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Also This Month

Events & Consultations

Review and Update of the World Bank Safeguard Policies: The 3rd phase of consultations on a revised (second) draft kicked off in August. In coming weeks, multi-stakeholder consultations will take place in the following countries: Egypt, Belgium, Morocco, Indonesia, Kenya and Honduras. [More](#)

World Bank Group Country Strategies: In this edition, we highlight the recently published [Country Partnership Framework for Bosnia and Herzegovina](#). Access more of the latest country engagement documents [here](#).

Sustainable Development Goals: Keeping Citizens at the Center: . On January 28, 2016 at 3:30pm, the GPSA will host a round table discussion that will address

Highlights

Digital Revolution Needs Offline Help



While the Internet, mobile phones, and other digital technologies are spreading rapidly through the developing world, the anticipated development benefits from using these technologies have lagged behind, and 60 percent of the world's population remains excluded from the digital economy. Read more in the [World Bank's 2016 Development Report: Digital Dividends](#).

Coming Soon - 2016 Spring Meetings Civil Society Policy Forum (CSPF) Call for Proposals

The next CSPF will convene from April 12 – 15, 2016 just ahead of the World Bank/IMF Spring Meetings. We will be launching the Call for Proposals soon. We will send out a special announcement as soon as we are ready to receive proposals and will also announce on our [website](#).

Request for Feedback on the Civil Society Policy Forum (CSPF)

We would like to hear your views on how to improve the CSPF held at the Spring and Annual Meetings. More details are available [here](#). Comments should be submitted no later than February 8. We hope to use these to put together a more robust and

how citizens can help drive the accountable implementation of the SDGs. Learn more [here](#).

Call for Videos for the 2016 Fragility Forum - Deadline, February 5: To raise awareness about the crucial role that CSOs play in fragile contexts, we are looking for video submissions to showcase during the upcoming [World Bank Fragility Forum](#). More details [here](#).

Help us Improve the WBG's Newsletters: Please take a quick survey to let us know what you think of our newsletters, and how we could improve them. [More details](#)

Upcoming Events

[World Bank Fragility Forum](#): Washington DC, March 1-3, 2016

IMF/World Bank 2016 Spring Meeting Civil Society Policy Forum: Washington DC, April 12 -15, 2016

[3rd GPSA Global Partners Forum](#). Washington DC, May 19-20, 2016

Blogs

A new Strategy to Address Gender Inequality: In this [blog](#) World Bank Managing Director and Chief Operating Officer, Sri Mulyani Indrawati talks about the WBG's new [Gender Equality Strategy](#) and its ambitious path towards improving opportunities for women and girls.

Flipping the Development Classroom:

WBG's Learning Specialist, Sheila Jagannathan talks about the important role that eLearning can play in development, and showcases the WBG's newly launched [Open Learning Campus](#).

transparent CSPF by the 2016 Annual Meetings

New WBG Gender Equality Strategy Launched



The World Bank Group has launched its new [Gender Equality Strategy](#) for 2016-2023. Informed by months of [consultations](#) in 22 countries with governments, CSOs, and the private sector, the strategy sets ambitious targets, establishes a new methodology for measuring progress, and outlines an agenda to close persistent gender gaps so [critical to economic development](#).

World Bank Group's PPPs Consultation Period Currently Open and Extended till February 29th

The WBG Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) team is seeking your feedback for two resources that address the issues of disclosure and gender in PPPs. To provide input on the framework for public disclosure of information in public-private partnership transactions and complete the questionnaire, please click [here](#). To provide feedback on the impact of PPPs on gender inclusion, please click [here](#), and e-mail ppp@worldbank.org with your feedback. Deadline for both is **February 29, 2016**.

Free World Bank Course on Citizen Engagement Starts Feb 1, 2016

The WBG will be launching the second delivery of its free Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) on Citizen Engagement on February 1. This latest version will include a new module that looks at Citizen Engagement in practice and was developed in partnership with the London School of Economics (LSE), the Overseas Development Institute (ODI), Participedia, and CIVICUS. It will be hosted on Coursera's MOOC platform through the World Bank Group's new [Open Learning Campus](#). For more information and to enroll

see [here](#).

Launch of Enabling the Business of Agriculture (EBA) 2016 Report

EBA's report - covering 40 countries and a range of topic areas - will be released next week. The report provides users with a set of data and indicators that facilitates benchmarking of regulations that impact the enabling environment for business in the sector. The report will be posted [here](#).

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Regional News

AFRICA (AFR) Female Leadership Improves Sustainable Energy Management in Senegal:

Involving women in the decision making process is transforming Senegal's charcoal value chain into sustainable activities that put less strain on precious forest resources. [See details»](#)

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East Asia Pacific (EAP) Open Insights is the Next Step to Open Data:

Find out how the Philippines government's "Tax Watch" campaign has been harnessing Open Data to provide insights that accelerate social and institutional change in this blog, by Kenneth Abante, Deputy Chief of Staff to the Philippines's Secretary of Finance. [See details»](#)

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Europe and Central Asia (ECA) Turkey's Response to the Syrian Refugee Crisis and the Road Ahead:

A new Policy Note prepared by the World Bank summarizes the strategy and principles of Turkey's unique response to the crisis and the challenges in managing the social and economic dimensions of displacement. In doing so it sheds light on some of the common issues faced by both displaced and host communities in a development oriented response effort. [See details»](#)

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Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) Colombia - Winning the War on Poverty and Inequality Despite the Odds:

Despite being the stage of one of the longest armed conflicts in the world, Colombia has advanced in the fight against poverty. For the first time, more Colombians are considered to be middle class than in poverty. [See details»](#)

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Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Visualizing the Economics of the Middle East and North Africa - Why MENA Needs a New Social Contract:

Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Visualizing the Economics of the Middle East and North Africa - Why MENA Needs a New Social Contract: The World Bank released a new data tool which shows the MENA region's economic data in a visual format that is

South Asia (SAR) When the Emperor Reaches Out to the Citizens:

Pakistan is using mobile phones to crack down on corruption and poor services at its passport offices. [See details»](#)

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easy to download and share. [See details»](#)

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