not based on events and some of these examples presented during the forum should be discussed further after the forum for implementation”

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REGIONAL & THEMATIC MEETINGS

“Need to have smaller forums where CSOs should be able to come and talk to WBG Board in more personal settings”

“Ensure that all EDs engage with the event and answer questions, especially those that represent southern countries”

“Maintain meetings and capitalize on the experience with the same group by developing regular thematic meetings”

OTHER

“Connecting more LGBTI organizations”

“Inclusion of more panelists from Africa”

“While the meeting was held in Washington, DC, there appeared to be few CSOs working on achieving the SDGs for population in the US. Better participation from the minority populations in the US to share their successes with CSOs working in other parts of the world”

“The faith sector would like to engage more with the Bank's faith department”

“EDs can also express their expectations to civil society members”

“Provide translation services”

“Youth specific forum and youth network reception”

ENGAGEMENT IN THE FIELD

“Assisting in creating a sustainable channel of communication between CSOs and country mission/office”

“It is important for EDs to recognize the CSOs that attend the meetings and encourage follow up interactions back home in their respective countries. There is a need for regular correspondence with EDs at respective countries not only once a year meeting”

“Citizens participation is key in development agenda, such consultation at country level should be adequately done for all projects and CSO involvement is key”
Q11: Are you planning to attend the 2018 Annual Meetings in Bali, Indonesia in October?  \( n = 166 \)

- Yes: 28.31%
- No: 32.53%
- Maybe/Don’t know yet: 39.16%
Q12: Ideas to improve the CSPF  n = 53

SPACE

[Integrate WB/IMF Forums in similar spaces”

[Have more CSPF events in MC building”

REGISTRATION

[Registration should start earlier to enable people to secure visas”

INCLUSION

[Translation services for people who don’t know English”

[Provide a technological space where CSOs not based in DC can call-in to the Forum to both present and attend”

[Civil Society needed to be engaged continually even after the events”

[Do not lose links with Forum NGO participants, from time to time organizing discussions with them on current economic and social issues”

TOPICS

[More diverse topics”

[More sessions”

[More focus on decentralized approaches for development”

NETWORKING

[Schedule exchange meetings between CSOs”

[Create more networking opportunities”

[Coordination of networking events – organized by region or focus area”

WB/IMF REPRESENTATION

[Help connect Bank and IMF staff to the Forum and promote their constructive engagement with civil society on key issues”

[Is a great avenue to interact with WB/IMF; include an avenue/path to integrate CSO’s with WB/IMF to work on specific related projects”