



Newsletter

HIGHLIGHTS

GPSA Welcomes New Steering Committee Members

The GPSA is pleased to announce the addition of four members to its Steering Committee. The Steering Committee is the GPSA's decision-making body, chaired by the World Bank with balanced representation among civil society organizations (CSOs), donors and governments. Members are rotated in a staggered manner every three years. These new members bring tremendous value, expertise and experience in the social accountability field. [Read More>>>](#)

Roundtable | Engaging Civil Society in Situations of Fragility, Conflict and Violence (FCV)

Following the sixth annual [GPSA Steering Committee](#) meeting, this roundtable on February 23 will underscore the unique contribution that the World Bank's Governance Global Practice and the GPSA can make to fragile states in the context of [IDA 18](#) commitments, through promoting inclusive governance, citizen participation and civil society monitoring and oversight. Stay tuned for more information: www.thegpsa.com/sa/events



Last year's Roundtable with [Mahmoud Mohieldin](#), Senior Vice President of 2030 Development Agenda and United Nations Relations and Partnerships at the World Bank, addressed how citizens can help drive the accountable implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals. Watch the [recording](#) and check out the photos [here](#).



Improving Maternal & Child Health in Indonesia through Social Accountability (and improving our practice)

Over the last decade, the [maternal mortality rate has decreased significantly worldwide](#) thanks to a number of initiatives aimed at improving maternal, newborn, child health, and nutrition (MNCHN) services, but there is still a long way to go. That is why in 2013, to improve MCNCHN services in Indonesia, the World Bank's [Global Partnership for Social Accountability \(GPSA\)](#) funded the [Citizen Voice and Action for Government Accountability and Improved Services: Maternal, Newborn, Infant and Child Health Services](#) project in three districts in the Nusa Tenggara Timur province. [Read More>>>](#)



Civic Tech in Social Accountability - An Interview with Fletcher Tembo of MAVC

Following the Brown Bag Lunch, Civic Tech: The Tech Community as a Social Accountability Interlocutor for Better Results, the GPSA sat down with **Fletcher Tembo**, Director of Making All Voices Count (MAVC), to discuss how developments in technology and innovation have created a new generation of social accountability, MAVC's experiences using civic tech, and how MAVC and GPSA could work together towards effective governance and accountability. [Read More>>>](#)

GLOBAL PARTNERS

A number of organizations have recently joined the GPSA partnership. [View the complete list of 290+ partners here>>>](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

Webinar | Part 2: The Art of Storytelling | February 15, 2017 | In Part 1 of this Storytelling series, we briefly talked about how and why our brains love a good story. In Part 2, we Blake Stilwell, a veteran US Air Force Combat Cameraman and writer, will discuss the power of imagery in developing a compelling narrative. Additionally, using two videos, Lysbeth Sherman from States of Minds and Janet from Fundar, will focus on storytelling methodology and will discuss step-by-step how to design content that will take your audience on a journey. Stay tuned for more information: www.gpsaknowledge.org

MOOC | Citizen Engagement: A Game Changer for Development | March 15, 2017 | Learn about citizen engagement and critically analyze how it can be leveraged most effectively to achieve development results with this free Massive Open Online Course (MOOC). The course is taught by a number of leading experts in this field, including Beth Noveck, Director of the GovLab at New York University; John Gaventa, Director of Research at the Institute of Development Studies at University of Sussex; Rakesh Rajani, Director of Civic Engagement and Government at the Ford Foundation; Danny Sriskandarajah, Secretary General of CIVICUS; and Jonathan Fox, Director of the Accountability Research Center at American University. Enroll: <http://bit.ly/cemoocedx>

PAST EVENTS

BBL | Gender & Social Inclusion in Strategic Social Accountability Approaches: Lessons from the Water Sector in Tajikistan | January 26, 2016 | Since 2014, Oxfam Tajikistan and the Consumer Union of Tajikistan, supported by a GPSA grant, have been operating the TWISA project to strengthen the capacity of citizens to develop performance standards and indicators, as well as monitor service provision and engage with service providers. Given that problems with the water and sanitation sector often have a disproportionate effect on women, their meaningful participation is emphasized throughout this process. This BBL focused on lessons learned from the process to date, and explored additional insights from other projects that have tried to address the same challenges using recommendations given by the Water Global Practice Gender Toolkit. [Learn More & Watch the Recording>>>](#)

Webinar | Part 1: An Introduction to Storytelling | January 18, 2017 | The first session of this storytelling series touched on the power of storytelling and the profound and real effects that it has on the human brain. Participants learned the basics of storytelling, including the benefits, elements and emotional experiences that can lead to advocacy and responsible social action. **[Learn More & Watch the Recording >>>](#)**

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