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Spring Meetings Civil Society Policy Forum (CSPF) Announcements

Deadline Extended: CSPF Innovation Fair Proposals

The deadline for submitting proposals has been extended to Friday, March 1, 2019. Click [here](#) to submit booth proposals.

CSO Registration: CSO registration closes on **March 22**. Visit the [CSPF website](#) for more details.

Introducing New CSPF Working Group Members

Please welcome our new CSPF Working Group Members, Katelyn Gallagher of the Bank Information Center and Luiz Viera of the Bretton Woods Project. Learn more about the CSPF Working Group [here](#).



Upcoming: WBG Strategy for Fragility, Conflict and Violence (FCV)

By 2030, more than half of the world's poor will live in fragile and conflict-affected settings. To address this challenge, the World Bank Group is developing a comprehensive strategy to identify how the institution can systematize the progress it has made to date and adapt and scale-up its support to vulnerable populations affected by FCV. To inform the strategy, online and in-person consultations will be held between March and September 2019. A consultation plan and schedule of events will be available on the World Bank Group's [Consultations website](#) in mid-March.



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GPSA launches its fourth global Call for Proposals

GPSA has invited its 52 opted-in countries, through the World Bank's country management units, to express interest to participate in the Call for Proposals. A shortlist of countries will be defined and announced in Spring 2019, along with the thematic focus for each country. The application process will then be opened for CSOs in those shortlisted countries. More details about the GPSA's Call for Proposals can be accessed [here](#).

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- Los Angeles, California

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BLOGS AND STORIES

[World Bank Group and Pandemic Emergency Financing Facility Announce Up To \\$80 Million for Escalated Response in DRC](#)

The World Bank Group and the Pandemic Emergency Financing Facility (PEF) have approved a total of up to US\$80 million in grants to support over half the estimated cost of an escalated response to the current Ebola virus outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

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[Stronger Accountability, Key to Achieving Human Capital Goals – Hear from Civil Society](#)

How can social accountability help governments and CSOs implement innovative and effective solutions to promote investments in human capital? Several CSO representatives were interviewed during the GPSA Forum about the critical role of social accountability in achieving the goals of the human capital project. Here are some of their [answers](#).

[How has Citizens' Charter brought positive change in Jalalabad, Afghanistan?](#)

The Citizens' Charter Afghanistan Project (Citizens' Charter) is a national program to provide every village and city in Afghanistan with basic services, such as water, roads, and electricity—based on decisions made by the community... Before the project started in 2017, there were no organized councils that people could turn to, to address their shared problems. However, since the Citizens' Charter established Community Development Councils (CDCs) in municipal districts, things are beginning to change.

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