2014 ANNUAL MEETINGS
CIVIL SOCIETY PROGRAM
SURVEY RESULTS
 MAIN REASONS FOR ATTENDING

BACKGROUND

A online survey was sent to CSO participants of the 2014 Annual Meetings to assess their impressions of the Civil Society Program*. The survey solicited the views of participants regarding the events, content, and overall usefulness of the Civil Society Program.

When asked what their main reasons were for attending the Civil Society Program, the highest scores were given to network with other CSOs and dialogue with Bank/Fund staff.

*See the Methodology slide on page 9 for more information
Respondents were asked to rank the events they attended during the 2014 Annual Meetings & Civil Society Program (1 being the best and 6 being the worst). As you can see on the chart to the left, participants were most satisfied with the events that were directly related to the Civil Society Program.

The highest score went to the **CSO Townhall with WBG President Kim & IMF MD Madame Lagarde** and the lowest score went to the **WBG Flagship Events** (the WBG Flagship events were not organized as part of the Civil Society Program).
KEY ASPECTS OF THE CIVIL SOCIETY PROGRAM (CIVIL SOCIETY POLICY FORUM-OVERALL)

Respondents were asked to rate the Civil Society Policy Forum on a scale of 1-10. As you can see on the chart to the left, participants gave high marks to the Forum.

The highest rated aspect of the Forum was the quality of speakers/panelists and the lowest rated aspect was the WBG/IMF staff participation during sessions.
KEY ASPECTS OF THE CIVIL SOCIETY PROGRAM
(CIVIL SOCIETY POLICY FORUM-SESSIONS)

Participants were asked to rank which session topics they felt were of greatest value, second greatest value and third greatest value to their work*.

- Citizen Engagement & Social Accountability was rated of greatest value, followed by Safeguards.
- Ending Poverty & Inequality was rated of second greatest value, followed by Citizen Engagement & Social Accountability.
- Citizen Engagement & Social Accountability was rated of third greatest value, followed by a tie between Education, Financing for Development and Food Security.

*See next slide for more information
CIVIL SOCIETY POLICY FORUM, SESSION TOPICS

1st Greatest Value

- Climate change: 30%
- Citizen engagement & social accountability: 17%
- Debt sustainability & fiscal policies: 13%
- Discrimination: 9%
- Education: 4%
- Ending poverty & inequality: 4%
- Energy: 4%
- Financing for Development: 4%
- Food Security: 4%
- Gender: 4%
- Health: 4%
- Macro stability: 4%
- Safeguards: 4%
- Youth Unemployment: 4%

2nd Greatest Value

- Climate change: 22%
- Citizen engagement & social accountability: 17%
- Debt sustainability & fiscal policies: 13%
- Discrimination: 9%
- Education: 4%
- Ending poverty & inequality: 4%
- Energy: 4%
- Financing for Development: 4%
- Food Security: 4%
- Gender: 4%
- Health: 4%
- Macro stability: 4%
- Safeguards: 4%
- Youth Unemployment: 4%

3rd Greatest Value

- Climate change: 26%
- Citizen engagement & social accountability: 13%
- Debt sustainability & fiscal policies: 13%
- Discrimination: 9%
- Education: 4%
- Ending poverty & inequality: 4%
- Energy: 4%
- Financing for Development: 4%
- Food Security: 4%
- Gender: 4%
- Health: 4%
- Macro stability: 4%
- Safeguards: 4%
- Youth Unemployment: 4%
To what extent did the civil society program meet your goals?

When asked to what extent the Program was able to meet participants goals, most participants stated to a significant or very significant degree.
SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS

- More time to network with WBG personnel
- Better integration of Civil Society Program into Annual Meetings
- Send Civil Society Program agenda and logistics info sooner
- Enable participation of non-English speakers
- Session on integration civil society voice in governing structures
The 14 question online survey was sent to nearly 600 CSO participants of the Civil Society Program (CSP).

The remaining 200+ CSO participants were unable to be surveyed as their email addresses are not available.

Responses were received from 26 CSP participants, or 4% of survey recipients.

This response rate is lower than for previous meetings which is unfortunate as the survey is important to the Civil Society Team.

Findings from the survey give the Civil Society Team important insight into how to improve the Civil Society Program to help meet the goals of CSOs.
THANK YOU!
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE 2015 SPRING MEETINGS!

Please check our website for more information on the 2015 WBG-IMF Spring Meetings & the Civil Society Program
www.worldbank.org/civilsociety