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NEWS



Civil Society Policy Forum Working Group (CSPFWG) Updates

We are pleased to announce the CSPFWG corner where the members of the working group will share updates with the CSO community, especially in the lead up to the 2018 Annual Meetings in Indonesia.

Last week, the CSPFWG welcomed two additional CSO representatives from Indonesia who have joined the Working Group in a temporary capacity until the Indonesia Annual Meetings. Their role will be to help the WB and the IMF better understand CSO priorities in the region and contribute to the development of the CSPF program. The bios and terms of reference of the CSPFWG are available [here](#).

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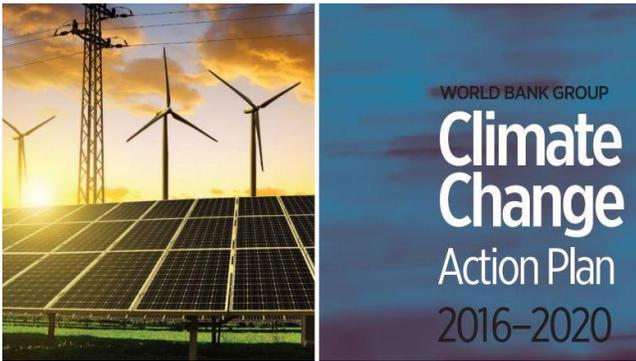
Registration for the 2018 World Bank/IMF Annual Meetings Civil Society Policy Forum (CSPF) – Closing September 7, 2018

Registration for Civil Society to attend the CSPF is open until Friday, September 7, 2018. To register, click [here](#). No new registration requests will be accepted after this deadline. Please note, the registration process can take up to 21 days. More information on the CSPF is available [here](#).



Not Educating Girls Costs Countries Trillions of Dollars, Says New World Bank Report

Limited educational opportunities for girls and barriers to completing 12 years of education cost countries between \$15 trillion and \$30 trillion in lost lifetime productivity and earnings, says a new World Bank report launched ahead of the July 12 United Nations Malala Day. According to [Missed Opportunities: The High Cost of Not Educating Girls](#), less than two thirds of girls in low-income countries complete primary school, and only one in three girls completes lower secondary school..



World Bank Group Exceeds its Climate Finance Target

Good news! In fiscal year 2018, the World Bank Group exceeded its [climate finance target](#) with a record year of \$20.5 billion in finance for Climate Action, accounting for 32.1% of its total lending volume. Check out the [factsheet](#) and [climate action plan](#) to learn more about how the World Bank Group is driving climate action through climate finance.



Civil Society Forum of the Global Environment Facility (GEF)

The Forum took place on June 26th, 2018 preceding the Sixth Assembly of the GEF in Da Nang, Viet Nam. Over 120 CSOs and other participants met to highlight the crucial role that civil society plays in positively influencing the future of the global environment. The Forum showcased experiences and projects from around the world that foster partnerships amongst the different sectors of the GEF's member countries. For more information click [here](#).



Bridging Financing Gaps for Greater Health Equity and Impact: The 2018 Global Financing Facility Annual Report

The GFF 2017-2018 annual report shows progress in 16 countries over the last three years where GFF-supported countries have invested more resources in high-impact interventions to save and improve the lives of women, children and adolescents. Read more [here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

[World Water Week 2018](#)

World Water Week in Stockholm is the annual focal point for the globe's water issues

- August 26-31, 2018
- Stockholm, Sweden

[Civil Society Policy Forum](#)

WBG-IMF 2018 Annual Meetings

- October 9-12, 2018
- Bali, Indonesia

[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](#).

PAST EVENTS

[#NoMoreLimits for Women and Girls](#)

On Menstrual Hygiene Day, the World Bank partnered with the influential NGO WASH United to advocate for changes that are needed to break the silence and build awareness about the fundamental role that good menstrual hygiene management plays in enabling women and girls to reach their full

potential. Sandie Okoro, Senior Vice President & General Counsel WBG, also showed her support for the campaign in a powerful [video message](#).

[CAO Outreach to CSOs in South Africa](#)

The CAO, Inspection Panel, and other Independent Accountability Mechanisms (IAMs) met with over 40 CSO representatives in Durban, South Africa on May 21, 2018. The objective of the event was to raise awareness about the work of the mechanisms and listen to civil society concerns regarding the effective resolution of grievances arising from development projects.

[Inspection Panel Video Conference with CSOs in West Africa](#)

The Inspection Panel on May 15, 2018, held a video conference (VC) with approximately 50 civil society representatives in five French-speaking countries in Africa. The video conference, organized with the help of local World Bank offices, was part of the Panel's ongoing efforts to make stakeholders aware of its role within the Bank, and to listen to their perspectives and concerns.

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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