

Review of the Inspection Panel's Toolkit

The World Bank Inspection Panel (IPN) is an independent accountability mechanism for people and communities who believe that they have been, or are likely to be, adversely affected by a World Bank-funded project. The Board of Executive Directors created the IPN in 1993 to ensure that people have access to an independent body to express their concerns and seek recourse.

For 25 years, the IPN has been a leader in its field, and has been instrumental in bringing certain projects into compliance with World Bank policies and more importantly, in providing the basis for action to help people in affected communities who may have been harmed due to the Bank-funded project.

Appreciative of the Inspection Panel's role, a Working Group of the World Bank Board's Committee on Development Effectiveness (CODE) is engaged in a review of the Inspection Panel's Toolkit to determine whether it should be revised to enhance the Panel's effectiveness. The review will be informed by a 2018 external qualitative assessment of the IPN toolkit, as well as by feedback from a variety of stakeholders, including civil society organizations.

As part of this review, the Working Group welcomes your views on specific potential additional roles for the IPN and how the IPN compares with other mechanisms, with a focus on the following: (i) offering advisory services; (ii) "monitoring" action plans; (iii) problem solving/dispute resolution; (iv) the cutoff date for filing complaints (time limit eligibility); and (v) communication with requesters. The Working group is also (vi) assessing the extension of Panel case eligibility to Bank-Executed Trust Funds (BETFs) and (vii) determining whether accountability gaps may exist in the context of Bank co-financing operations as a result of differences between the respective institutions' accountability mechanisms and would welcome your views on these questions.

Interested parties may submit comments [here](#) from 9/18/2008 to 9/30/2018. All comments received will be published online at the end of the consultation period alongside a summary of key points made. The Working Group is expected to make recommendation to CODE by the end of October 2018.