2015 SPRING MEETINGS
CIVIL SOCIETY POLICY FORUM
SURVEY RESULTS
**MAIN REASONS FOR ATTENDING**

**BACKGROUND**

An online survey was sent to CSO participants of the 2015 Spring Meetings to assess their impressions of the Civil Society Policy Forum*. The survey solicited the views of participants regarding the events, content, and overall usefulness of the Civil Society Policy Forum.

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<th>Reason</th>
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<td>To attend policy sessions</td>
<td>58.1%</td>
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<td>To network and share information with other CSO participants</td>
<td>54.8%</td>
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<td>Professional development – to learn about the Bank/Fund's policies</td>
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<td>To advocate policies with Bank/Fund staff and Executive Directors</td>
<td>25.8%</td>
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<td>To dialogue with Bank/Fund staff</td>
<td>38.7%</td>
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<td>To interact with the media (press)</td>
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When asked their main reasons for attending the Civil Society Policy Forum, the highest scores were assigned to “network with other CSOs” and “to attend policy sessions”.

*See the Methodology slide on page 9 for more information.*
SATISFACTION WITH THE CIVIL SOCIETY POLICY FORUM EVENTS

Respondents were asked to rank each event they attended during the 2015 Spring Meetings & Civil Society Policy Forum. As you can see from the chart above, participants were mostly very satisfied with all the events. The highest score went to the WBG Flagship Events and the Civil Society Policy Forum sessions and the lowest score went to the CSO Roundtable with ED and Bilateral Meetings.
Respondents were asked to rate the Civil Society Policy Forum on a scale of 1-5. 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 a tie between quality of speakers/panelists and diversity of session topics. The lowest rated aspect was the WBG/IMF staff participation during sessions.
KEY ASPECTS OF THE CIVIL SOCIETY POLICY FORUM SESSIONS

Participants were asked to rank the 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 *Financing for Development*.
- *Ending Poverty & Inequality* and *Financing for Development* were tied for second greatest value and third greatest value.

*See next slide for more information*
Civil Society Policy Forum, Session Topics

1st Greatest Value
- Citizen engagement & social accountability
- Agriculture
- Climate change
- Health
- Gender
- Financing for Development
- Ending poverty & inequality

2nd Greatest Value
- Citizen engagement & social accountability
- Agriculture
- Climate change
- Education
- Gender
- Health
- Macro stability
- Safeguards
- Youth

3rd Greatest Value
- Citizen engagement & social accountability
- Debt sustainability & fiscal policies
- Discrimination
- Education
- Energy
- Finishing for Development
- Food Security
- Gender
- Safeguards
- Unemployment
- Youth
- Debt sustainability & fiscal policies
- Gender
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 support for
growth-level
CSOs instead of
“elite” CSOs

Make CSO Space
more hospitable
with more food
and drinks

Registration:
ensure emails get
to the applicants
and address the
limitation of
English only
registration

Re-organize the
CSPF schedule to
better align with
the main meeting
schedule so CSO
and WBG/IMF
staff can attend
each others events

Session time slot
needs to be
lengthened to give
participants more
time for Q&A
Methodology

- The 15 question online survey was sent to 531 CSO participants of the Civil Society Policy Forum (CSPF).
- Responses were received from 32 CSPF participants, or 6% of survey recipients.
- This response rate is still lower than desired (add what we need to do to improve this)
- Findings from the survey provide the Civil Society Team with important feedback to support improvements to the Civil Society Policy Forum in support of CSO goals.
THANK YOU!
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN PERU AT THE 2015 ANNUAL MEETINGS!

Please check our website for more information on the 2015 WBG-IMF Annual Meetings & the Civil Society Policy Forum

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