

THE GPSA AT TEN: How can Social Accountability rise to today's challenges?

# 8th Global Partners Forum

## Agenda

The eighth Global Forum will seek to:

- a) facilitate knowledge sharing and learning about how collaborative social accountability has improved development outcomes,
- b) enhance knowledge and understanding of the relevance of collaborative social accountability to emerging global challenges, and
- c) inspire GPSA partners, World Bank staff and other Forum participants to engage in more effective collaborative social accountability practice.

**The Forum will take place online on June 8 and 9, with sessions from 7:30 am to 12:00 pm EDT. Click on the links below to access each day's agenda.**

The Forum includes a number of thematically focused plenary panels, spaces for interaction such as breakout sessions as well as a blend of formal discussions and informal activities.

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### Day 1: Wednesday, June 8

**7:30 – 8:10**      **Welcome and Setting the Stage**

**Fredline M'Cormack-Hale**, Forum Moderator, Associate Professor at Seton Hall University, School of Diplomacy and International Relations, IGR, Sierra Leone

**World Bank Management Inaugural Remarks**

**Juergen Voegele**, Vice President for Sustainable Development, World Bank  
**Louise Cord**, Global Director, Social Sustainability and Inclusion, World Bank

**8:10 – 8:35**      **Keynote Speech**

**Irüngü Houghton**, Director, Amnesty International Kenya

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Reflections: **Roby Senderowitch**, First GPSA Program Manager, Practice Manager, Governance Global Practice Europe and Central Asia, World Bank

**8:35 – 8:45 Session Transition**

**8:45 – 9:55 Panel 1: Health Systems in Crisis: COVID-19, Civil Society and Social Accountability**

*In this session, participants will hear from civil society about their efforts to improve accountability and evidence-based policy making, including by generating and visualizing public data on the COVID-19 pandemic. The session will showcase how CSOs can improve project implementation working with government and supplementing government monitoring systems through participatory, CSO-led third-party monitoring of World Bank COVID-19 operations. Participants will come away with insight on how collaborative approaches to social accountability can help to strengthen government responses to the COVID 19 pandemic.*

Moderator: **Fredline M’Cormack-Hale**, Forum Moderator, Associate Professor at Seton Hall University, School of Diplomacy and International Relations, IGR, Sierra Leone

Lead Session Speaker: **Oluseun Onigbinde**, Chief Executive Officer, BudGIT Foundation

Panelist: **Kahramon Bakozoda**, Executive Director, Center of Sociological Research "Zerkalo", Tajikistan

**9:55 – 10:00 Break**

**10:00 – 10:50 Panel 2: Civil Society and Government: How Can They Work Together to Create Better Public Services**

*Following a short reflection on collaborative social accountability in practice, this panel of speakers from government, civil society and academia will examine how stakeholders can build meaningful relationships, create spaces for mutually beneficial engagement, and co-create solutions to service delivery issues.*

Moderator: **Saad Mekkassi**, Advisor, GPSA

Panelists: **Tatiana Savva**, Government of Moldova, **Augustin Carrizosa**, Executive Director, *Centro de Información y Recursos para el Desarrollo*, Paraguay, **Paula Schommer**, Professor of Public Policy, Santa Catarina State University, Brazil

**10:50 – 10:55 Session Transition**

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**10:55 – 11:45 Panel 3: The Learning Crisis and Its Solutions: Contributions of Social Accountability to Education**

*With examples from three different continents, in this session, GPSA partners will discuss how collaborative social accountability can contribute to improving education outcomes; how to translate local data into actionable national information; how to build a coalition to drive policy changes, and how to anchor and sustain initiatives over the long term.*

Moderator: **Ann-Sofie Jespersen**, Sr Social Development Specialist, GPSA

Panelists: **Genedis Vincente**, Project Manager, World Vision International, Dominican Republic, **Andrew Lavali**, Executive Director, Institute for Governance Reform (IGR), Sierra Leone, **Kassem El Saddik**, Independent Consultant, Global Integrity, Jordan

**11:45 – 12:00 Takeaways and Closing of Day 1**

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Day 2: Thursday, June 9

**8-00 – 8-05 Forum Daily Recap**

**8:05 – 8:25 GPSA Update**

**Jeff Thindwa**, Program Manager, GPSA

**8:25 – 09:45 Panel 4: Climate Change: Social Accountability Matters**

*This panel session will discuss how collaborative social accountability processes may be able to strengthen climate responses, linking local, national and global accountability mechanisms, and building synergies between public sector and civil society-led social accountability interventions. It will showcase how such interventions can underscore the need for investments in community engagement, especially those most vulnerable.*

Moderator: **Fredline M’Cormack-Hale**

Lead Session Speaker: **Vani Catanasiga**, Fiji Council of Social Service

Panelists: **Nicola Bird**, IHO, **Rinora Gojani**, Balkan Green Foundation, Kosovo

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09:45 – 09:50 **Break**

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09:50 – 10:45 **Panel 5: Scaling Social Accountability to Create Lasting Change**

*Drawing on the experiences of practitioners and evaluators of GPSA projects, this session will discuss what we have learned about defining, advancing, and assessing the scale and sustainability of social accountability interventions. It will focus on insights from practice that have been validated through evaluative exercises and include the need to embrace partial results and adaptations; deliberation, compromise and collective action as key pathways to scale and sustainability; the contribution of the World Bank's non-financial support; as well as the usefulness of theory-based evaluation methods.*

Moderator: **Florencia Guertzovich**, Senior Advisor on Monitoring, Evaluation, Research and Learning, GPSA

Panelists: **Tungalag Dondogdulam**, National Coordinator, "All for Education" National Civil Society Coalition of Mongolia, **Holta Trandafil**, Senior Research Specialist, World Vision, **Alix Wadeson**, M&E Advisor

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10:45 – 11:45 **Forum Takeaways & Closing Remarks**

Forum Takeaways: **Jeff Thindwa**, Program Manager, GPSA

Closing Remarks: **Louise Cord**, Global Director, Social Sustainability and Inclusion, World Bank, **Gopa Thampi**, Director, Economic Governance – The Asia Foundation, and GPSA Steering Committee Co-Chair

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11:45 – 12:00 **Memory Book & Forum Closing**

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