<u>Commemorating Thirty Years of the Inspection Panel –</u> <u>April 6, 2023.</u>



World Bank U.S. Executive Director Dr. Adriana D. Kugler, (second right) with Ramanie Kunanayagam, Chairperson, Inspection Panel, Dominique M. Favre, World Bank Executive Director for Switzerland, Azerbaijan, Poland, and Chair of the Committee on Development Effectiveness (CODE), and other members

The U.S. Executive Director Dr. Adriana Kugler delivered welcome remarks at this event commemorating the thirtieth anniversary of the World Bank's Inspection Panel, which was attended by World Bank Group (WBG) Management, Board members, civil society organizations, and academics. Dr. Kugler voiced strong support for the Inspection Panel and its mandate of promoting citizen-driven accountability at the World Bank and correcting harm to communities affected by World Bank projects. Dr. Kugler noted the United States' key role in the creation of the Panel 30 years ago and our continued support for the Panel through our oversight role on the World Bank Board.

In addition, Dr. Kugler recognized and expressed appreciation for civil society organizations that have helped the Panel succeed through their expertise and linkages on the ground to communities around the world.