

# CIVIL SOCIETY ENGAGEMENT

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### NEWS



#### 2019 Annual Meetings Civil Society Policy Forum (CSPF). Working Group Elections and Registration deadline approaching!

The [CSPF Working Group](#) serves as an interlocutor with the WB and the IMF civil society teams to effectively achieve the objectives of the Forum. The call for candidates closes on **September 30**. Read more on the election process [here](#). Submit a candidate nomination [here](#).

The 2019 Annual Meetings CSPF will take place in Washington, D.C., from Tuesday, October 15 to Friday, October 18, 2019. The deadline for CSOs to register to attend is **September 30**. Visit the [CSPF website](#) for details.



#### WBG Strategy for FCV: Your Views and What's Next?

In April, the WBG launched [global consultations](#) on its first strategy for Fragility, Conflict & Violence (FCV). The strategy seeks to address the root causes of FCV in affected countries and their impact on vulnerable populations. Inputs were received from more than 1,700 stakeholders, including 200 CSOs. See overall [feedback summary](#), and [website](#) for more details. The draft strategy will be posted online for comment this fall.



#### World Bank and Germany Launch Fund to Curb Forest Loss, Build Resilient Landscapes

PROGREEN will bolster efforts by countries to tackle declining biodiversity, loss of forests, deteriorating land fertility and increasing risks such as uncontrolled forest fires, which are exacerbated by a changing climate. PROGREEN will help countries meet their national and global Sustainable Development Goals and commitments, including poverty reduction, in a cost-effective manner. Read more [here](#). Check out the PROGREEN webpage [here](#).



## Coming Together to Help African Girls Create a Brighter Future

Thousands of young women have a new outlook on life thanks to the Sahel Women's Empowerment and Demographic Dividend project (SWEDD). The project is financed by the World Bank and implemented by the governments of Benin, Burkina Faso, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, Mali, Mauritania and Niger. It aims to empower women and adolescent girls and increase their access to quality education and reproductive, child and maternal health services. Read more [here](#).

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### [Civil Society Policy Forum](#)

*2019 WBG-IMF Annual Meetings*

- October 15-18, 2019
- Washington, DC

### [Law, Justice and Development Week 2019](#)

Rights, Technology and Development

- November 4-7, 2019
- Washington, DC

### [GPSA Forum 2019](#)

Social Accountability and the Challenge of Inclusion

- November 19-21, 2019
- Washington, DC

### [World Bank Youth Summit 2019](#)

Smarter Cities for a Resilient Future

- December 2-3, 2019
- Washington, DC

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

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## BLOGS AND STORIES

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### [With a changing nature of work, a robust set of protections is needed to build and safeguard human capital](#)

How can policy help people – particularly people living in poverty or vulnerable to impoverishment who arguably have the most to lose – take risks and reap greater rewards? For as long as there has been society, risk-sharing has been an essential clause in the social contract. However, in the present period of rapid and fundamental change, this question continues to demand the attention of policy makers.

### [Making infrastructure work for both women and men](#)

Infrastructure is not gender-neutral. Gaps in access to good infrastructure affect women disproportionately. Women need to have a voice in setting priorities in the design and the operation of infrastructure if it is to have the desired development impact.

### [Getting to Universal Health Coverage: A civil society perspective](#)

The first thing that we really, really need to focus on. UHC literacy-- what does it mean? If we do not agree on this, then we are not going to move forward. If we cannot agree, I shudder to think on what basis Finance Ministers are being asked to assist Ministers of Health.

CSOs. Please send your comments and feedback to: [civilsociety@worldbank.org](mailto:civilsociety@worldbank.org).

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