



CIVIL SOCIETY: *Why and How to Engage Effectively*



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PANEL DISCUSSION ON WORLD BANK – CIVIL SOCIETY RELATIONS

Guiding Questions

- ❖ What kinds of advocacy do you carry out with the World Bank (i.e. research, policy dialogue, media campaigns, or other) and how would you characterize it (i.e. productive, difficult, both).
- ❖ Why are Bank – civil society relations often seen as conflictual, inconsistent, and complex? Why do CSOs often feel that the Bank isn't accessible or reliable, or why they feel they can't trust the Bank?
- ❖ Can you cite examples where improved relations between the World Bank and civil society led to mutually beneficial results? What factors (political context, methodology, leadership, etc.) contributed to this outcome?