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NEWS



[WBG-IMF Spring Meetings registration open](#)

Registration for CSOs to join the [WBG-IMF Spring Meetings](#) is now open. Participants must be accredited in order to attend the Meetings. Information about each category (and links to register) can be found [here](#). CSOs include nongovernmental organizations, community groups, labor unions, Indigenous Peoples' movements, faith-based organizations, professional associations, foundations, think tanks, charitable organizations, and other not-for-profit organizations. For questions about CSO registration, contact:

csoregistration@worldbank.org.



[Selection of World Bank Group President](#)

Following the [announcement](#) of President's Malpass intention to step down from his position, the WBG Board of Executive Directors met to discuss the selection process and affirmed its commitment to an open, merit-based and transparent process for its next President. The Executive Directors will receive candidate nominations by March 29 - then the shortlisted candidates will be interviewed with the expectation of selecting the new President by early May. Read [more](#).



[IFC/MIGA proposed Approach to Remedial Action](#)

Registration is [now](#) open to attend consultation meetings on the IFC/MIGA proposed Approach to Remedial Action, part of IFC's and MIGA's ongoing efforts to strengthen environmental and social accountability. The consultation will also provide an opportunity to comment on the draft IFC responsible exit principles. The consultation meetings will take place in various time zones and languages. For more information visit IFC's [website](#).



[World Bank supports \\$1.8 billion for Türkiye's recovery & reconstruction efforts after earthquake](#)

On Feb 9, the World Bank announced \$1.8 billion in assistance to help relief and recovery efforts in Türkiye following devastating earthquakes and aftershocks that resulted in massive loss of life, injuries, and very significant damage in and around southeastern Türkiye and the surrounding region. The Bank [just released its rapid damage assessment](#) that estimates the magnitude of the disaster and identifies priority areas for recovery and reconstruction support. Read [press release](#), the [World Bank in Türkiye](#).



[The WBG Youth Summit Pitch Competition is now open!](#)

The [World Bank Group Youth Summit](#) celebrates its 10-year anniversary with the theme, "From the Ground Up. Local Solutions to Drive Global Impact," reflecting the commitment to support local ownership, knowledge, and solutions as a key part of addressing global development challenges in the areas of fragility, conflict, and violence (FCV); jobs and skills; and climate and energy. The Summit Pitch Competition is open to young people with grassroots local solutions that can make a global impact. For more information, see [FAQ](#), [Pitch Competition Information Session](#), [Pitch desk templates](#).



[International Women's Day: Accelerating equality & empowerment](#)

The WBG will celebrate [International Women's Day 2023](#) by highlighting women's achievements and contributions. The UN's theme for this year's International Women's Day is "DigitALL: [Innovation and Technology for Gender Equality](#)." The WBG's year-long [Accelerate Equality](#) initiative explored the important progress made and lessons learned over the last 10 years in closing gender gaps and promoting girls' and women's empowerment and drives for transformative change in the future. For more information: [Gender Home](#), [Gender Data Portal](#).

[COVID-19's impact on young people risks a lost generation](#)

A new World Bank report provides a first comprehensive review of global data for young people who were under the age of 25 during the pandemic. The report titled, "[Collapse and Recovery: How COVID-19 Eroded Human Capital and What to Do About It](#)," shows the COVID-19 pandemic disrupted human capital accumulation at critical moments in the life cycle, derailing development for millions of children and young people in low- and middle-income countries. The time to take action is now, or countries risk scarred generations of unmet potential. For more information see: [press release](#), [feature story](#), [blog](#), [full report](#), [video](#).



[What does bottom-up accountability look like in the climate context?](#)

On Feb 22, the GPSA delved into the exciting new world of Green Accountability in Climate Finance. They presented new ideas, while two of their Global Partners shared perspectives on accountability and civil society participation. Together, they engaged in an open discussion on how social accountability can be incorporated into climate finance for the benefit of all. Learn more and watch the recorded event [here](#).



VIRTUAL EVENTS & TRAININGS

[Women, Business and the Law 2023 \(Thursday, March 2 10:00–11:00 am EST\)](#)

What can be done to improve economic opportunities for women and empower them at work and home? Join the live launch of the World Bank's Women, Business and the Law 2023 study on March 2, 10 am EST. See [more](#).

[Innovation through Female Entrepreneurship \(Wednesday, March 8 4:00–5:00 pm EST\)](#)

Did you know that women represent on average only 25% of new business owners and directors? Join us for the new edition of the MIGA Gender Leadership Award to recognize Claudia María González Arteaga, Chief Financial Officer at Bancóldex (Banco de Desarrollo Empresarial de Colombia), for her work and impact on the Colombian community. See [more](#).

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

BLOGS, STORIES, PUBLICATIONS & MORE

[In wildlife conservation, gender equality brings win-win returns](#)

Evidence suggests most poachers are men: in most studies, men comprise more than 90% of people subjected to illegal wildlife trade-related enforcement actions. This raises the question of why. Are male poachers simply meeting livelihood needs or are they also enacting masculinized expectations? This blog

discusses how gender is being mainstreamed in projects along with three tips to progress down the gender pathway. Read [more](#).

[To meet the climate crisis head-on, our approach to water storage must change](#)

Climate change is disrupting global weather patterns, triggering increasingly extreme weather events including floods, droughts, and heatwaves, exacerbating water scarcity, and causing catastrophic suffering from Pakistan to the United States to Kenya. Read [more](#).

[Rebuilding and reconstructing a prosperous Ukraine will take a concerted effort by the international community and the private sector](#)

It's hard to imagine a year has passed since Russia invaded Ukraine causing widespread devastation and suffering in the country and rattling the world economy. As a result of the invasion, 8 million more Ukrainians now live in poverty, undoing 15 years of progress. Read [more](#).

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