



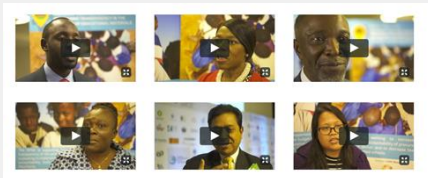
# Newsletter

## Highlights of the GPSA Global Partners Forum 2017!

Shrinking civic space, declining trust in institutions, poor access to publicly-held information, conflict, fragility and displacement around the world... These and other development challenges seem daunting to anyone. Yet to the 300+ representatives from civil society, academia, private sector, and government who recently gathered in DC, empowering citizens to work in collaboration with public authorities can make a huge difference in addressing these challenges. [Read the full report here >>>](#)



## Snap Interviews



Through some snap-interviews, various civil society representatives shared their views on how open, accountable and inclusive societies

## Forum Workshops Foster Knowledge Sharing and Learning

Through eight plenaries and 17 workshops, the GPSA Global Partners Forum also is a unique platform for knowledge sharing and learning. Many of the 38 GPSA grantees are implementing social accountability initiatives in partnership with governments in 25

can help prevent violence and conflict in fragile environments. [Watch here >>>](#)

## Video Highlights from the Forum



Revisit some of the great Global Partners Forum moments [here >>>](#)

countries to address performance and accountability challenges in service delivery, public procurement or other governmental processes. During the 4th Annual GPSA Global Partners Forum, through the GPSA-WPP Partnership, one of the key workshops focused on thinking about community engagement for inclusive water service delivery. [Read more >>>](#)



## Social Accountability in the district of Rudaki, Tajikistan: Building trust between users and water service providers

By *Stig Trommer, Senior Operations Officer, GPSA and Madina Aliberdieva, GPSA Social Accountability Specialist*

The GPSA through its CSO partner Oxfam Tajikistan is implementing a project focused on enhancing the trust between government and beneficiaries through the establishment of local water Community Advisory Boards and promoting women's engagement in decision making related to water services. With the assistance of a local CSO - Consumer Union of Tajikistan, the project managed to establish local and national platforms that ensure lasting sustainable dialogue on access to drinking water and sanitation in rural areas. [Read more >>>](#)

## OTHER NEWS

### **WBG's CE call for Nominations for the Expert Advisory Council**

The World Bank Group's Citizen Engagement Secretariat is opening a call for nominations to fill vacant seats on its 12-member Expert Advisory Council. The Advisory Council provides guidance and expertise to advance the implementation of the Strategic Framework covering such issues as social accountability and the work of the GPSA, citizen engagement in development interventions, and more. The deadline for nominations is [January 12, 2018](#). [Read more >>>](#)

### **New call by the Hewlett Foundation: help design research on citizen engagement and government responsiveness**

The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation's [Global Development and Population Program](#) seeks three-page expressions of interest (EOI) for a six-month consulting engagement to help design a potential, longer-term research collaborative to study the application of behavioral insights to civic monitoring platforms. Complete EIOs are due by [December 15, 2017](#). [Read more >>>](#)

### **Natural Resource Governance Institute is seeking a country manager for Guinea**

The NRGI is looking for a country manager to oversee its Guinea program, including a significant component of direct technical assistance to the government. Application deadline is [January 15, 2018](#). [Read more >>>](#)

## PAST EVENTS

**Webinar | To leave no one behind: Integrating SDG Anti-Corruption Targets in all other SDGs** | December 6, 2017 | Corruption presents a real threat in the achievement of SDG targets. Based on work undertaken by Transparency International and its local offices, this session explored how SDG anti-corruption targets could be integrated into all SDGs, their challenges and the specific role CSOs can play. [Learn more & watch the recording >>>](#)

**BBL | Third-Party Monitoring and Social Accountability in Challenging Environments: the experience of CARE in MNA countries** | November 22, 2017 | At the BBL was discussed best practices and lessons

learned on the use of social accountability tools as a mechanism to (1) enhance citizen voice; (2) improve public authorities' responsiveness to citizens' needs; (3) create effective spaces for dialogues between citizen satisfaction and the local governments; as well as (4) enhance citizen satisfaction. The presenter gave an overview of CARE's Governance and Social Accountability expertise in Egypt. Specific focus was given to how this has led to the design, development and implementation of third party monitoring as a social accountability tool for improving aid effectiveness. [Learn more & watch the recording >>>](#)



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