



## AGNA member's profiles

### **Afghan NGO Coordination Bureau - Afghanistan**

The Afghan NGO Coordination Bureau (ANCB) was founded in 1991 as a non-governmental, non-political, and not-for-profit organisation operating to coordinate the activities of Afghan NGOs (200 members) in health, agriculture, human rights, women empowerment, education, environment, protection, capacity building and civic education sector all working towards emergency, rehabilitation and development of Afghanistan. ANCB strives to enhance the capacity of its member organisations through workshops, seminars, as well as building partnerships with other organisations for the enhancement of technical capacity. Thus, ANCB acts as a powerful common forum for Afghan NGOs. For more information, visit [www.ancb.org](http://www.ancb.org)

### **FONGA- Forum for Angolan NGOs – Angola**

FONGA is a forum of over 150 member organizations. It promotes and facilitates cooperation among NGO's nationwide and represents their interests both locally and internationally. FONGA, in addition, plays a facilitating role by organizing workshops and seminars on community development and conflict resolution despite the difficulties and dangers of working in an area ravaged by civil war.

### **Argentinian Network of International Cooperation- Red Argentina de Cooperacion Internacional (RACI)**

The Argentine Network for International Cooperation (RACI) is an organization made up of 90 Civil Society Organizations (CSO) from Argentina. The organization seeks to be a link between CSOs who perform social investment for development in the country. Its main objective is to create a space for exchange and dialogue between actors in order to strengthen their contribution to the social transformation of Argentina. Through its areas of work and programs, the network contributes to the institutional strengthening of CSOs capacities through seminars, workshops, lectures and discussions. For more information, visit <http://www.raci.org.ar/>

### **BANGO- Barbados Association of NGO's – Barbados**

BANGO, best described as a National Focal Point for Civil Society, was established in 1997 to deliver critical services to Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) and offer technical and other support to facilitate the work of CSOs. The organisation is mandated to keep CSOs abreast of civil society affairs, especially those which are unrepresented or under-represented, and to encourage their participation in the national and regional policy-making and decision-making processes. BANGO's reputation is such that it is regularly consulted by all three social partners, leaders of Government, Labour and the Private Sector, on issues of national importance as they seek to engage wide Civil Society participation in their plans and activities. It is a public service for all CSOs in Barbados. For more information, visit [www.bango.org.bb](http://www.bango.org.bb).

**RESOCIDE: Civil Society Organisation Network for Development - Burkina Faso**

RESOCIDE is the French acronym for the Civil Society Organization Network for Development. RESOCIDE is a network formed by 14 organizations in 2002 with the legal status of a national association under the Law 10/92 governing the association freedom in Burkina Faso. RESOCIDE has three main intervention areas; 1) the contribution to fair global governance. In partnership with other organizations and networks worldwide, it takes part in different movements aimed at setting justice and peace in the world. 2) Conducts research on the different aspects of civil society and 3) promotes human rights at national level. To achieve its different goals, RESOCIDE has developed links with some regional and global civil society umbrellas like the West African Civil Society Forum (WACSOF), the West African Human Rights Defenders Network (ROADDH), and CIVICUS.

At national level, RESOCIDE initiated a coalition of CSOs to monitor public policies, particularly in the field of poverty reduction and decentralization called CDC/CSLP which it chairs.

**Imagine Canada –Canada**

Imagine Canada is the result of a union of two of Canada's leading charitable umbrella organizations: the Canadian Centre for Philanthropy (CCP), and the Coalition of National Voluntary Organizations (NVO). After an extensive consultative process, Imagine Canada was launched in January 2005. It is a national charitable organization whose cause is Canada's charities and nonprofits. They work on a variety of issues and challenges that face the sector, often in partnership, including funding, human resources, volunteerism, governance, sector accountability and better understanding of the sector through research. Imagine Canada is also a forum and meeting place where the sector can come together to mobilize, share knowledge and best practices. For more information, visit [www.imaginecanada.ca](http://www.imaginecanada.ca)

**CANGO: China Association for NGO Cooperation – China**

The China Association for NGO Cooperation (CANGO) is a non-profit membership organization founded in 1992. Since its founding, CANGO has acted as an intermediary agency and partners with over 170 foreign NGOs, bilateral and multilateral organizations and Chinese NGOs to enhance fundraising, provision of technical support and capacity building of grassroots NGOs in China. CANGO's mission is to create a strong, empowered network of Chinese NGOs to address poverty alleviation, environmental protection and social development, particularly in China's poor, remote and minority-inhabited areas. For more information, visit [www.cango.org](http://www.cango.org)

**CIANGO: Cook Island Association of NGOs – Cook Island**

CIANGO aims to promote and enhance the advancement of NGOs, in their quest for quality life for its members and their families, in social, economic, political, cultural, spiritual and environmental sustainable development. CIANGO is a non-governmental, non-profitable, non-political organization established to promote healthy and sustainable development of NGOs in the country through the provision of training, services and information and through encouraging collaborating and communication between NGOs, government, regional and international organisations and funding agencies.

**Alianza ONG - Dominican Republic**

Alianza ONG, established in 1995, is one of the main multi-sectorial networks of NGO's in the Dominican Republic, whose mission is to improve the Third Sector and its role within civil society. It mainly works in four key areas for the promotion of non-profit organizations and the socio-economic development of the country. These include; institutional development, the relationship between State and non-profit organisations, strengthening of private social investment and inter-sectorial strategic alliances, and volunteering. Among its main achievements in terms of program development, Alianza ONG, through its youth volunteerism

program, Sirve Quisqueya, works to create opportunities for young people in solidarity action. For more information, visit [www.alianzaong.org.do](http://www.alianzaong.org.do)

#### **SHABAKA: Arab Network For NGOs**

The establishment of the Arab Network for NGOs in 1997 is based on a recommendation issued by the 2nd Conference of Arab NGOs (Cairo, May 1997). The Arab Network for NGOs is an Arab developmental, non-governmental, and non-profit organization based in Cairo, Egypt. The Arab Network aims at contributing in strengthening the coordination and cooperation among Arab Federations and NGOs working in the field of human sustainable development, strengthening and developing the capacity building of Arab NGOs, and in promoting Arab voluntary action. Its main areas of activity consist in training workers and volunteers in Arab NGOs in developing the capacity building of organizations and training of Arab trainers, conducting action-oriented research and studies, establishing data-bases specialized in Arab NGOs, publishing a periodical newsletter intended at exchange of knowledge and information concerning voluntary work and at favoring cooperation and coordination among Arab NGOs, and organizing conferences and workshops. For more information, visit [www.shabakaegypt.org](http://www.shabakaegypt.org)

#### **NCVO: National Council for Voluntary Organisations – England**

Founded in 1919, we are the largest umbrella body for the voluntary and community sector in England, with sister councils in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. NCVO has over 8,400 members, meaning that they represent and support almost half the voluntary sector workforce. NCVO campaigns on generic issues affecting the voluntary sector, such as the role of the voluntary organisations in public service delivery and the future of local government. They have several specialist teams who provide information, advice and support to others working in or with the voluntary sector: NCVO publications, run networking and training events, manage and facilitate a range of forums and networks for staff and volunteers working in specific areas, provide direct support to organizations through the NCVO Consultancy service, and NCVO's helpdesk which provides information and support for its members. For more information, visit [www.ncvo-vol.org.uk](http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk)

#### **NENO: Network of Estonian Nonprofit Organisations – Estonia**

The Network of Estonian Nonprofit Organizations, or NENO for short, is the single and largest Estonian organization uniting public benefit nonprofit organizations. It was established in 1991 as the Estonian Foundation Center and opened its membership to associations in 1994. NENO unites approximately 110 (subject to increase in coming years) large and medium-sized active and operational public benefit nonprofit organizations in Estonia from all fields. NENO's goals are to foster development trends and provide support services to Estonian nonprofits, increase public awareness, advocate for the interests of its members and other public benefit NGOs, and improve working relationships with the public and business sectors. Furthermore, NENO's work is divided between three programs: 1. the development program, which deals with legislative creation and relationships between third and public sector, 2. the information and support program, which deals with trainings and information sharing to strengthen NGO capacity, and 3. the membership program, which offers various services to members like counseling. For more information, visit [www.ngo.ee](http://www.ngo.ee)

#### **FCOSS: Fiji Civil Society Organizations – Fiji**

FCOSS is the umbrella body of civil society organisations in Fiji. It is based in Suva and has 300 members and 200 associated members. FCOSS is a non-profit organisation and was established in 1957. Over the last 50 years it has been working with individual CSOs and collaborating with government agencies in the areas of social welfare, health, education, community development and environment awareness. There are three main goals of FCOSS, which include advancing social justice and economic development, fostering a strong community welfare sector and capacity building for CSOs.

**KEPA: The Finnish NGO Platform -Finland**

Kepa is the umbrella organisation for Finnish civil society organisations (CSOs) who work with development cooperation or are otherwise interested in global affairs. At the moment Kepa has more than 300 member organisations, ranging from small voluntary-based organisations to major national organisations. Kepa was founded in 1985 to coordinate the Finnish Volunteer Service, through which dozens of professional volunteers were sent to work in developing countries. The programme was scaled down after 1995, and Kepa's work today mainly involves strengthening civil society both in Finland and in developing countries, with the ultimate goal of changing the socioeconomic structures and processes that lead to impoverishment.

Kepa's main activities include training, advisory services and development policy work. For more information, visit <http://www.kepa.fi/>

**GAPVOD: Ghana Association of Private Voluntary Organisations in Development - Ghana**

Established in 1980, GAPVOD has grown to include the participation of nearly 400 local, national and international NGOs. Members are located across Ghana, representing various regions and interest areas. The main aim of the Association is to enhance the development of NGOs and the private development sector in which they operate. For more information, visit [www.gapvod.kabissa.org](http://www.gapvod.kabissa.org)

**VANI: Voluntary Action Network India –India**

VANI was founded in 1990 and it is now the largest apex body of voluntary organisations with 19 Network Federations, 322 Organisations and 42 Individuals as its members. It has a strong base of 2500 Voluntary organisations, spread out in almost all states of India. VANI has also become a coordinating agency for strengthening similar national networks in Asia. Among its main achievements, VANI has advocated for the simplification of acts, rules and regulations pertaining to the voluntary sector, built the capacity of voluntary organisations, and ensured transparency, accountability and democracy in voluntary organisations. For more information, visit [www.vaniindia.org](http://www.vaniindia.org)

**The Wheel – Ireland**

The Wheel was an idea articulated for the first time in 1998 by people across the sector who felt that a connecting network would be a good idea for groups working both locally and nationally. An office with a CEO was established in October 2000 based in the Carmichael Centre for Voluntary Groups in Dublin. They have successfully lobbied Government for additional funding for the sector, for supportive charity regulation and for a more structured relationship between the sector and the state. More than 2,500 people attend their events annually. Recently, in 2007 The Wheel developed its current 5-year strategy. It identifies the following four strategic goals for the organisation: 1. Improve the legal, political and operational environment for the community and voluntary sector, 2. Strengthen the capacity of organisations to get things done, 3. Build public support for the sector, and Strengthen The Wheel's own ability to deliver. For more information, visit [www.wheel.ie](http://www.wheel.ie)

**Ittijah: the Union of Arab Community Based Associations in Israel – Israel**

Ittijah, created in 1995 and based in Haifa, Israel, is a network of Palestinian NGO's working to strengthen the development of Palestinian civil society and advocating for political, economic, and social change. Thus, Ittijah implements various activities and projects with the objective of potentialising Arab organisations at the institutional level and to working within networks. Some of its activities include; 1. Educational programs and the defense of human rights., 2. Local visits to diplomats, means of communication, NGO's, activists and students, 3. informative online bulletin, and, 4. help with English and the search for funding for members. For more information, visit [www.ittijah.org](http://www.ittijah.org)

**ADA: Association of Development Agencies – Jamaica**

The Association of Development Agencies (ADA) is one of Jamaica's oldest development agencies. The primary objectives of ADA, when formed in 1985, was to promote sustainable development and social change, creating a framework for debate, policy, advocacy, analysis and systematic study of global and macro issues that build the capacity of the collective to undertake development, education and research. A further objective was to assist in information exchange and coordination of efforts among the NGO community. For more information, visit [www.ada.caribbeanngos.net](http://www.ada.caribbeanngos.net)

**JACO: The Japan Association of Charitable Organisations – Japan**

JACO was established in 1972 and has grown to be the largest umbrella body in the non-profit organisation sector in Japan with 1,500 organisations as members. In the course of 37 years, JACO has been a highly effective advocator representing not only the view of its members but also the whole sector to government and other sectors. It has taken the lead in research and analysis on the NPO sector of Japan. JACO's new goal is to promote and support non-profit activities operated by NPOs and contribute to the further development of the third sector in Japan. To achieve this goal, JACO has developed three main programs: 1. dissemination and enlightenment program on NPO activities, 2. operational support and capacity development program for NPO activities, and 3. promotion of research and advocacy campaign program on NPO activities, organizations and systems. For more information, visit [www.kohokyo.or.jp](http://www.kohokyo.or.jp)

**Partners-Jordan- Jordan**

Partners-Jordan, is a Jordanian not for profit organization, committed to advance civil society, promoting mediation, conflict management and culture of change, and encouraging citizen participation in Jordan's social and political development. Their objectives are to provide capacity building and facilitate multi sartorial initiatives to promote the advancement of civil society organizations in Jordan; promote mediation as a profession in Jordan; provide conflict and change management training and services; promote good governance, and organizational management; and promote citizens participation in Jordan's social and political development. For more information, visit: [www.partners-jordan.org](http://www.partners-jordan.org)

**Kenya National Council of NGOs –Kenya**

The National Council of NGOs, popularly known as the NGO Council, is a self-regulating, non-partisan body comprising all registered NGOs in Kenya. It was established in August 1993. Members are active in a cross section of sectors including: agriculture, water, education, environment, health, human rights, gender and development, children's rights, poverty alleviation, peace, population, training, counseling, small scale enterprises, disability and many others. The NGO Council's mandate is self-regulation of the NGO sector, capacity building for the sector and policy intervention. Thus, it enhances the self-regulation of its members, and assists them to realize their potential in improving services that improve the socio-economical status of Kenyan society in pursuit of sustainable development. For more information, visit [www.ngocouncil.org](http://www.ngocouncil.org)

**Kyrgyzstan NGO Coalition "For Democracy and Civil Society – Kyrgyzstan**

Coalition of NGOs is a non-partisan and neutral organisation working on strengthening democracy and building civil society uniting more than 130 NGOs in Kyrgyzstan. The objectives of coalition members include the support of a lawful, honest, objective, and democratic election system, civic education, public advocacy, and participation in reform of government on local, regional and national levels. For more information, visit [www.ngo.kg](http://www.ngo.kg)

**Civic alliance – Latvia**

Civic Alliance - Latvia (CAL) is an umbrella NGO headquartered in Latvia, which was founded in 2004. It unites more than 107 non-governmental organizations and private members, which represent more than 30 000 socially active people in Latvia. The goal of the association is to improve the legal and financial environment for the non-governmental sector in Latvia and to strengthen capacity of the NGOs for efficient public advocacy performance. Thus, CAL advocates interests of the NGO sector in Latvia, identifies and tries to resolve problems in the non-governmental (NGO) sector, supports and fosters the participation incentives on NGOs in the decision making process, and represents the interests of NGOs in communication with public authorities. For more information, visit [www.nvo.lv](http://www.nvo.lv)

**ANND: Arab NGO Network for Development –Lebanon**

The Arab NGO Network for Development (ANND) is a regional network working in 10 Arab countries with seven national networks and 23 NGO members. ANND was initiated in 1997 and has its secretariat office in Beirut since 2000. ANND's program work focuses on advocating for social and economic rights in the Arab region. It works in three main areas: 1. development policies in the region, 2. social and economic reform agendas, which integrate the concepts of sustainable development, gender justice, and the rights-based approach, and the role of international and regional organizations, and 3. economic and trade liberalization policies and its social and economic implications. On a horizontal level, ANND makes use of networking, capacity building and sharing, provision of research and information materials, advocacy strengthening, coalition building, monitoring, evaluation, and engagement with policy-making processes and related institutions among civil society groups. For more information, visit [www.annd.org](http://www.annd.org)

**Lebanese NGO Forum –Lebanon**

The Lebanese Non-Governmental Organisation Forum (LNF) was established in July 1991 to coordinate the activities of Lebanese NGOs concerned primarily with relief and development (social, health, and educational) issues. The NGO Forum's primary objective is to promote specific programs which will help consolidate social cohesion and integration in Lebanon. Thus, it directs the following programs: 1. The Rights Programme, which provides services to and information on vulnerable social groups, 2. The Institutional Development Training Program to improve the performances of different Lebanese NGOs and allow them to develop their human resources, 3. The Emergency and Relief Program to respond to the ongoing violence in southern Lebanon, 4. The Social Legislation and National Causes Program focused on defending and advocating social causes affecting Lebanese civil society, 5. a Studies and Research Program to promote and publish relevant research, 6. a Lebanese Parliamentary Center program to bridge the gap between parliament and civil society by providing a forum for dialogue, and 7. conferences and seminars organised by the Forum. For more information, visit [www.lnf.org.lb](http://www.lnf.org.lb)

**NISC: NGO Information and Support Centre – Lithuania**

The NGO Information and Support Centre (NISC) was registered in the Lithuanian Ministry of Justice in 1995. Its mission is to unite the country's NGO interests, and strengthen the NGO sector at all levels. NISC carries out its mandate through the following strategic objectives: 1. NGO sector strengthening, 2. NGO coalition-building and strengthening, 3. NGOs and strengthening collaboration between government, 4. external environment for NGOs, and 5. volunteering in the development of traditions. For more information, visit <http://www.nisc.lt/en/index.php>

**CONGOMA: Council for NGOs in Malawi – Malawi**

CONGOMA is designated as the coordinating body for all non-governmental organisations in Malawi. It exists to motivate, enhance and maximize the potential and actual impact of its members in articulating and

implementing sustainable socio-economic development programs to reduce poverty in Malawi through mutual support and networking with all interested stakeholders in Malawi; to further the standing of NGOs as competent, professional and suitable agents of development; to support NGOs to become institutionally strong; and to assist NGOs carry out their functions under the NGO Act. So, in order to achieve these goals, they concentrate on activities relating to coordination and networking, capacity building and training, and advocacy. For more information, visit [www.congoma.org](http://www.congoma.org)

**MACOSS: Mauritius Council of Social Services – Mauritius**

MACOSS was founded in 1965. It is presently composed of 102 affiliated member organizations. Its main activities include the coordination of activities of member organizations, the organization of seminars and workshops on social issues, training programmes, information sharing through the publication of a quarterly newsletter, and general research done on social issues. For more information, visit [www.macoss.org](http://www.macoss.org)

**CEMEFI: Centro Mexicano para la Filantropia/ Mexican Center for Philanthropy –Mexico**

It was founded in 1988 and made up of 720 members. Through its various programs and services, it promotes the culture of individual and corporate citizenship; realizes investigations on the non-profit sector in Mexico; supports the professional development of NGO's; offers specialised information on the Third Sector; supports companies in their community investment programs; links NGO's with their social environment; promotes and diffuses the activities of NGO's, and edits publications on the Third Sector. For more information, visit [www.cemefi.org](http://www.cemefi.org)

**NGO Federation of Nepal –Nepal**

NGO Federation of Nepal (NFN) emerged as an umbrella organisation of NGOs in the aftermath of democratic political change and establishment of multiparty parliamentary system in 1990. Since its establishment in 1991, the NFN has been fighting for the promotion of human rights, social justice and pro-poor development. Today, it has evolved as a leading civil society organisation in Nepal with over 4500 NGOs affiliated to it from across the country. Areas of intervention requiring immediate consideration and remedial action in human rights, social justice, democratic governance and pro-poor development are immense. This is more challenging due to the current transitional political situation. Broadly, NFN has developed a four-pillar strategy, realizing the need for collaborative work and intervention. The four pillars are: 1. capacity building and NGO governance reform, 2. women empowerment and inclusion, 3. youth mobilization, and 4. broad-based civil society networking. For more information, visit [www.ngofederation.org](http://www.ngofederation.org)

**Partos-The Netherlands**

Partos is the Dutch association for NGOs working in International Development. The association represents 120 Dutch development organisations that work in the field of poverty reduction, humanitarian aid, human rights and sustainable development. They are also active in the Netherlands and within the EU, where they focus on knowledge development and policy advice.

Their main areas of expertise and focus are: fundraising, advocacy, CS effectiveness, networking, knowledge management and capacity development for CSOs. For more information, visit <https://partos.nl/>

**ANGOA: Association of NGOs of Aotearoa – New Zealand**

ANGOA is a unique network of organisations from across the range of NGOs in Aotearoa New Zealand including national, regional and local groups. It was created in 2001 and their member organisations are active in the areas of health, education, international development, human rights, the environment, youth, women and ethnicity. ANGOA facilitates the Community Sector Roundtable which is a monthly forum for the

exchange of issues and concerns within the sector. With the Office of the Community and Voluntary Sector they also host the Community Sector Research Forum which brings together researchers from universities, the community sector and government who are engaged in research related activities relevant to the community sector. They have also undertaken original research in collaboration with other organisations in New Zealand and internationally. For more information, visit [www.angoa.org.nz](http://www.angoa.org.nz)

### **Coordinadora Civil – Nicaragua**

The Civil Coordinator is organised by sectors of the society in Nicaragua, through consensus, proposing common objectives to achieve sustainable human development. It has its presence in all departments and autonomous regions. The mission of the Civil Coordinator is to coordinate efforts and facilitate capacity building for political influence in Nicaragua by building a democratic, equitable, solidarity, human development and sustainability. The Civil Coordinator is composed of over 600 individuals and civic organizations, non-profit, NGO networks, unions, social movements, unions that support the mission, vision and has a representation in the Coordinating Committee. For more information, visit [www.ccer.org.ni/](http://www.ccer.org.ni/)

### **Volunteers for the Educative Integration VIE-KANDE Ni Bayra Niger - Volontaires pour l'Integration Educative VIE-KANDE Ni Bayra - Niger**

The mission of the NGO VIE Kande Ni Bayra is to assist in the creation and consolidation of grassroots organizations engaged in the fight to reduce poverty through an integrated education process. In other words, LIFE kande Ni Bayra, represents the fight against poverty through integrated basic education to rural communities through a participatory approach valuing the skills and competencies of partners. For more information, visit <http://www.viebayra.org/>

### **Nigerian Network on NGOs - Nigeria**

The Nigerian Network of NGOs (NNGO) is the first generic membership body for civil society organisations in Nigeria that facilitates effective advocacy on issues of poverty and other developmental issues. Established in 1992, NNGO represents over 800 organisations ranging from small groups at the local level to larger networks at the national level.

The network has the objective of identifying, registering, coordinating, building capacity and mobilizing civil society organisations to promote interconnectivity and bring equity, justice, peace and development to grassroots communities throughout Nigeria, including the implementation of NEEDS, SEEDS, LEEDS and the MDGs. Our membership includes over 20 national organisations and over 250 membership organisations focusing on different thematic areas of development, all of whom work to support a diverse range membership communities across the nation. In total our outreach to the third sector in Nigeria is estimated to be in excess of 2500 which include both members and affiliates at national and global levels. For more information, visit [www.nnngo.org/](http://www.nnngo.org/)

### **The Association of NGOs- Norway**

The Association of NGOs in Norway (Frivillighet Norge) is an umbrella for the voluntary sector in Norway, founded in September 2005. The mission of the Association is to coordinate the voluntary sector's dialogue with the authorities on issues that are common to the voluntary sector, and to voice the voluntary sector's opinions to the public and the authorities. Another important task is to produce information and give advice to the member organizations. Some of the current issues we focus on are VAT and the voluntary sector, new public register for Norwegian NGOs, more research on the voluntary sector, as well as inclusion of the immigrant population in the voluntary sector. Currently, the Association of NGOs in Norway consists of more than 250 member organizations, including all sectors of society (organizations for children, youth and grown-

ups, sports, culture, humanitarian work, religious congregations, music, theatre, etc). The Association of NGOs in Norway is a member of The European Network of National Civil Society Associations (ENNA). For more information, visit <http://www.frivillighetnorge.no/no/English>.

### **Pacific Islands Association of NGOs - Pacific Region**

The Pacific Islands Association of Non-Governmental Organisations (PIANGO) is a regional network of NGO focal points or coordinating bodies known as National Liaison Units (NLUs) based in 21 Pacific Island countries and territories.

PIANGO was formally established in 1991 to assist NGOs in the Pacific to initiate action, give voice to their concerns and work collaboratively with other development actors for just and sustainable human development. PIANGO's primary role is to be a catalyst for collective action, to facilitate and support coalitions and alliances on issues of common concern, and to strengthen the influence and impact of NGO efforts in the region.

PIANGO exists to enable the Pacific extended family of NGOs to more effectively promote and advance the interests and well being of their people. More specifically, PIANGO is a network of Pacific NGOs, existing to facilitate communication, provide a common voice at regional and international forums, assist NGOs to strengthen and develop Pacific identities, unity, cultures and forms of social action, as well as to improve the well being of the communities they serve. For more information, visit [www.piango.org/](http://www.piango.org/)

### **Pakistan NGO Forum**

The Pakistan NGO Forum is an apex body of Five Networks of NGOs working in Pakistan i.e. SNI- Sarhad NGOs Ittehad, PNCC- Punjab NGOs Coordination Council, SINGOF- Sindh NGOs Federation, BANGOF- Baluchistan NGOs Federation and CORIN- Coalition of Rawalpindi Islamabad NGOs. Its aim is to create a conducive working environment for the non-for-profit sector in Pakistan and work jointly for protection rights of the disadvantaged sections of the Society in Pakistan. For more information, visit <http://ngos-pakistan.blogspot.com/2008/12/pakistan-ngos-forum.html>

### **AWAZ Foundation Pakistan: Centre for Development Services**

AWAZ is a Pakistani organisation AWAZ founded in 1995. It is striving for the Socio-economic development and political empowerment of marginalized communities especially women and young people across Pakistan. AWAZ follows rights based approaches for sustainable development, poverty alleviation, achieving MDGs. It enjoys consultative status at UN ECOSOC. For more information, visit [awazcds.org.pk/](http://awazcds.org.pk/)

### **POJOAJU: La Asociación de ONGs del Paraguay – Paraguay**

The Association of NGOs in Paraguay, POJOAJU is a non-profit entity with legal personality, established in 1998 with the purpose of integrating NGOs and NGO networks in Paraguay. POJOAJU is a democratic and participatory union which promotes discussions and cooperation between its members and contributes to a just, equitable, united and sustainable environment, conducive for the promotion of human rights. For more information, visit [www.pojouaju.org.py](http://www.pojouaju.org.py)

### **Caucus of Development NGO Networks – Philippines**

In May 1990, CODE-NGO was established formally by the 10 largest NGO networks in the Philippines. In January 1991, it was registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission as a non-stock, non-profit organisation. Today, CODE-NGO, with its 6 national and 6 regional member networks, representing more than 2,000 development NGOs, people's organisations and cooperatives nationwide, is the country's biggest

coalition of NGOs working for social development. CODE-NGO maximises its scale and synergy to influence public policy, provide leadership in civil society and increase the effectiveness of social development work in the country. It focuses on policy advocacy and partnership building in the public arena, as well as on developing the capacity and accountability of its member networks and affiliated organisations. For more information, visit <http://code-ngo.org/home/>

### **Polish Federation of NGOs- Poland**

The network brings together organizations from across Poland, carrying out their activities at the local regional and national levels, and supports organizations. Member organizations operate in different areas, making the Federation unique. Their actions are pursued by: promoting legislative changes to improve the conditions of the third sector, strengthening advocacy through consultations, partnership and cooperation with other bodies. For more information, visit <http://www.ofop.engo.pl>

### **Conseil de Concertation des Organisations d'Appui aux Initiatives de Base-CCOAIB -Rwanda**

CCOAIB was created in Rwanda in 1987 in order to have a framework for exchange, dialogue and negotiation for NGOs. 40 members are now represented in this Council and work in various fields: agriculture and animal husbandry, beekeeping, food processing, housing, crafts, women's entrepreneurship, hydraulic rural, mentoring youth and orphans, the supervision of cooperatives, microfinance, etc. For more information, visit <http://www.ccoaib.rw/>

### **Samoa Umbrella for Non-Governmental Organisations – Samoa**

SUNGO's inception was in 1997 and registered as an Incorporated Society in 1998 to provide alternative development options for assistance to vulnerable groups in Samoa, and to provide input into Government policy from Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), Community Based Organisations (CBOs) and Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) on cross-cutting issues that they face. SUNGO was part of a region wide initiative to develop a network of NGOs to assist in implementing regional assistance and projects. SUNGO also has responsibilities regionally, internationally and globally to provide input into developmental issues that affect its member organizations. For more information, visit <http://www.sungo.ws>

### **Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations – Scotland**

The Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO) is the membership organisation for Scotland's charities, voluntary organisations and social enterprises. SCVO works in partnership with the voluntary sector to advance shared values and interests. SCVO has over 1500 members who range from individuals and grassroots groups, to Scotland-wide organisations and intermediary bodies. Through lobbying and campaigning SCVO works to advance the interests of our members and the people and communities that they support. For more information, visit <http://www.scvo.org.uk/>

### **Civic Initiatives – Serbia**

The group of prominent NGO activists in the antiwar movement and the democratic opposition in May 1996 established the Citizens' Initiative, an association of citizens for democracy and civic education. The founders of the Citizen's initiatives analyzed and evaluated the relative failure of the democratic movement against the Milosevic regime. They recognised the need to create social and civic bases that could support democratic change by teaching citizens about their rights, democracy, civil society and how to be active citizens and how

to be able to make decisions about their own lives. For more information, visit <http://www.gradjanske.org/page/about/sr.html>

### **Development Services Exchange – Solomon Islands**

Development Services Exchange (DSE) is a national NGO umbrella body established in 1984 to facilitate and coordinate development services for NGOs and their partners. DSE was one of the first national NGO focal points to be established within the Pacific region and for many years was a leading model for NGO coordination, networking and capacity building. In 2000, however, as a combined result of the national political crisis, DSE operations came to a sudden halt, remaining that way until 2002 when local efforts to revive the organization saw the election of a new Executive Committee. For more information, visit <http://www.dse.org.sb>

### **Plataforma ONG Acción Social- Spain**

The NGO Platform of Social Action is a private, non-denominational, nationwide non-profit organisation that works towards promoting the total development of social and civil rights of the most vulnerable groups and to strengthen the Third/Social Sector. For more information, visit <http://www.plataformaongs.org/>

### **South African National NGO Coalition (SANGOCO)-South Africa**

The South African National NGO Coalition, SANGOCO, has traditionally built up a public and political profile as a civil society movement that champions the interests of the poor. SANGOCO promotes the interests of the poor, fights against unemployment, inappropriate and faulty delivery frameworks, and an increasingly intransigent government on economic policy issues. SANGOCO as the custodian of CBOs and NGOs in South Africa has the aim of supporting the work of civil society in the country and strengthening the role of CSOs. For more information, visit <http://sangoco.org.za/>

### **Tanzania Association of NGOs – Tanzania**

The Tanzania Association of Non-Governmental Organizations (TANGO) is the largest and longest standing national umbrella organization serving the Tanzanian NGO community. It was founded in 1988 by 22 NGOs. The coalition now has a membership of more than 500 NGOs and collaborating with 30 district and 6 regional generic NGO networks. As an umbrella body it is committed to promoting the well being of its constituency by acting as a unifying organ and mandated representative in advocating for transformation for the common good. For more information, visit <http://www.tango.or.tz>

### **The Association of Non-Governmental Organizations TANGO-The Gambia**

The Association of Non-Governmental Organizations in the Gambia (TANGO), founded in 1983, is the umbrella organization for NGOs operating in The Gambia. The Association was founded by a group of NGOs out of the concern to avoid duplication of NGO efforts, and to minimize conflict and competition between NGOs. TANGO has a membership of over 80 national and International NGOs, who are working with communities in different all parts of the country. TANGO's members play key roles in areas such as health, education, women's empowerment, agriculture and credit, as well as small enterprise development projects such as vegetable gardening, food processing and similar activities. Members also engage in peace building activities, and the promotion of human rights and good governance. For more information, visit <http://www.tangogambia.org/>

### **National Congress of Togo Civil Society / Concertation Nationale de la Société Civile du Togo (CNSC Togo)**

Officially launched on 15 June 2002 in Tsévié (Togo), the National Congress of Togo Civil Society (CNSC-Togo) is a network of civil society organisations (NGOs, associations, networks and federations of civic organizations and social movements) of Togo. The CNSC Togo is primarily a space for dialogue between civic organizations across the country. It unites the individual actors and organizations, analyses issues that affect them, seek solutions and emit common positions. In order to respond to the challenges that the country faces, the CNSC Togo makes proposals for improving policies and monitoring their implementation. For more information, visit <http://www.cnsctogo.org/>

### **Civil Society Forum of Tonga – Tonga**

The Civil Society Forum of Tonga (CSFT) was established in 2001 to address and coordinate the needs and collective roles of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), and to strengthen their capacity to be able to better serve their communities. CSFT works to ensure that community development is recognised and supported as a powerful way of tackling inequality and achieving social justice. As an organisation, CSFT reflects a diverse range of member's interests in community development across various sectors and selected fields of discipline. For more information, visit [www.civilsocietytonga.org/](http://www.civilsocietytonga.org/)

### **Third Sector Foundation of Turkey – Turkey**

TUSEV was established in 1993 by Turkey's leading CSOs and has now grown to support a network of over 100 associations and foundations that share a vision of strengthening the legal, fiscal and operational infrastructure of the third (non-profit) sector in Turkey. Over the past fifteen years Turkey's third sector and grown and expanded and civil society has taken a new and central role in the country. The number of CSOs continues to grow and with growth comes much needed support, funding and most importantly, a more enabling environment. As such TUSEV's programmes are designed to; promote a legally and fiscally enabling environment for non-profit organisations, encourage strategic and effective giving, facilitate partnerships across the public, private and third sectors and support and engage the international community in learning about and collaborating with the third sector in Turkey. For more information, visit <http://www.tusev.org.tr>

### **Tuvalu Association of NGOs-Tuvalu**

The Tuvalu Association of NGOs (TANGO) is a community-based umbrella organisation for NGOs and community based organisations in Tuvalu. It aims to promote and support healthy and sustainable development. TANGO was founded in 1986 by seven members with the aim of helping NGOs access information and attracts potential resources into the country. In 1987, TANGO's constitution was developed and approved and in 2000 it developed a strategic plan. For more information, visit <http://www.fsfi.org.fj>

### **Uganda National NGO Forum – Uganda**

Uganda National NGO Forum (UNNGOF) is an independent and inclusive national platform for NGOs in Uganda. Its primary constituency and owners are NGOs in their diversity and configurations. The National NGO Forum platform is however open to other interest groups within a broadly defined civil society. The Uganda National NGO Forum's operational scope is at national level, with a focus on issues and processes that concern NGOs across the board. We recognize the independent existence of national thematic NGO networks and district networks and fora as other important NGO coordinating mechanism with complementary comparative advantages.

The objectives of the forum are; to act as a Forum drawing together NGOs registered and operating in Uganda and other groups working in Uganda, to discuss and adopt strategies and to act collectively on matters of mutual concern to NGOs, to maintain dialogue with the Government and other National and International NGOs and bodies on behalf of all members and other NGOs operating in Uganda, that subscribe

to UNNGOF's mission, to undertake Advocacy and Lobbying of Government and other bilateral and multilateral bodies on issues of common concern and promote informed dialogue, networking and information exchange among the member NGOs, other NGOs and the wide civil society on matters of concern. For more information, visit [www.ngoforum.or.ug](http://www.ngoforum.or.ug).

### **The National Association of Non-Governmental Development-Oriented Organisations – Uruguay**

ANONG was founded in 1992 and brings together 90 NGOs across Uruguay. These NGOs focus on agriculture, social sciences, communications, culture, human rights, economic, education, children, regional integration, youth, environment health, trade unionism, housing and voluntarism. The objectives of ANONG are; to defend the rights of NGOs as enshrined in national law and international legal frameworks that will promote recognition of the identity of NGOs, strengthen the presence and visibility of NGOs in the public sphere, promote the exchange of information and coordination of activities of common interest, strengthen and promote the institutional development of member organisations through training, represent the interest of NGOs in different areas and liaise and coordinate with similar associations at the global level. For more information, visit [www.anong.org.uy/](http://www.anong.org.uy/)

### **The National Council on non-profits – USA**

The National Council of Nonprofits, the nation's largest nonprofit network, works through its member State Associations to amplify the voices of America's local community-based nonprofit organizations, help them engage in critical policy issues affecting the sector, manage and lead more effectively, collaborate and exchange solutions, and achieve greater impact in their communities.

The National Council of Nonprofits serves as the national voice for its non-profit members before Congress and within the Administration, promoting the interests of the non-profit community and ensuring a seat at the table on all policy initiatives that impact the sector. We also work with our network of State Associations to identify policy trends in state legislatures, coordinate efforts across the states, and inform state and local debates with targeted research and communications. Our members are kept abreast of the most pressing issues and given the information and tools they need to advocate locally.

We actively participate in coalitions and public policy campaigns at the state and national levels, and we work to ensure the full participation of non-profit in the policy process arena. For more information, visit [www.councilofnonprofits.org](http://www.councilofnonprofits.org).

### **Sinergia: For the excellence of civil society- Sinergia: por la excelencia de la sociedad civil-Venezuela**

SINERGIA is a non profit alliance founded in 1996 with the mission of serving as a democratic space for civil society cooperation. SINERGIA works to create opportunities for participation and to strengthen citizenship in order to contribute to an active and committed sector, as well as to promote equitable public policies and democracy in Venezuela.

To achieve these goals, SINERGIA brings together recognized networks and organizations dedicated to the promotion of human rights advocacy, strengthening citizenship, social and economical development, public policy influence and civil society capacity building. For more information, visit <http://www.acsinergia.net/>

### **The Vanuatu Association of NGO (VANGO) - Vanuatu**

The Vanuatu Association of NGO (VANGO) facilitates action of NGOs in Vanuatu; VANGO is a member of the regional coalition PIANGO, the Pacific Islands Association of NGOs, which collaborates with NGOs in Pacific Island countries.

**Wales Council for Voluntary Action – Wales**

WCVA is the voice of the voluntary sector in Wales. We represent and campaign for voluntary organizations, volunteers and communities. WCVA has been working with its sister councils, across the UK to ensure voluntary and community organisations make the best of their paid staff, volunteers and trustees through workforce development and have the skills that they need. For more information, visit [www.wcva.org.uk](http://www.wcva.org.uk)

**Zambia Centre for Social Development-Zambia**

The Zambia Centre for Social Development (ZCSD) is an umbrella of more than 100 Civil society organisations promoting vibrant, independent and well-coordinated civil society organisations in Zambia. For more information, visit <http://www.zcsd.org.zm/>

**National Association of NGOs – Zimbabwe**

The National Association of Non Governmental Organisations (NANGO) is a non-party political, non-profit making and non-denominational coordinating body of NGOs in Zimbabwe. It was founded in 1962 as a welfare organisation under the name Southern Rhodesia Council of Social Services predominantly for social welfare organisations. In 1980 there was an increase in the number of NGOs focusing on social, economic and political development of the Zimbabwean people thus the organisation was renamed Voluntary Organisations in Community Enterprise (VOICE). The organisation was renamed ten years later to the present National Association of Non-Governmental Organisations (NANGO). For more information, visit <http://www.nango.org.zw>