



Newsletter

NEWS

Highlights of the First Social Audit Mechanism Applied to the Conditional Cash Transfers Program, Tekoporã

The “aggregate value of social audit in Paraguay” roundtable took place in Asunción, Paraguay, on September 13, 2016, where World Bank (WB) Regional Vice President, Jorge Familiar, and the Minister of Secretariat of Social Action (SAS), Héctor Cárdenas, discussed the importance of social audit initiatives that the World Bank supports in the country, particularly ones that improve the conditional cash transfers (CCT) social protection program, Tekoporã. [Read More>>>](#)



Photo: Mike Karbeling (USAID), Fernando Cosich (USAID), Celia Ortega (BM), Jorge Familiar (BM), Héctor Cárdenas (SAS), Jesko Hentschel (BM), Agustín Carrizosa (CIRD).

Unlocking Africa's Potential for Participatory Governance

The Pan African Social Accountability (PASA) Learning Lab aimed to interrogate one key question – “How does context affect social accountability outcomes?” through a range of panel discussions, field visits, keynote speakers, informal learning discussions, and participant networking. The Learning Lab was attended by social accountability practitioners, researchers and donors from over 15 countries from within and outside Africa to collectively discuss the way in which social accountability is practiced in different contexts, and to learn about the challenges and successes of social accountability across the African region. The event, which was held in Manzini, Swaziland, was co-organized by World Vision (WV) and the Public Service Accountability Monitor (PSAM). [Read More>>>](#)

Citizen Engagement in Rulemaking -- Evidence on Regulatory Practices in 185 Countries

This paper presents a new database of indicators measuring the extent to which rulemaking processes are transparent and participatory across 185 countries. The data look at how citizen engagement happens in practice, including when and how governments open the policy-making process to public input. The data also capture the use of ex ante assessments to determine the possible cost of compliance with a proposed new regulation, the likely administrative burden of enforcing the regulation, and its potential environmental and social impacts. [Read More>>>](#)

FEATURED GLOBAL PARTNER

The GPSA has more than 290 Global Partners, representing more than 70 countries. [View the complete list of partners here>>>](#)

The GPSA asked Annonciata Ndikummasabo, Senior Regional Governance Adviser for the Eastern, Southern, Northern Africa and Palestine Division, from the [Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation \(SDC\)](#) about her views on social accountability. The SDC supports international development projects worldwide on behalf of the Government of Switzerland. Social Accountability is supported through governance core programs and cross-cuttingly in other sectors. [Read More>>>](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Book Launch: How Change Happens (and How to Make it Happen) | November 29, 2016 | Oxfam's Duncan Green introduces the arguments of his new book. *How Change Happens* explores how political and social change takes place, and the role of individuals and organizations in influencing that change. He discusses the challenges that 'systems thinking' creates for traditional aid practices, and how a 'power and systems approach' requires activists, whether in campaigns, companies or governments, to fundamentally rethink the way they understand the world and try to influence it. [Learn More>>>](#)

PAST EVENTS

Book Launch: Governance and Service Delivery: Practical Applications of Social Accountability across Sectors | October 27, 2016 | This book, edited by Anna Wetterberg, Derick W. Brinkerhoff, and Jana C. Hertz, examines six recent projects that pursued several different paths to engaging citizens, public officials, and service providers on issues related to accountability and sectoral services. Case studies include both sectorally-focused projects in health and education, and projects that targeted governance enhancement. [Learn More>>>](#)

Corruption in the Pharmaceutical and Health sector: Analyzing its root causes and exploring constructive paths forward | October 18, 2016 | This BBL provided a space to discuss our current knowledge about corruption in the sector, as well as on methodologies for addressing its various forms, including social accountability mechanisms. The presenter provided a brief overview of the PHP's mission and goals, and outline a recent case study conducted in Nepal on irregularities in the delivery of free medicines in 12 districts throughout the country. [Learn More & Watch the Recording>>>](#)

Engaging with the State through Social Accountability Tools | October 25, 2016 | This BBL aims at discussed Public Affairs Foundation (PAF) and Public Affairs Centre (PAC)'s recent work on Social Accountability in various sectors including sanitation, education, police, social protection, road monitoring, and municipal service delivery (such as water supply, sewerage, solid waste management). [Learn more & Watch the Recording>>>](#)

IMF-World Bank Annual Meetings Flagship Event | The Governance Gap: Why Does Half the World Distrust Government and What Can We do About It? October 6, 2016 | As part of the World Bank's high profile Annual Meetings, the Global Governance Practice (GGP) hosted a panel discussion which examined the challenges of government distrust and hold a discussion of practical solutions to bridge the governance trust gap. [Watch the Recording>>>](#)

Connect with the GPSA on Twitter [@gpsa_org](#) [#SocialAcc](#); Vimeo [@thegpsa_org](#); and Flickr [@gpsa_org](#); Join the [Knowledge Platform](#) to interact, network, share and discuss social accountability.

Don't want to receive these newsletters anymore? [Unsubscribe.](#)

Global Partnership for Social Accountability | World Bank Group | 1818 H Street, NW, Washington D.C. 20433 | Email: GPSA@worldbank.org