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NEWS



Civil Society Policy Forum Working Group (CSPFWG) Updates

Welcome to the CSPFWG corner where the members of the working group share updates with the CSO community in the lead up to the 2018 Annual Meetings in Indonesia.

We wish to thank the World Bank and IMF civil society teams for providing us with this space to communicate with you. We were delighted to meet many of you at the Spring Meetings CSPF in Washington in April and to receive many constructive suggestions. We are working with IMF-WB CSO teams to continue to improve the CSPF based on your feedback. You can write to us at CSPFWorkingGroup@worldbank.org if you have any questions or suggestions.



Important Registration and Visa Reminders for CSO Participants to the 2018 World Bank/IMF Annual Meetings Civil Society Policy Forum (CSPF)

CSO Registration is open until Friday, September 7, 2018. To register, click [here](#). **No new registration requests will be accepted after this deadline.** More information on CSO registration is available [here](#).

All CSO participants, regardless of nationality, are required to apply for a [Conditional Visa on Arrival](#) (Conditional VoA). Once you receive your Registration

Confirmation Letter from the Annual Meetings Secretariat, please go to [this website](#) to apply for the Conditional VoA **before October 1, 2018**. Please note the [ports of entry](#) designated by the Government of Indonesia for Conditional VoA holders. Accredited participants will be exempted from the visa fee at the airport by showing their Annual Meetings Registration Confirmation Letter. More information is available [here](#).

If you have any problems with your visa application, please write to us at civilsociety@worldbank.org



Google Cloud Data Storytelling Contest for Students

[Visualize 2030](#) is a global data storytelling contest brought to you by Google Cloud, the World Bank, the United Nations Foundation, and the Global Partnership for Development Data. The contest focuses on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development — an ambitious agenda adopted by global leaders to achieve 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030, and is [open to students](#) at the college and graduate level, aged 18 and above. The contest closes on September 30, 2018. Read more [here](#).



World Bank Group Announces New Commitments on Disability Inclusion

At the Global Disability Summit the World Bank Group (WBG), along with other Summit participants, announced its set of [ten commitments](#) to accelerate global action for disability-inclusive development in key areas such as education, digital development, data collection, gender, post-disaster reconstruction, transport, private sector investments, and social protection. Read more [here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

[International Open Data Conference](#)

The Future is Open

- September 27-28, 2018
- Buenos Aires, Argentina

[Civil Society Policy Forum](#)

WBG-IMF 2018 Annual Meetings

- October 9-12, 2018
- Bali, Indonesia

[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.

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

BLOGS AND STORIES

[Five ways cities can curb plastic waste](#)

While the solutions may vary, policy solutions, increased awareness, and improved design and disposal processes, among others, are critical to changing behavior and better managing plastic waste. This blog proposes five interesting interventions that address plastic waste from various aspects of society.

[Ensuring a world where elephants aren't the next dinosaurs](#)

The Global Wildlife Program (GWP) started two years ago to combat illegal wildlife trade across 19 countries in Asia and Africa. Funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) with a grant of \$131 million, the GWP is a global partnership on wildlife conservation & crime prevention for sustainable development.

[Water Management in Fragile Systems: Building Resilience to Shocks and Protracted Crises in the Middle East and North Africa](#)

Water scarcity is pervasive throughout the Middle East and North Africa and getting worse. A new World Bank-FAO joint discussion paper finds that institutional failures to address water-related challenges can act as risk multipliers, compounding existing situations of fragility. But improving water management can contribute to building resilience in the face of protracted crises.

This newsletter is produced by the Civil Society Team of the World Bank Group (WBG) in collaboration with other units. The Newsletter highlights several policies, programs, and initiatives of the WBG which may involve or be of interest to CSOs. Please send your comments and feedback to: civilsociety@worldbank.org.

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