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Civil Society Policy Forum Recap

Last week, over 1,000 CSOs participated in the Spring Meetings and Civil Society Policy Forum. CSOs sponsored over 40 sessions on a range of development topics and showcased their innovative campaigns, reports, and tools during the CSO Fair. Read more about the record-setting attendance at this Spring Meetings CSPF [here](#).



New Report: State of Safety Nets 2018

Data from the State of the Social Safety Nets 2018 report provides clear evidence that social safety net programs are making a substantial impact in the global fight against poverty. Safety nets—which include cash, in-kind transfers, social pensions, public works, and school feeding programs targeted to poor and vulnerable households—also lower inequality, and reduce the poverty gap by about 45 percent. The report focuses on two special themes: (1) adaptive social protection; and (2) old-age pensions. Read more [here](#).



Women, Business and the Law CSO Workshops

World Bank staff have held a series of workshops with CSOs in Sub-Saharan Africa to increase awareness of the economic impact of gender-differentiated laws and build CSO capacity to use data and evidence generated by Women, Business and the Law to advocate for gender equality reforms. Through these engagements, stakeholders share experiences, build connections and enhance collaboration on addressing legal gaps and promoting women's empowerment. Read more on Women, Business and the Law [here](#).



#InheritPossibility Campaign – Share Your Story on Economic Mobility

How has life changed for you compared to your parents or grandparents when they were your age? How do you see your children's lives and possibilities compared to your own? Tell us your story in two to three sentences and post a picture with your family using the hashtag #InheritPossibility on Twitter or Instagram. Your stories will help complement a new report that will examine the drivers of and constraints to economic mobility. Read more about the campaign and forthcoming report [here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

[8th Global Housing Finance Conference](#)

A look at findings from rigorous studies on the link between popular employment programs and social stability

- May 30-June 1, 2018
- Washington, D.C.

[Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics 2018](#)

Political Incentives and Development Outcomes

- June 25-26, 2018
- Washington, D.C.

[International Open Data Conference](#)

The Future is Open

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

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BLOGS AND STORIES

[World Bank Group Shareholders Endorse Transformative Capital Package](#)

Overwhelming support for \$13 billion Increase in Paid-in Capital to IBRD, IFC; Rebalanced Shareholding; Greater Efficiency and Effectiveness

[Spring Meetings 2018: World Bank Group Events Recap](#)

Catch up on events that took place during the 2018 Spring Meetings.

[IDA launches Inaugural Bond, Pioneering New Model for Development Finance](#)

First IDA bond raises US\$1.5 billion from investors around the world

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