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2019 Spring Meetings Civil Society Policy Forum Wrap-Up

This year's Spring Meetings Civil Society Policy Forum took place in Washington, D.C. from April 9-12. The forum consisted of 46 events – mostly organized and led by CSOs – on a range of development topics. A record 1072 CSO representatives attended the meetings – a record high compared to any previous Spring or Annual Meetings. If you missed the forum, you can find an overview of the sessions and a report on CSO attendance [here](#).



Consultations: World Bank Group Strategy for Fragility, Conflict and Violence

The World Bank Group is developing its first formal strategy for Fragility, Conflict and Violence (FCV). The objective of the strategy is to address the causes of FCV in affected countries and their impact on vulnerable populations, with the ultimate goal of contributing to peace and prosperity. To ensure the strategy benefits from a wide range of inputs, we ask that you [share your views](#) on the WBG's proposed approach.



Global Partnership for Social Accountability - Call for Proposals

The Global Partnership for Social Accountability (GPSA) announced its fourth global Call for Proposals to CSOs from the following countries: **Benin, Brazil, the Caribbean, Madagascar, Moldova, Ukraine**. Further information on the thematic areas, as well as application guidelines, application form, and other information are available on the GPSA website [here](#). Application deadline is May 15, at 11:59PM EDT.



Team Update: Farewell to Edith Jibunoh, Advisor on Stakeholder Engagement

Our manager Edith Jibunoh, who has been leading Stakeholder Engagement for the World Bank since 2014, will be taking on a new role as Communications Manager for the Infrastructure Practice Group in early May. We wish her all the best!

UPCOMING EVENTS

[Debt Management Facility Stakeholders' Forum 2019](#)

The Future of Debt Management

- May 13-14
- Dakar, Senegal

[Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics 2019](#)

Multilateralism: Past, Present, and Future

- June 17-18, 2019
- Washington, DC

[Agriculture Insuretech Innovation Challenge](#)

- June 13
- Mumbai, India

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BLOGS AND STORIES

[IFC Consultation: Anticipated Impact Measurement and Monitoring Sector Frameworks](#)

The Anticipated Impact Measurement and Monitoring (AIMM) system enables IFC to estimate the expected development impact of our investments—allowing us to set ambitious yet achievable targets and select projects with the greatest potential for financial sustainability and development impact. IFC began its public consultation process of AIMM's core project assessment tool – the AIMM Sector Frameworks – on April 1st, 2019. The 25 frameworks are being released for public consultation in four subsequent sets, and each will have a 45-day consultation period. Visit www.ifc.org/aimm/consultation to learn more.

[IFC Consultation: Green Equity Approach to Financial Institutions](#)

Last Fall, IFC's CEO laid out in a blog an ambitious goal to work with financial institution clients who are committed to reducing or eliminating their exposure to coal. Supporting the World Bank Group's climate strategy, this new approach aims to increase climate lending and reduce exposure to coal in clients where IFC has equity, or an equity-like, exposure. Through this green equity approach, IFC hopes to continue its leadership in the climate space by testing the demand among its financial institution clients for greener portfolio management and commitment to tackling climate issues. Comments on the consultative draft may be submitted until May 17, 2019. You may submit comments to greenequitycomments@ifc.org.

[Universal Health Coverage on the Global Agenda in 2019: the Key role of CSOs](#)

The 2019 World Bank Spring Meetings, as always, featured stimulating, constructive, and, sometimes avantgarde discussions and conversations. One of such productive sessions was a lunch meeting organized by the World Bank Group Health Nutrition and Population Global Practice in partnership with the Civil Society Engagement Mechanism for UHC2030 (CSEM).

[Think local, act local: Working with civil society for better development outcomes in Burkina Faso](#)

We love local. Whether it's buying vegetables directly from your local farmer, frequenting a neighborhood business, or working as a community activist, many of us believe that solutions to some of our most pressing problems lie at least in part in a small series of actions taken from the ground up. This may be especially true in countries with limited state capacity, where community-based organizations (CBOs) are often among the highest-functioning entities at the local level.

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