



The 2013 CIVICUS Nelson Mandela – Graça Machel Innovation Awards

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The 2013 CIVICUS Nelson Mandela-Graça Machel Innovation Awards will provide seed funding for innovative ideas emerging from CIVICUS members who attended the [2012 CIVICUS World Assembly](#), and based on the theme of last year's assembly, "Defining a new social contract – Making the future together."

The CIVICUS World Assembly serves as the primary point of convergence for excellence – of ideas, perspectives, experiences, partnerships and commitments – aiming at enhancing citizen participation, civil society and civic rights worldwide. CIVICUS wants the World Assembly to be a true learning experience for all the participants, encouraging them to take actions forward.

If you have been inspired by the 2012 World Assembly thematic track on ["Building partnerships for social innovation"](#) to initiate a new and creative relationship or dialogue between usually non-connected organisations, actors and/or sectors to bring social change at a local level, we invite you to apply for the 2013 CIVICUS Nelson Mandela-Graça Machel Innovation Award. This year CIVICUS will fund innovative multi-stakeholders discussions with **eight award grants of USD 3,000 each.**

Do you want to better connect stakeholders or improve governance for stronger grassroots development and social change at the local level? **Apply to the 2013 CIVICUS Nelson Mandela-Graça Machel Innovation Awards before 15 March.** For more information contact worldassembly@civicus.org

Awards winners will be expected to produce a report of their activity and multimedia products to be promoted on CIVICUS' website and social media platforms.

Eligibility

Only 2012 CIVICUS World Assembly participants who are current CIVICUS members are eligible.

Selection

A judging panel including members of the CIVICUS Board and staff as well as other prominent civil society leaders will be established to select the best proposals and distribute the grants accordingly.

Criteria

Criteria for selection of the awards are:

- a) The novelty, originality and stakeholder diversity of the proposed activity (consultation, dialogue or open discussion);
- b) The potential of the activity to have a positive impact at the local level and across thematic and sectorial divides;
- c) The potential and ability of the activity to lead to policy, institutional and systemic change;
- d) The integration and potential impact of the activity on already existing programmes within the organisation or group of organisations;

e) Thematic relevance to social, economic, political and civic justice sub-themes - The broad theme of the World Assembly is “Acting Together for a Just World”. The focus theme for 2012 was “Defining a new social contract – Making the future together” and the activities have to be related to the thematic track on “Building partnerships for social innovation”.

Deadline

The application deadline is **15 March 2013**.

The Innovation Awards team will get back to you in early April with the outcomes of the process. Half of each grant will be paid upon signing a partnership agreement with CIVICUS, and the other half after completion of the final reports, which are due before 30 June 2013.

This awards scheme is part of the Civic Space Initiative, which aims to protect and expand civic space by fostering an enabling legal environment for civil society organisations around the world. The project is implemented in partnership with the [International Center for Not-for-Profit Law](#) (ICNL), [Article 19](#), and the [World Movement for Democracy](#), with support from the [Swedish International Development Agency](#) (Sida).

Application Guidelines

Please submit your application through our [online questionnaire](#).

Only complete applications will be considered. You may submit in [English](#), [French](#) or [Spanish](#).

English:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dDhLUzUyUXlnSGx1ekYya25OX0dTdkE6MA#gid=0>

French:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dFdVX1YzTm9sX2VNcVU2SWN3R1IzWIE6MA>

Spanish:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dEtWejEwdmdram5oNnFfQ2FRYmRGcGc6MA#gid=0>