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FEDN Member Grace Nzou partners with CIPE to conduct a training.

FEDN Member News

FEDN's Steering Committee, of which CIPE serves as secretariat, released a statement concerning COVID-19 and the economic recovery. The statement highlights how FEDN values should inform crisis response, suggests several actionable solutions, and concludes by stating why FEDN values offer the "ingredients necessary" to solve these challenges. You can read the full statement here.

Boris Begovic recently published a <u>book review</u> of "Capitalism, Alone: The Future of the System That Rules the World" by Branko Milanovic. In the review, Begovic examines the author's assertion that only capitalism remains, but which version: liberal capitalism or political capitalism?

Grace Nzou, Communications Expert and CEO of Niusline Media Limited, partnered with CIPE Africa to offer a <u>webinar</u> discussing how organizations, namely associations and chambers, can use empirical data from simple surveys to tell a full story of COVID-19's impact and identifiable trends.

CIPE News

CIPE Executive Director, Andrew Wilson released a "Statement on Democracy, Racial Equality, and Justice" addressing the United States' history of civic activism and the need to protect demonstrators in the public square. The statement identifies the "economic, social, educational, and institutional barriers" perpetuating racism in the United States. Wilson emphasizes the need for "dialogue and meaningful action" to solve these problems. You can read the full statement here.

The Diplomatic Courier and CIPE published a new <u>report</u>, "After the Pandemic, Vol 2, A Global Economic Recovery Roadmap", laying out a global economic recovery roadmap that can provide guidance post-pandemic for nations and corporations for years to come. The report builds on CIPE Executive Director Andrew Wilson's <u>"Six Essential Themes for an Economic Recovery Roadmap"</u>. CIPE experts across the globe have used Andrew's roadmap to expand on these six essential themes as well as other factors that will help usher us to a global economic recovery.

CIPE released a new <u>case study</u>, "Mitigating Governance Risks From Investment in Southeast Asia", which examines Chinese capital flows to six countries. Of the countries covered in the report, all demonstrate how Chinese foreign direct investment, along with

other investments, expose governance shortcomings. You can download the full report here.

Announcements

The Open Internet for Democracy Leaders Program - a collaboration between the <u>Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE)</u>, the <u>National Democratic Institute (NDI)</u>, and the <u>Center for International Media Assistance (CIMA)</u> - is a ten-month, non-resident leadership program that empowers emerging leaders from across the globe to build their advocacy and organizing skills to protect internet freedom.

Open Internet for Democracy Leaders are a unique cohort of global advocates from civic organizations, media, and the private sector who are passionate about protecting and promoting an open internet. Check out thought pieces on internet freedom authored by current and former Leaders and the collective project of the inaugural cohort, the Open Internet for Democracy Advocacy Playbook.

The program is now accepting applications for the 2020-2021 cohort. This year's theme focuses on "Strengthening Democratic Digital Governance: Raising Local Voices for Digital Rights." To read more about the theme, our selection criteria, and to start your application, visit our website. We also encourage you to share this announcement with your networks.

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Good Reads & Resources

- CIPE's released a <u>new episode</u> in its podcast series, "Democracy That Delivers,"
 discussing the pandemic's impact on supply chains and national security. The
 podcast features Nicole Y. Lamb-Hale, Managing Director at Kroll, a division of Duff
 & Phelps. Lamb-Hale brings more than 25 years of experience in global commercial
 and compliance matters to the discussion.
- CIPE's Knowledge Management Program Associate Adam Goldstein wrote a <u>blog</u>
 highlighting the informal vendor community's struggles during COVID-19 and
 emphasizing the importance of informal vendor associations. Adam found that
 informal vendor associations effectively communicated needs to decision makers
 and used collective action to petition for reform.
- The Journal of Democracy recently published a <u>discussion</u> with comparativists
 Steven Levitsky and Lucan Way on the current state of Competitive
 Authoritarianism. The conversation focuses on their <u>contribution</u> to the January 2020 edition of the Journal of Democracy, assessing the diffusion of competitive authoritarianism in the West.

Free Enterprise and Democracy Network news informs network members about events, opportunities, and resources related to free enterprise and democracy. Please send suggestions for the newsletter, announcements, and requests to the secretariat (kbettcher@cipe.org; agoldstein@cipe.org)

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