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INTRODUCTION

1. During its 2014 Annual Meetings, the African Development Bank organized the Civil Society Organizations Forum (CSO Forum) on May 20th. The Forum which was held in Kigali, Rwanda, brought together about 60 participants, including Bank senior management and staff.

2. The overall objective was to reinforce the Bank Group's partnership with African Civil Societies Organizations (CSOs), as indicated in its Framework to enhance engagement with CSOs and adopted by the Board of Directors in October 2012. Specifically, the forum provided an opportunity to strengthen this partnership as well as provide a platform for dialogue and information exchange.

3. The Forum was devoted to the role of CSOs in implementing the Bank's new policies and strategies including:

- The Disclosure and Access to Information Policy;
- The Bank Group's Gender Strategy;
- The New Integrated Safeguards System (ISS).

4. The Forum also served as a platform for exchanging information with CSOs on important areas for Africa's development, namely:

- Financial Sector Development; and
- Natural Resources Management.

THE FORUM'S AGENDA

Fifty representatives from CSOs across the continent participated in the Forum. Five speakers from the Bank's departments drew from their experiences and work to make substantial contributions to the topics being discussed; and five CSO representatives moderated the panel sessions. A virtual event was organized alongside the actual CSO Forum in collaboration with the African Community of Practice (AfCoP) and bloggers from the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ghana, Kenya and Senegal. Live Twitter updates were published via AfCoP's Twitter account and other social media platforms using the hashtag #CSOForumKigali.

5. The forum was fully participatory. Participants were offered the opportunity to actively dialogue, discuss and share their experiences concerning the selected topics. They also had the opportunity to meet with the Bank's senior management to discuss relevant issues and observe the Opening and Closing Ceremonies of the Annual Meetings.

A. The CSO Forum opening ceremony

6. In her opening remarks, the Vice-President Secretary General, **Ms. Cecilia Akintomide** formally opened the forum by welcoming participants. She stressed the importance of the Bank's partnership with CSOs. This was followed by a welcome message delivered by the Bank's Director for Quality Assurance and Results Department, **Mr. Simon Mizrahi**: *"CSOs are really significant to the work we do at the Bank, helping us think about important development issues."*

7. This was followed by a pre-recorded video from the Bank's First Vice-President, **Mr. Emmanuel Mbi**, . In his speech, Mr. Mbi recalled the opportunity offered by the Forum to

engage in a useful conversation between the Bank and the CSOs, and affirmed the Bank's desire to embrace and support CSOs as invaluable partners: *"We want to hear from you, if the projects we finance at the Bank Group are having an impact. Don't underestimate the power of your voice."* He emphasized the importance of rich contributions and ideas from CSOs in helping advance the Bank's development agenda of a better Africa, particularly suggestions for collaboration in implementing the Bank's new policies and strategies.

B. Plenary sessions

SESSION 1: *Enhancing development outcomes in Bank financed projects through Disclosure and Access to Information (DAI)*

8. The first plenary session focused on the role of CSOs in disclosure and public access to information in regional member countries (RMCs). It also highlighted the Bank's strategies for providing the public with information. In doing so, it explained how interested parties can request for information that is not listed.

9. The session was moderated by **Ms. Lise-Laure Etia**, a journalist with TV5 Monde, while **Mr. Mike Salawou**, Adviser to the Bank's Vice-President Secretary General and DAI Team Coordinator, presented the Disclosure and Access to Information Policy: He noted :*"AfDB agrees to provide maximum disclosure unless there is compelling reason not to do so."*

10. The Disclosure and Access to Information (DAI) Policy, became effective on February 3, 2013. It re-affirms the Bank's commitment to the principles of good governance, particularly transparency, accountability and information sharing, mostly pertaining to its operations and ensure greater access to the Bank Group's information and documents.

11. ***Questions raised during the session:***

- How can citizens across Africa gain easy access to Bank information, particularly regarding education?
- Is there any Bank initiative to share its best practices and good experiences with governments, particularly Ministries of Economy and Finances?

12. ***Key points:***

- The Bank's Map Africa platform was announced during the CSO Forum and launched during the Annual Meetings official opening. The interactive platform, graphically displays the Bank's investments across the continent.
- While the Bank has the responsibility of informing people about its activities, CSOs should also play a role in informing people.
- We must focus on accessibility and proximity to ensure better diversification and understanding of CSOs.
- The new features of the DAI policy helps the Bank bring civil society stakeholders into the decision-making process earlier.

SESSION 2: *Building knowledge, implementing policy and driving strategy for management of natural resources*

13. The objective of this session was to introduce the Africa Natural Resources Center (ANRC), a new department in charge of Natural Resources Management at the Bank, and to discuss ways of promoting efficient resource management by CSOs, in order to support inclusive economic growth and social development.

14. The second session was chaired by the WWF Country Director in DRC, **Dr. Raymond Lumbuenamo**. The Bank's Director of ANRC, **Ms. Sheila Khama**, stressed the role of the Bank in enhancing resource management to support inclusive economic growth and social development. The ANRC is AfDB's focal point for building knowledge, implementing policy and driving strategy for management of natural resources. It aims at promoting efficient management of natural resources to transform this wealth into inclusive economic growth.

15. ***Questions raised during the session:***

- Who benefits from the illegal exploitation of natural resources and how manage this?
- How can CSOs promote the efficient management of natural resources to sustain economic growth?
- How can we provide jobs for young Africans with the continent's natural resources?

16. ***Key points:***

- There are unique set up challenges in Africa so members of CSOs must speak with one voice.
- The future lies in empowering CSOs to voice constituents' concerns.
- There is a clear contrast between natural resources wealth and poverty in Africa.
- Effective border control is lacking across Africa and this serves as a basis for the illegal exploitation of natural resources on the continent.
- Africa is full of raw materials. More focus should be paid on processing raw materials for manufacture of secondary goods.
- Without knowledge, CSOs cannot proactively and meaningfully have conversations with governments.
- The public generally feels that CSOs are the future. Empowered CSOs are reflective of Africa's future.
- Countries must explore how they can protect natural resources before embarking on exploitation.

  The question of jobs is not restricted to natural resources, but is rather an industrial development question for each country.

SESSION 3: *Developing Africa's financial sector*

17. The objective of this session was to introduce the Financial Sector Development Department (OFSD) as well as the Bank's proposed approach on "increasing the reach, depth and breadth of financial systems".

18. The third session was chaired by **Dr. Emmanuel Akwete**, Director of the Institute for Democratic Governance (IDEG) in Ghana, and presented by **Mr. Stefan Nalletamby**, Director of the Bank's Financial Sector Development Department.

19. Following the Bank's 2013-2022 strategy, which aims at achieving Inclusive and Green Growth, the Bank's Financial Sector Development Department (OFSD) was established as a dedicated department. OFSD'S mandate is to help Regional Member Countries (RMCs) increase the reach, depth and breadth of financial systems.

20. ***Questions and issues raised during the session:***

- What are the AfDB's expected outcomes in developing Africa's financial sector?
- What is the Bank doing to improve women's financial access?
- AfDB should put in place a platform or network in Africa to exchanges views and knowledge on financial sector development.
- Document local level success stories in order to help implement the Bank's Financial Sector Development Strategy.

21. ***Key points:***

- Financial Sector Development Department seeks to develop Africa's financial sector.
- The Bank's expected outcomes for financial sector development are investing, saving and insuring.
- The Bank Group started offering trade finance following the 2008 global economic crisis, and supports import/export over 1 or 2 years.
- A key challenge faced by the Bank: only 23% of Africans have access to bank accounts.
- African governments must allow change in the financial sector, but should also monitor it closely. Governance is the key.
- Africa is leading in financial sector technologies. Innovation is the key.
- Finance has to respond to the value chain approach in order to enhance development.
- Financial education for Africa's women is essential for African development and is hence part of the Bank Group's mandate..

SESSION 4: *Promoting socially inclusive and environmentally sustainable growth*

22. The objective was to present the Bank's new integrated safeguards system and discuss CSOs' involvement in its implementation.

23. The fourth session was led by **Mr. Mamadou Goïta**, Chair of the CSO Coalition, and presented by **Dr. Anthony Nyong**, Manager of the Bank's Compliance & Safeguards Division.

24. The Bank's new Integrated Safeguards System (ISS), is a cornerstone of the Bank's strategy to promote growth that is socially inclusive and environmentally sustainable. With the Integrated Safeguards, the Bank is better equipped to address emerging environmental and social development challenges.

25. ***Questions raised during the session:***

- What is the key to a socially and environmentally sustainable growth?

- What mechanisms are in place to ensure that CSO reports are well received?

26. ***Key points:***

- Socially and environmentally sustainable growth requires a policy of inclusive development.
- The world is going through an ecological revolution; one which Africa must participate in as we have what it takes.
- The ISS helps ensure a holistic approach to the Bank's activities. For instance, while studies show that an increase in education increases water use, the question we should be asking is whether people in education are thinking with water in mind.
- The new Bank's Safeguards System brings all bank policies together, and is described as "one of forefront systems" in its field.

SESSION 5: *Investing in Gender Equality for Africa's Transformation*

27. The session's objective was to present the Bank's Gender Strategy and explore possible partnerships with CSOs for its implementation.

28. This last session was chaired by **Ms. Madeleine Mukamabano**, journalist at Radio France International (RFI), and presented by the Bank's Special Envoy on Gender, **Ms. Geraldine Fraser-Moleketi**.

29. The Bank Group's Gender Strategy: Investing in Gender Equality for Africa's Transformation was adopted in January 2014 and will guide the Bank's contributions to inclusive growth and social progress in Africa by broadening opportunities for women and men to participate equally in, and benefit from, the creation of wealth.

30. ***Questions raised during the session:***

- How can we address the lack of cattle and land title rights for African women?
- How can CSOs help the Bank to ensure gender equality across the African continent?

31. ***Key points:***

- As the main agents of social change, the involvement of CSOs in advancing gender equality is crucial.
- The Bank is working to ensure that women and young have increasing access and control to financial resources.
- Every self-respecting government would want to engage the majority of its population.
- Women and girls education is essential to national development.
- The time has come for better collaboration between men and women to advance gender development in Africa.
- The Bank's Gender Strategy will enable women and men to participate in the creation of wealth and benefit of it.
- CSOs can get things done.

C. The closing ceremony

32. The closing remarks were delivered by **M. Simon Mizrahi**. He thanked and congratulated the participants for their active participation in the CSO Forum. He also emphasized the cohesion between the CSO Forum and Bank's framework for enhanced CSO engagement (October 2012), as well as its usefulness in addressing key topics and modalities of the Bank's Ten Year Strategy. He concluded by strongly emphasizing the importance of building a partnership between CSOs and the Bank.

33. The final remark was made the African Development Bank's former President, **Mr. BabacarN'Diaye.** He thanked all the participants for their presence and effective participation, and stressed the role CSOs play in Africa's development: *"the CSOs in Africa today are the guarantors of security and development."*

CONCLUSION

34. The CSO Forum at the Bank Group's Annual Meetings 2014 allowed: (i) an open discussion that provided inputs on specific challenges related to the Bank Policies; and (ii) an exchange of views on how to take the collaboration between the Bank and CSOs forward in implementing and operationalizing the Bank policies with a focus on innovative approaches.

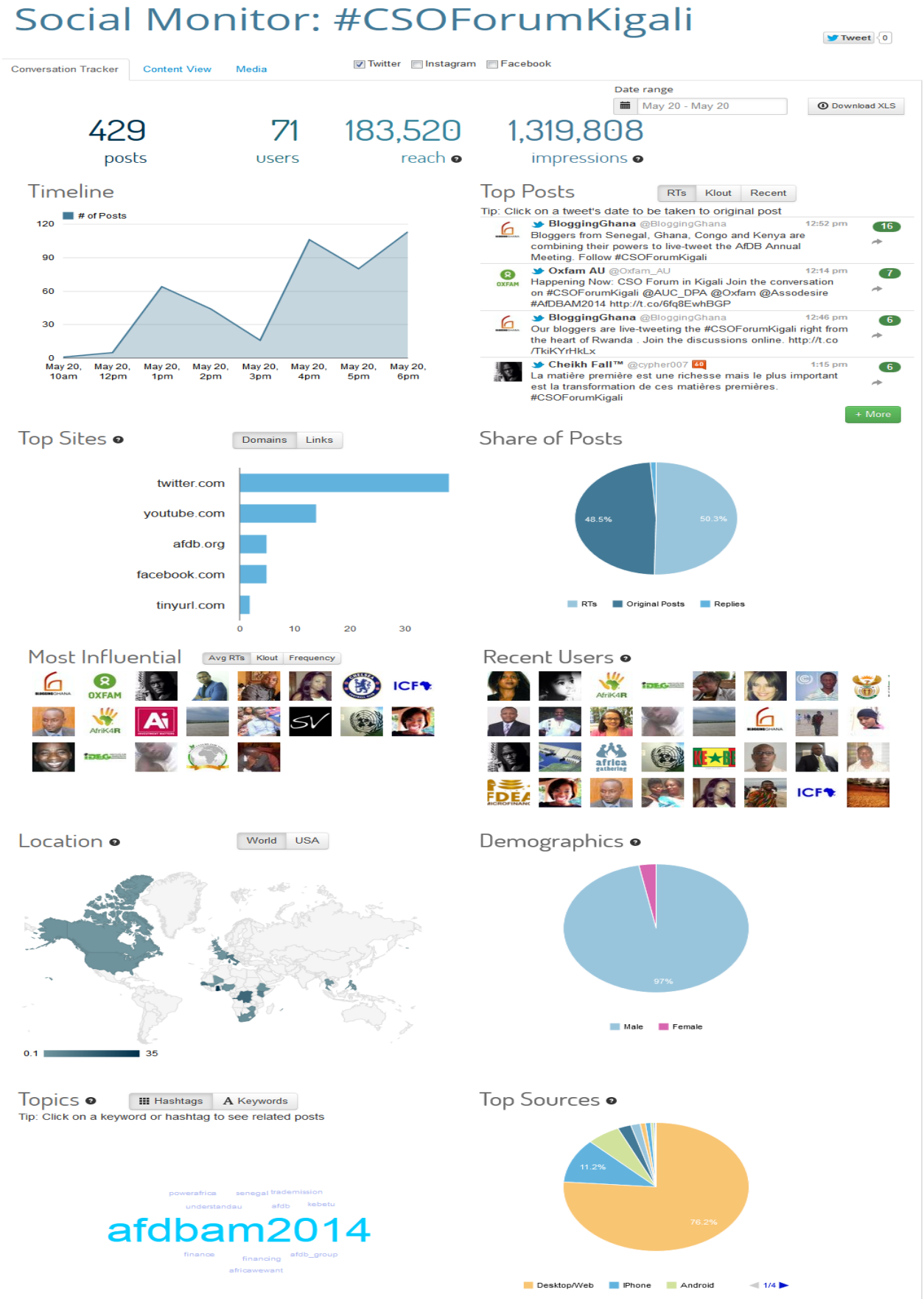
35. To increase its visibility and expand its audience, the Forum was both physical and virtual. Indeed, highlights of the event were simultaneously reported through social media such as Twitter and live streaming was available via YouTube. The virtual audience was able to interact with the speakers and other guests and participate by watching the live YoutTube video stream and submitting their contributions through AfCoP's Twitter platform and the hashtag #CSOForumKigali. The introduction of social media served as an opportunity for innovation, outreach and interaction. With simultaneous online moderation, several questions and comments of virtual participants were introduced and discussed on-site and later transmitted online.

36. In terms of numbers, 71 Twitters accounts actively tweeted using the hashtag #CSOForumKigali and 150,000 users were reached on various continents including Africa, Europe, North America and Asia. Top African Countries from which participants interacted include (i) Ghana; (ii) Senegal; (iii) Congo, DR; (iv) Kenya; (v) Rwanda and (vi) South Africa while among non-African countries top countries include (i) Italy; (ii) United States; (iii) France; (iv) Great Britain; (v) Canada and (vi) Philippines.

37. The new type of partnership between the Bank and CSOs, the participants requires:

- Access to information and a policy of access and production in both directions;
- New citizen dynamics for inclusive development, taking into account the weight of young people and women;
- Political will for the exploitation and management of natural resources in Africa; and
- Mainstreaming of gender policies and strategies as part of Africa's development efforts.

ANNEX 1


Social Monitor: #CSOForumKigali
Tweet 0
Conversation Tracker
Content View
Media
Twitter
Instagram
Facebook
Date range
May 20 - May 20
Download XLS
429 posts
71 users
183,520 reach
1,319,808 impressions
Timeline
# of Posts
120
90
60
30
0
May 20, 10am
May 20, 12pm
May 20, 1pm
May 20, 2pm
May 20, 3pm
May 20, 4pm
May 20, 5pm
May 20, 6pm
Top Posts
RTs
Klout
Recent
Tip: Click on a tweet's date to be taken to original post
BloggingGhana @BloggingGhana 12:52 pm
Bloggers from Senegal, Ghana, Congo and Kenya are combining their powers to live-tweet the AfDB Annual Meeting. Follow #CSOForumKigali
16
Oxfam AU @Oxfam_AU 12:14 pm
Happening Now: CSO Forum in Kigali Join the conversation on #CSOForumKigali @AUC_DPA @Oxfam @Assodesire #AfDBAM2014 http://t.co/6fq8EwhBGP
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BloggingGhana @BloggingGhana 12:46 pm
Our bloggers are live-tweeting the #CSOForumKigali right from the heart of Rwanda . Join the discussions online. http://t.co/TkiKYrHkLx
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La matière première est une richesse mais le plus important est la transformation de ces matières premières. #CSOForumKigali
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+ More
Top Sites
Domains
Links
twitter.com
youtube.com
afdb.org
facebook.com
tinyurl.com
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10
20
30
Share of Posts
48.5%
50.3%
RTs
Original Posts
Replies
Most Influential
Avg RTs
Klout
Frequency
Recent Users
Location
World
USA
0.1
35
Demographics
97%
Male
Female
Topics
Hashtags
Keywords
Tip: Click on a keyword or hashtag to see related posts
powerafrica
senegal
trademission
understandau
afdb
kebetu
afdbam2014
finance
financing
afdb_group
africawewant
Top Sources
11.2%
76.2%
Desktop/Web
IPhone
Android
1/4

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