Dear Colleague,

You already know we value our partnerships. This month, to reaffirm our commitment, we published our One World Bank Group Partnership Charter that highlights the principles underpinning our work with partners and reinforces our vision of the partner we aspire to be.

I’m amazed at the thoughtful analyses and synopses you continue to provide on the Spring Meetings 2024, including the Civil Society Policy Forum. If you’d like to rewatch the sessions, they’re available at the World Bank Event Page, and the IMF CSO Page.

Another recent initiative of interest is the Green Accountability Technology Accelerator, a partnership between the Global Partnership for Social Accountability and Climate Collective. The goal of the Accelerator is to enable an efficient and trustworthy climate finance ecosystem. It’s designed with benefits such as grant funding, coaching sessions, networking, and storytelling for teams worldwide. We’ve included information on the call for proposals below.

We also just concluded the Youth Summit 2024, the World Bank Group’s largest convening of young adults. Information about the summit will be especially relevant to those of you working in the fields of youth engagement, digital inclusion, AI, and sustainable technology.

We are grateful for your generous sharing of ideas at civilsociety@worldbank.org.

Warm regards,
Rose Craigue
Stakeholder Engagement Lead at the World Bank

**NEWS**

**IDA Strategic Directions Paper Released**

The IDA21 Strategic Directions Paper aims to seek agreement on the proposed overarching theme and focus areas for IDA21. It highlights the context, new institutional directions that will inform the IDA21 cycle, and the proposed policy framework including how we will ensure strong impact. With IDA’s help, hundreds of millions of people have escaped poverty—through the creation of jobs, access to clean water, schools, roads, nutrition, electricity, and more. Further context can be found in the Co-Chair’s Summary of the IDA21 First Replenishment Meeting, which took place on March 18-19.
IDA Forums for Civil Society Partners Across Seven Regions

In addition to the Strategic Directions, IDA is developing a policy and financial package for this round of funding (IDA21). One new feature of this yearlong process is to engage civil society partners early on. This is happening through the Regional IDA Forums, which began in April and will continue through July 2024, across seven regions. The most recent Forum was hosted in Korea. Express your interest to join future forums here.

Green Accountability Call for Proposals Launch

The Global Partnership for Social Accountability's (GPSA) Green Accountability global platform recently launched its in-country call for proposals with consortium partners including World Resources Institute (WRI), Huairou Commission, and SouthSouthNorth. From May 20- June 14, WRI is accepting grant proposals from CSOs in Bangladesh, Brazil, Cameroon, Mexico, and Senegal that are working to make climate finance and policymaking more transparent, inclusive, and accountable.

Find out more about the call here.

Changes in Farm and Food Production Can Cut Greenhouse Emissions by a Third

The World Bank’s new Recipe for a Livable Planet report is the first comprehensive global strategic framework for mitigating the agrifood system’s contributions to climate change. It shows how the agriculture system that produces the world’s food can cut greenhouse gas emissions while continuing to feed the world. Download the report here. You can also read more in the press release, watch a replay of the event launch, or read a blog on how to make food systems a priority.

BLOGS, PUBLICATIONS, & EVENTS

Becoming a Knowledge Bank – delivering solutions at impact and scale

The World Bank’s Senior Managing Director of Operations, Axel Van Trotsenburg, discusses how the World Bank is now moving to become not just a funding mechanism but also a knowledge mechanism. Read more about the new steps that will transform the way knowledge is collected, shared, stored, used, and fully tapped into advances in technology.
Are smartphones a problem for teen mental health in developing countries?
Few developing countries collect data to track mental health trends, but rough evidence suggests that the anxious generation is not just a rich-country problem. Given that mental health is at the core of our human capital, we need to work to protect children from the dangers of smartphones and simultaneously help countries build their systems to prevent and treat mental health. [Read more.]

Fostering UN-World Bank partnership to tackle Fragility in Burundi and The Gambia
The long-standing collaboration between the United Nations and the World Bank in fragile and conflict-affected settings demonstrates how strong collective action can tackle the root causes of conflict and advance peacebuilding efforts. [Read more.]

Beyond income: A multidimensional approach to tackling inequality
Income is just one dimension of inequality. It exists in health, education, and social services -- whose dimension-specific inequalities may reinforce or dampen the impact of income inequality. [Read more] in this blog about a research paper that proposes new multidimensional inequality measures that are easily implementable, transparent, and overcome many deficiencies of existing measures.

Transformative technology: The ticket to better transport
Transport currently accounts for almost a quarter of direct CO2 emissions from fuel combustion. But recent innovations have enabled new mobility services and business models that could significantly reduce the sector's footprint. [Read more.]

To read more blogs, [click here.]

DEVELOPMENT PODCAST

Forests: How can we prosper in harmony with Nature?
Join The Development Podcast on a trip around the globe from Nepal to Costa Rica as we hear from Tulshi Suwal, a Nepalese conservationist; Valerie Hickey, the Global Director of Environment, Natural Resources and Blue Economy at the World Bank; Florita Jimenez Martinez, Community Leader in Costa Rica; and Cristián Samper, Managing Director and leader of Nature Solutions at Bezos Earth Fund. They discuss the economics of biodiversity and the key to achieving growth while protecting forests. [Listen here.]

To listen to more podcasts, [click here.]

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