**NEWS**

**GPSA Joins the Global Social Impact Investment Steering Group**

The GPSA was invited to participate in the Global Steering Group (GSG). The GSG is successor to the Social Impact Investment Taskforce established by the G8, which was announced by the British Prime Minister in 2013 at the G8 Social Impact Investment Forum in London. The GSG will continue the work of the Taskforce with a wider membership, comprising 13 countries plus the EU, and active observers from government and from leading network organizations supportive of impact investment. The GPSA’s participation in the GSG was announced at the most recent GPSA Brown Bag Lunch, *Financing Social Accountability through Private Investors: Exploring Impact Bonds*.

**We Would Like to Hear Your Experiences in the Water Sector!**

The Knowledge Platform now has over 2,000 members that contribute materials, reflections, news and events in the field of social accountability. Lately, we have seen an interest in water and sanitation related topics among members and partners, and so we would like to hear from you about your experiences in this sector. Please [complete this two-minute survey](#) before January 8, 2016, if you would like more activities (webinars, e-forums, blog posts, etc.) about the water sector on the Knowledge Platform.

**GPSA Global Partners Forum 2016**

On May 19-20, 2016, the 3rd annual GPSA Global Partners Forum will gather the GPSA’s Partners from civil society, academia, think-tanks, donors, international agencies and governments working in the field of social accountability for in-depth discussion, debate and sharing. The topic will be centered on key trends in the field, including constructive engagement, learning for results, and scaling for impact. Registration for the Forum will launch in January 2016. We would like to invite you to share your ideas on who or what you would like to see at next year’s event. Send us an email at: gpsa@worldbank.org.

To learn more about the GPSA Global Partners Forum: Read the [2015 Forum Report](#), watch this 2-minute [Impression Video](#), and check out the [photos](#) from last year.
The Netherlands Signs On as a Global Partner
The Netherlands is the most recent Global Partner of the GPSA. The announcement follows meetings held earlier in the year between GPSA staff and the NGO unit of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs. According to Cornelius Hacking, senior policy officer at the Ministry, this partnership will allow to explore complementarities between the GPSA and the Dutch NGO capacity-building programme for lobby and advocacy, “Dialogue and Dissent.”

An Update on the GPSA Call for Proposals
After a thorough evaluation of the 516 proposals that the GPSA received during the 3rd Call for Proposals, the Roster of Experts has now finished the technical review and has shortlisted proposals that will be sent to the Steering Committee for conditional selection in early 2016. Proposals were received from CSOs working in 42 countries, and from a variety of different sectors including health, education, and water. This was a significant increase in comparison to the submissions the GPSA received during its first (216 proposals) and second (428 proposals) Call for Proposals. View the shortlisted proposals here>>>

Co-creating a Culture of Integrity in the Philippines
By Charlotte Ørnemark, GPSA Knowledge & Learning
Can handing out cash to the poor – on the condition that they send their children to school and take them for regular health checks – also help transform citizen-government relations? Unlikely as this may seem, the World Bank financed conditional cash transfer program Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) administered nationwide in the Philippines by the Department for Social Welfare in the Philippines is doing is just that. Read more>>>

The Quality of Education and Transparency Has Improved in 20 More Moldovan Schools
Over the past months, the “Scoala Mea” (My School) initiative – implemented by Expert-Grup and supported by a GPSA grant – has organized public hearings at 20 schools, where over 2,800 citizens – students, teachers, parents and representatives of local and regional authorities – participated. During this time, citizens were able to take collective decisions on schools’ issues and development priorities. In addition, school principals presented to the community the progress in implementing educational reform in the institution, budget expenditures in recent years and the draft budgets for 2016. Read more>>>

The Knowledge Platform: Where We Are and What We’ve Learned
By Marine Perron & Janet Oropeza Eng, Fundar
In this blog post, their experience designing, implementing and managing the Knowledge Platform, an online social space that provides members with the opportunity to interact, network, share, and discuss knowledge and learning in the field of social accountability. Fundar discusses some of the most important lessons learned which might be relevant to those designing similar platforms. Read more>>>
Reflections from the TALEARN Workshop in Brazil

By Charlotte Ørñemark, GPSA Knowledge & Learning

Here’s the backdrop: We are in Rio de Janeiro. Around 70 people representing a diverse mix of researchers, social activists, consultants, NGOs and funders – all committed to the cause of responsive and accountable governance – stand in a big circle in a bright room overlooking the sea... What we have in common is that we are all here to learn about how to navigate the complexities of making public sector governance accountable to those it is meant to serve. We also seem to share a passion and a sense of urgency for finding out what makes change happen at scale in this area. Read more>>>

PAST EVENTS

Financing Social Accountability through Private Investors: Exploring Impact Bonds | Dec 16, 2015 | This Brown Bag Lunch discussed the feasibility and the potential role of “Impact Bonds” in improving the effectiveness of social accountability projects. Learn more>>>

Doing Development Differently: Status and Plans for the Future? | Nov 17, 2015 | This Brown Bag Lunch discussion centered on development processes that are geared towards real impact. Leni Wild from the Overseas Development Institute presented the latest update about the discussion and plans for future actions. Watch the Recording>>>

From the Knowledge Platform | E-Forum: Engaging with Citizen Voices and Experiences: The 2017 World Development Report on Governance & the Law

On Oct. 18 – Nov. 20, the Knowledge Platform hosted an online discussion that gathered experiences on governance and the law that would feed the upcoming 2017 World Development Report (WDR17). The forum was moderated by Steve Commins from UCLA and the WDR17 team, and co-facilitated by leading civil society organizations and academic institutions in the global south such as Fundar (Mexico), ACIJ (Argentina), ESAP2 (Ethiopia) and Ateneo de Manila School of Government (The Philippines). Throughout the forum, participants discussed what governance means to them, challenges they face, and good practices on how they have overcome these challenges to promote greater governance. The forum had over 141 posts coming from 44 participants. The Wordle includes the most popular terms used in the discussion. Read the summaries: Week 1; Week 2; Week 3.

GPSA GLOBAL PARTNERS

Since our last edition, the GPSA has two new partners. View the complete list of 260+ partners here >>
IN OTHER NEWS...

**OGP Announces Vacancies on its Steering Committee**
As the Open Government Partnership (OGP) enters its fifth year, the international initiative seeks six new civil society steering committee members. This is a unique opportunity for talented and committed civil society leaders to further shape OGP, represent the interests of the civil society community and assure that ambitious open government reforms get delivered. [Read more]>

**MAVC Announces Semi-finalists of the Global Innovation Competition 2016**
After hundreds of projects submitted and nearly 30,000 votes public votes cast from across the globe – including from Nigeria, Hawaii, Finland, Nepal, Kenya and Japan – 50 semi-finalist teams competing for funding in MAVC’s 2016 Global Innovation Competition have been chosen. [Read more]>

**Managing Developmental Civil Society Organizations**
Richard Holloway has worked with CSOs for over 40 years in 30 countries, and with grassroots organizations, international NGOS, governments, and multilateral and bilateral donors on issues concerning civil society. His latest book, *Managing Developmental Civil Society Organizations*, is considered essential reading for staff of national and international development organizations; fieldworkers; and all those wishing to create a people’s organization to effect change. [Read more]>

**E-guide on Supreme Audit Institutions-Citizen Engagement**
The e-guide on Participatory Audit is a live and practical document to guide and inform Supreme Audit Institutions, civil society organizations, and the public at large about the challenges and benefits of engagement, as well as on how to engage. This e-guide is the result of a partnership between the World Bank’s Open and Collaborative Governance (OCG) practice within the Global Governance Practice (GGP) and the Asociación Civil por la Igualdad y la Justicia (ACIJ). For more details please contact Renzo Lavin (ACIJ): rlavin@acij.org.ar and/or Carolina Vaira (World Bank): cvaira@worldbank.org.

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