

World Bank Technical Advisory Group

Voice, Agency and Participation

12:30 – 5:00pm, 14 March, 2013

Washington, DC

AGENDA

12:30-1:30 pm	<p>Lunch & Introduction to the Report</p> <p><i>Presentation:</i> Jeni Klugman, Director Gender and Development, will present an overview of the reports objectives, approach and process.</p> <p><i>Discussion:</i> with a focus on the linkages between women’s agency, endowments and opportunities.</p> <p>Lunch will be served.</p>
1:30-3:00pm	<p>Diagnostics – systemic constraints</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Overlapping disadvantages</i> Introduction: Stephan Klasen, University of Gottingen.• <i>Social and Cultural Norms</i> Introduction: Kathleen Kuehnast, Gender and Peacebuilding Center, USIP <p><i>Discussion, with a focus on:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The most salient aspects of overlapping disadvantage (age, poverty, widowhood etc) for each expression of agency. How do these vary across groups or regions?• How we can better measure and monitor changes in agency.• The expressions of agency that are most critical for different groups of women.• The factors inhibit changes in norms, and how laws and institutions can perpetuate discriminatory norms.• The inhibiting factors for collective action or the taking up of new technologies.
3:00-3:10pm	<p>Coffee break</p>
3:10-4:40 pm	<p>Prospects for change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Legal systems and institutions</i> Introduction: Cheryl Doss, Yale University• <i>Collective action</i> Introduction: Lori Michau, Raising Voices• <i>New technologies</i> Introduction: Lawrence Yanovitch, GSMA <p><i>Discussion, with a focus on:</i></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The types of processes that have facilitated changes in norms and/or legal or institutional reforms that have had expanded agency. • Considerations to ensure that legal and institutional reforms and new technologies have intended effects on agency and minimize potential risks. • How policies and programmatic interventions can be sensitive to the reality that changes in social and cultural norms can affect different groups of women differently. • The types of collective action that have been most beneficial in enabling agency. Are there interventions that can foster collective agency of this nature? • The role of new technologies in increasing women’s agency and the differences between women and men’s use of and needs related to new technologies and ICTs.
4:40-5:00pm	Summary and wrap up