Civil Society Policy Forum and 2018 Annual Meetings Recap
We wish to extend our gratitude to the 620 CSO participants that attended the 2018 Annual Meetings Civil Society Policy Forum in Bali, Indonesia. You can find a recap of the main Annual Meetings events here. A short wrap up video of the Annual Meetings is available here. Read the Development Committee Communiqué here. For a report on CSO registration and attendance, please click here. Stay tuned for the CSPF Participant Feedback Survey Results Report.

Human Capital Index is Launched
The Human Capital Index (HCI), launched at the 2018 Annual Meetings in Bali, shows that human capital—the knowledge, skills, and health that people accumulate over their lives—has been a key factor behind the sustained economic growth and poverty reduction rates of many countries in the 20th century, especially in East Asia. The HCI measures how much countries lose in economic productivity by under-investing in their people. Read more here, and watch the Human Capital video here.
Poverty and Shared Prosperity 2018 Report: Piecing Together the Poverty Puzzle

The new Poverty and Shared Prosperity Report introduces new tools and measures that will help countries better identify the poor and implement appropriate policies to build human capital and improve living standards. A multi-dimensional measure looks at multiple deprivations, combining consumption or income with measures of education and access to basic infrastructure services, such as electricity, water, and sanitation. The new measure shows that poverty could be both more widespread and more entrenched than we thought. Read more here.

New Country Partnership Framework for Georgia

Georgia’s new Country Partnership Framework (CPF) focuses on investing in human capital, building resilience, and enhancing inclusive growth and competitiveness. Read more here. Click here for a list of CPFs.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Global Partnership for Social Accountability - Global Partners Forum 2018
Money Matters: Public Finance and Social Accountability for Human Capital

- October 30- November 1, 2018
- Washington, DC

Law, Justice and Development Week 2018 - Rights, Protection and Development
Explore the link between rights and protection to economically empower disadvantaged and vulnerable individuals and groups

- November 5-9, 2018
- Washington, D.C.
World Bank Youth Summit 2018
Unleashing the Power of Human Capital

- December 3-4, 2018
- Washington, D.C.

To see more World Bank events, please click here.

BLOGS AND STORIES

Citizens in Focus – A Success That Must Be Sustained in Albania
Around 800,000 people in Albania now have access to better administrative services, thanks to the Albania Citizen-Centric Service Delivery project. The project focused on improving automation of services, developing feedback mechanisms, and boosting the capacity of administrators in serving the public.

Introducing the Online Guide to the World Development Indicators: A New Way to Discover Data on Development
An annual World Development Indicators report was available in print or PDF format until last year. This year, we introduce the World Development Indicators website: a new discovery tool and storytelling platform for our data which takes users behind the scenes with information about data coverage, curation, and methodologies. The goal is to provide a useful, easily accessible guide to the database and make it easy for users to discover what type of indicators are available, how they're collected, and how they can be visualized to analyze development trends.

Five Ways to Do Better Post-Disaster Assessments
At the most basic level, the purpose of a post-disaster needs assessment is to assess effects and impacts to then determine priority recovery needs. The exercise is government-led with technical and financial support from international partners, and detailed guidelines outline how the methodology is to be conducted. Since 2008, the World Bank and the Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR) have worked with the UN, EU and other partners to help governments prepare nearly 70 PDNAs in over 40 countries in all regions.

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