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GPSA Forum Focuses on Human Capital, Public Finance

The GPSA Global Partners Forum 2018 is approaching fast. "Money Matters: Public Finance and Social Accountability for Human Capital" is the theme for this year's Forum. Participants will seek to better understand how countries' public finances can be more effectively used to invest in improving people's wellbeing and productivity, and how citizens and CSOs can contribute towards that goal. Over 300 participants from civil society, private sector, academia, and government, are expected to attend the event at World Bank headquarters. The Forum is being organized in association with IBP and GIFT.

Kristalina Georgieva, CEO of the World Bank, will deliver remarks.

To learn more about the Forum, visit the 2017 Forum webpage, watch the short Impression Video and check out the photos from last year. Read the Forum Brief here.

Sign up quickly! Registration closes COB, Monday, October 15th!





How Investing in Youth is Investing in Peace

In Khorog, Tajikistan, Youth is generally perceived as lazy and criminal, and sporadic local conflicts only make the situation worse. Youth engagement in economic development can be a catalyst for positive results, and even for preventing conflict. [Read more about this pilot project in Tajikistan.](#)



Who are 'the people'? – Making citizen participation models work for the poor

What happens after marginalized groups and the reasons for their exclusion are identified? Read the answers [in this blog post](#) series by [Rebecca Haines](#), CARE'S Global Inclusive Governance Team, in which she discusses lessons from CARE Bangladesh' JATRA project, which was funded by a GPSA grant.



Social Accountability: Investigative Report and Radio Drama Earn Top Prizes in Malawi

Maziko Radio reporters won first prize for their outstanding investigative reporting on theft and resale of school textbooks in the inaugural Social Accountability Media Initiative community radio reporting competition in Malawi. [Read more](#)

Events & Activities

Upcoming Events

Human Capital Summit: A Global Call to Action | October 11 | 3AM EDT | [More details](#)

Past Events

From our GPSA Partners

Social Accountability Case Studies Help Tackle Corruption

Partnership for Transparency: The PTF Case Study Series showcases how civil society organizations have taken action to tackle corruption and counter failures in public service delivery around the world. Each shares interesting experiences from the field of social accountability. [Read more](#)

Directorio Legislativo will develop a Digital Platform to track Legislative Debates

Fundación Directorio Legislativo: The Bill Tracker collects information on parliamentary work to shed light on a bill's legislative process before reaching approval. The tool allows citizens to compare the changes that bills suffer throughout the debates in each committee, and to see which MP is proposing each change to the document. The pilot can be accessed [here](#). Directorio Legislativo will also publish a new measurement of the Latin American Index of Legislative Transparency. Previous editions can be accessed [here](#).

Visualizing Subway Complaints

Laboratorio de Políticas Públicas, Argentina: Through our program Subte.data we made a series of interactive visualizations showing, based on Open Data provided by the local Government, the submitted complaints in the Buenos Aires Subway. With a simple interface, it is possible to visualize citizens' demands for improvements of a service which transport over 320 millions of passengers every year. [Read more](#)

Local Reps Closes the Feedback Loop through Citizen Helpdesks in Nepal

Accountability Lab: Nepal's [Citizen Helpdesks](#) program is now coordinating with local governments as part of the federalization process in Nepal. The team is finding significant local buy-in for citizen feedback and social accountability from the bottom-up. [Read more](#)

Myths about a trillion dollar industry, busted

Open Contracting Partnership: Myth: Public contracting must be confidential. | Busted: We've talked to 70 experts from 20 countries and found little evidence that supports keeping contracting information secret.

The new [report](#) and [microsite](#) "Mythbusting Confidentiality in Public Contracting" sites 5 principles for making information public, busts 10 common myths keeping information confidential, and provides guidance on what to publish when. After reading, test your knowledge with the [Mythbusting Game!](#)

Rural Sanitation in Ganjam, Odisha: A Citizen Report Card

Youth for Social Development India: Census data from 2011 shows that 86% of households in rural Odisha do not have toilets and that 81% of households practice open defecation. A Youth for Social Development's working paper tries to understand the sanitation situation. [Read more](#).

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