



# **CIVIL SOCIETY: *Why and How to Engage Effectively***



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## **Learning Objectives**

- The session will provide participants with an introduction to the civil society sector, including definition, origins, diversity, development paradigms, and institutional characteristics at the global level.
- Provide a succinct background on the history of the Bank's civil society engagement work over past three decades across the Bank Group. Highlights will include the 'engagement continuum', insider-outside roles, and lessons learned on how to most effectively engage civil society.
- Provide a summary on the history of Bank - civil society relations in the MNA region, including nature of the engagement, lessons learned, Yemeni Inspection Panel Action Plan, and way forward.
- Provide participants with the "Consultations with Civil Sourcebook" which includes case studies, approaches, and tools which participants can use to implement effective civil society engagement activities.
- Listen to the views and perspectives of several CSO representatives on the Bank's work, challenges for effective engagement, and examples of good practices