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**ACCOUNTABILITY:
DELIVERING RESULTS**

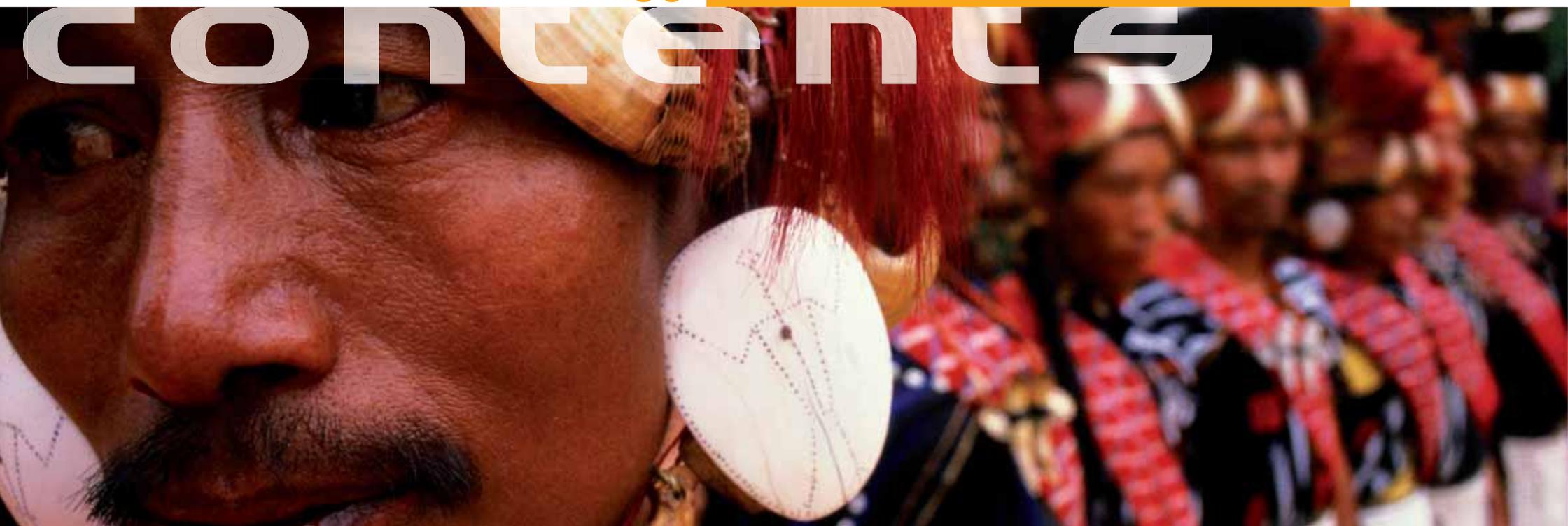
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Welcome Message



Dear Friends

It is my great pleasure, in my capacity as outgoing Chairperson of CIVICUS, to welcome you back to Glasgow – the energetic and vibrant Scottish city host to the three year series of CIVICUS World Assemblies. Scotland boasts one of the most exciting, inclusive and participatory civil societies in Europe and is also a global leader in the effort to bridge existing North-South divides. The World Assembly held in Glasgow last year and again this year is giving us the opportunity to compare and contrast the means and methods employed by civil society organisations (CSOs) in the North and South – and should thus serve as an opportunity to seek common ground and work together for a better world.

With this in mind, the World Assembly has been planned to coincide with the annual Gathering of the Scottish voluntary sector, organised by our lead partner, the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO). The advantages of having these two important events running parallel to each other will – I’m sure – become clear to participants in both events. By learning from each other we become both stronger and closer to achieving our shared goals. In this year’s World Assembly, there is a significant focus on the duties and responsibilities of power holders at the local, national and international levels in all the sectors. We will explore the role and accountability of the domestic voluntary and activist sectors in the global effort to secure a just world. Accordingly, the CIVICUS Board has decided to maintain a consistent theme for this and future World Assemblies: **ACTING TOGETHER FOR A JUST WORLD**. However, this overarching theme will be explored this year through a central theme of **ACCOUNTABILITY: DELIVERING RESULTS**.

We hope that you will be able to participate fully in the 2007 CIVICUS World Assembly, our principal convening event which now attracts civil society activists from more than 100 countries worldwide as they seek to explore the linkages between them. There are numerous plenary sessions headlined by prominent activists, leaders of global institutions and representatives of government, media, business and donors. In addition to convening both local and international exhibitors, we have streamlined our programme and we will host a little over 50 workshops, which we believe to be the heart of the CIVICUS World Assembly, as well as several learning exchanges in and around Glasgow. The 2007 CIVICUS World Assembly will also pilot the first CIVICUS Youth Assembly co-hosted by the Scottish Youth Parliament and Oxfam Scotland. Other highlights of this World Assembly include the global launch of the GCAP Poverty Requiem and a BBC hosted Plenary on accountability on aid which will be televised as part of the BBC World Debate series. This Assembly is a golden opportunity for networking at every level of civil society and our pledge to have 50% women and 30% youth delegates reflects our commitment to participatory activism.

I really look forward to meeting you between 23-27 May!

ARUNA RAO
CHAIRPERSON, CIVICUS



About the World Assembly

The CIVICUS World Assembly is the leading venue for hundreds of civil society practitioners, researchers and activists to assemble on an invaluable occasion to draw donors, government, business and media closer together to make real changes to the lives of citizens worldwide.

The past 6 CIVICUS World Assemblies have been a watershed for strengthening civil society. Previous World Assemblies have been held in:

- Mexico City [1995]
- Budapest [1997]
- Gaborone [2004]
- Manila [1999]
- Vancouver [2001]
- Glasgow [2006]

CIVICUS is widely acknowledged as a representative of global civil society with solid access to global institutions and influential policy makers. Consequently, the World Assembly is the global convening point for civil society and the key stakeholders of civil society, to enable them to act together for a just world.

Key Stakeholders

The CIVICUS WORLD ASSEMBLY key stakeholders are broadly:

- Civil Society Organisations
- Business
- Donors
- Government
- Media

There can be no building of a just world without these five sectors acting together. Building on this acknowledgement, the CIVICUS World Assembly's strength is its ability to act as a forum where these traditionally unconnected sectors engage in constructive dialogue to act collaboratively towards the strengthening of civil space to Express, Engage and Exist! As such the World Assembly is an icon of the rights of every individual to act together with others for a more just world.

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

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PRE- EVENTS

Participatory Governance (PG) 22 - 23 May 2007

The CIVICUS Participatory Governance Department will host a two-day brainstorming session on Strategies for Promoting Participatory Governance. This event will be by invitation only.

The first day will culminate in a dinner at 19h00

The CIVICUS Youth Assembly 22 - 23 May 2007

Following outcomes from the 2006 CIVICUS World Assembly, it was clear that there was a need for an international youth-led forum for debate and dialogue on issues from the perspective of young people to inform the debate at future World Assemblies.

The CIVICUS Youth Assembly will explore Accountability through the theme: "Accountability to Future Generations"

The Youth Assembly will offer a unique opportunity for young people to meet and work with others who are really making changes to things that matter, bringing together 150 of the world's most engaged, dynamic young activists in the field of Social and Civic Justice.

WEDNESDAY 23 MAY	Registration AGNA Meeting Participatory Governance Meeting	Registration Social Programme	Registration	Registration CSI Book Launch	Welcome Reception and Official Opening	
THURSDAY 24 MAY	Opening Plenary Accountability To Whom and For What?	Mini Plenary 1 (x4) 1. Corporate Accountability 2. Human Security and Gender 3. Media Accountability 4. CSO Accountability	CIVICUS Members Meeting	Engagement Workshops	BBC World Debate Poverty Requiem Dinner	
FRIDAY 25 MAY	Plenary2: (Intelligent Funding Track) Money Matters: Towards Greater Transparency in Funding Decisions and Priorities	Mini Plenary 2 (x4) 1. Local Government 2. Youth's Challenge to Today's Leaders 3. Accountability of Global Institutions 4. Accountability to our Children	Learning Exchanges	Networking Sessions Member Cocktails	Dinner Social Events	Film Screenings
SATURDAY 26 MAY	Training Workshops	Training Workshops Continued	Engagement Workshops	Plenary 3: Government Accountability: From Political Won't to Political Will		
SUNDAY 27 MAY	Plenary 4: Our Accountability to future Generations: responding to the Challenge of Environmental Sustainability / Official Closing					

Programme as at 16 May 2007

HIGHLIGHTS

INTELLIGENT FUNDER TRACK

The UK's Big Lottery Fund has awarded a grant to SCVO in connection with wider support to the CIVICUS World Assembly. This grant is to manage and develop the Intelligent Funder Track. The IFT seeks to identify the intelligent funder, promote discussion on what should constitute intelligent funding and advance replication and transference of good practice between regions and between donors and recipients of aid.

Based on a system of fellowship awards, the IFT has commissioned a core paper from Julia Unwin, now director of the Joseph Rowntree Foundation. Further fellowships have been commissioned to identify the principles from the southern viewpoint and to consider whether funders are and should be actors or enablers.

The Track will continue to develop discussion forums and encourage debate; on line through the CWA web site, at the CWA plenary and workshops and, potentially, through sub regional workshops as and when opportunities arise. Future areas of discussion be explored include the role of recipient NGOs, the impact of personal philanthropy and the role of international foundations in formulating funding priorities.



MEDIA TRACK

This year the media track places the onus on the relationship between media and civil society. While media are dominant in influencing debates in civil society, many leading media and civil society players see significant and growing gaps and opportunities in the way media relates to civil society, and vice versa. We are convinced that the public is hungry for information about civil society actions and that this interest goes well beyond the alternative fringe or celebrity involvement. On the other hand we acknowledge the deficiencies of civil society in communicating to the media effectively about the successes and impacts of campaigns against poverty, the environment and debt relief, especially the vision from the marginalized. Also, exactly what is the stake of media as a stakeholder of and in civil society?

The focus of the track will be on examining the current state of media-civil society relations, and making recommendations and identifying opportunities to strengthen it, taking into account the focus theme of the World Assembly: Accountability; delivering results!



CIVIL SOCIETY BEHIND BARS

From labour unionists in Colombia to a founder of a human rights organisation in Ethiopia, World Assembly participants will hear the courageous stories of peaceful activists who have risked their freedom, and even their lives, to advocate for justice in their countries.

CIVICUS and Amnesty International have invited 14 civil society activists, who are currently detained or on trial for their work, to speak at the World Assembly. Five of the activists were also campaigned for during last year's World Assembly, but continue to be held in detention. Happily, six of those mentioned last year, have since been released.

World Assembly delegates will receive a booklet of postcard petitions to be sent to various governments, urging the unconditional release of activists and respect for civil society's freedoms of expression, assembly and association.

Delegates are invited to sign the postcards and drop them in the mailboxes in the Delegates Lounge. More information about the cases is also available. Each of these prisoners will be commemorated in the plenary sessions.



Networking Sessions

Networking is possibly the most tangible outcome of the World Assembly. To better facilitate networking, this year's programme therefore features guided networking sessions

SADC Study Peer Review Workshop

Time: 11h30 – 13h00 • Date: Saturday 26 May

This study was one of two projects undertaken by the CIVICUS Participatory Governance programme. The lead researcher of this study, Keith Muloongo from Zambia was commissioned by CIVICUS to look at the relationship between government and civil society.

WEDNESDAY **23** MAY . **23** MAY . **23** MAY

09h00 – 18h00 REGISTRATION

09h00 – 15h00 PARTICIPATORY GOVERNANCE MEETING

Venue: Clyde Suite, Holiday Inn

This meeting will identify and discuss key current participatory governance challenges and opportunities, take stock of “cutting edge” participatory governance practices and explore strategies for promoting and building civil society capacity for participatory governance.

09H30 – 16H00 AGNA MEETING

Venue: Carron 2

The Affinity Group of National Associations (AGNA) will convene over 40 leaders of national associations from across the world with the aim of engaging them in collective reflection, strategic thinking and deeper cooperation on issues of mutual concern.

16H30 – 18H00 CSI BOOK LAUNCH

Venue: Dochart

Marking a watershed in civil society, the CIVICUS Civil Society Index launches Volume 1 of its “Global Survey of the State of Civil Society”. Implemented and executed with partners from around the world, the Global Survey scores the state of civil society in 44 countries.

19h00 – 21h00

WELCOME RECEPTION AND OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE 7TH CIVICUS WORLD ASSEMBLY

Venue: Kelvin Grove Museum

Speakers: **Martin Sime**; **Anabel Cruz** (MCs); **Lord George Foulkes**, Chair of local host committee; **David Cairns**, Parliamentary Under-Sec of State; **Liz Cameron**, Lord Provost of Glasgow.

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OPENING PLENARY

09h00 – 10h30 • Venue: Lomond Suite

Accountability: To Whom and For What?

Speakers

Kumi Naidoo (Moderator), Secretary General, CIVICUS, South Africa • **Simon Zadek**, Chief Executive, AccountAbility, United Kingdom • **Aruna Rao**, Founder Director, Gender at Work India/USA • **Ad de Raad**, Executive Coordinator, United Nations Volunteers Netherlands • **Lisa Jordan**, Deputy Director, Global Civil Society Ford Foundation, USA • **Venus Ilagan**, Executive Director, Disabled People International, Philippines.

Description

This agenda setting plenary session will analyse what accountability really means, seeking to find not a common definition, but a practical understanding of what accountability should mean to different power holders, and how it can be strengthened across sectors. The session will explore the multiple scope of accountability, focusing on the need for cross-sectoral engagement for greater accountability, and outlining the key or current challenges related to accountability for each stakeholder. This session's content will be the basis for more detailed debate and discussions and will be explored in the following plenaries and workshops throughout the duration of the Assembly. Participants to this session should have read the concept paper on accountability written by David Bonbright and Srilatha Btlwala: "Answering for Ourselves: Accountability for Citizen Organisations" (www.civicusassembly.org).

Prisoners of Conscience:

Netsanet Demissie and **Daniel Bekele** are both coordinators of the Global Call to Action against Poverty (GCAP) campaign. Netsanet is also the head of the Organisation for Social Justice in Ethiopia, and Daniel is a manager at ActionAid International Ethiopia. They were both detained in November 2005, and are currently being tried on the charge of "Outrage against the Constitution or the Constitutional Order."

The Poverty Requiem is a musical piece for choir, percussion and two soloists (alt and soprano), and gives as many people as possible the chance to raise their voices to make an artistic and political statement for the struggle against world poverty. The people involved, use this musical manifestation to draw the attention of the public, the media, politics and everybody else who wants to listen to it. Taking part in the Poverty Requiem means using your voice to sing against poverty.



Mini Plenary I

11h00 – 12h30

Venue: Lomond Suite

Corporate Accountability: Getting to the Raw Truth

Panellists

Emira Woods (Moderator) Co-Director, Institute of Policy Studies, Washington D.C., USA/ Liberia • **Mary McBride**, Partner Strategies for planned Change, NYU Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, USA • **Peter Eigen**, Chairman, Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative, Germany • **Chandra Bhushan**, Head of Corporate Environment Programme, Centre for Science and Environment, India • **Janet Jobson**, Youth Representative, Youth Assembly, South Africa • **Paul Mitchell**, President, Australia, International Council on Mining and Minerals.

Description

This mini-plenary will explore the key economic and social issues related to the transparency and accountability of business, detailing as examples and case studies, the pharmaceutical and extractive industries. The session will look at the new strategies for greater accountability being formulated by governments, civil society and big business, emphasizing how multiple stakeholders can work together to achieve greater access to and benefit from these industries for the poor and dispossessed.

Prisoner of Conscience:

Raquel Castro is a member of the Teachers' Association of Arauca in Colombia. She was arrested by the Colombian army on 5 August 2004, along with her colleague Samuel Morales who has since been released. In the same operation, three other trade unionists were shot and killed. She was charged with 'rebellion' on 3 January 2005, and expects to be released in August 2007.

Mini Plenary II

11h00 – 12h30

Venue: Boisdale 1 & 2

Accountability on Human Security and Gender Equality: Failure or Challenge

Panellists

Litha Musyimi-Ogana (Moderator) Advisor: Gender, Parliamentary Affairs & Civil Society Organisations, NEPAD, Kenya • **Charlotte Bunch**, Founder & Executive Director, Center for Women's Global Leadership, USA • **Olara Otunnu**, Former UN Special Rep, Children & Armed Conflict, UN, President of LBL, Foundation for Children, USA • **Deborah Kaddu-Serwadda**, Founder & Chairperson of Empower Children & Communities against Abuse (ECCA), ASHOKA, Uganda • **John Samuel**, International Director, Action Aid Bangkok, UK • **Asmar Khader**, General Coordinator, Sisterhood is global Institute, Jordan • **Alevtina Durmashkina**, Youth Representative, Youth Assembly, Russia.

Description

This engaging mini-plenary will look at whether governments, civil society and/or men in general at national and international levels have failed women utterly on the issue of human security. The session will look in detail at the apparent failure to guarantee this right, addressing the reasons behind the lack of progress on violence committed against women and children – whether in times of war or in times of peace. The participants will discuss how the issue of human security and efforts to curb women abuse can be balanced against the right to privacy in the national and global interest, exploring ways in which governments at national and international level can effectively protect women and uphold their obligations under CEDAW.

Prisoner of Conscience:

Mutabar Tojiboyeva, head of the Ardent Hearts group in the eastern city of Fergana in Uzbekistan was detained on 7 October 2005, following the unrest in Andijan. Mutabar was sentenced to eight years in prison on 30 May 2006, on 13 charges, including threatening public order, fraud, theft, blackmailing local businessmen and tax avoidance.

Mini Plenary III

11h00 – 12h30

Venue: Carron 1 & 2

Media Accountability: Civil Society and the News Agenda

Panellists

Mario Lubetkin (Moderator), Director, Inter Press Service, Uruguay • **Nathaniel Whittemore**, Founding Director/ Youth Representative, Just Naïve Enough Centre for Global Engagement, USA • **Urmo Kubar**, Executive Director, Network of Estonian Nonprofit Organization, Estonia • **Kuba Wygnanski**, Executive Director, Association KILON/JAWOR, Poland, Mahnaz Afkhami, Founder and President, Women's Learning Partnership, USA • **Stephen King**, Director, BBC World Service Trust, UK

Description

This mini-plenary is part of the Media Track, a multi-year theme established for the CIVICUS World Assemblies to explore the relationship of civil society and the media. Questions such as who controls the media in all its different forms, and the information that we get, will be debated. The panelists will detail the imbalance of power by those who own the means of communication over those who lack the access to it. The session will particularly explore how civil society is messaged in the mainstream media, the challenge of understanding and generating interest in the issues, and giving a balanced reporting of the issues that civil society is working on. The session will also debate ways in which civil society can assist in holding the media to account, particularly blogs and the internet - a media space that is unregulated. Participants to this session should have read the Media Accountability concept paper written by Ricardo Grassi: "Media Accountability: Civil Society and the News Agenda. Why isn't the Message Getting Through" (www.civicusassembly.org).

Prisoner of Conscience:

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THURSDAY 24 MAY • 24 MAY • 24 MAY

Mini Plenary IV

11h00 – 12h30

Venue: Dochart 1 & 2

Civil Society Accountability: Time to Walk the Line

Panellists

Ezra Mbogori (Moderator) Executive Director, MWENGO, Kenya • **David Bonbright**, Executive Director, Keystone Reporting, UK • **Teresa Fogelberg**, Senior Director, Business Development/Relationship Management, Netherlands • **Muthoni Muriu**, Director of Regional Programmes, Oxfam America, Kenya • **Flora Winfield**, Senior Advisor to the SG, World Conference on Religion and Peace, UK • **Diana Whitworth**, Director, The Big Lottery Fund UK.

Description

This mini-plenary will go beyond just looking at civil society organisations' need for compliance with formal requirements to donors under contracts. The session will show how there is a need to show accountability for internal governance processes. Civil society organizations have come under fire from other stakeholders, such as government, who argue that civil society representatives are not elected and therefore on what basis do they purport to represent others. Therefore, the issues of legitimacy, representation, constituency and self-regulation will be explored as well as the practical issues of making accountability more of a reality than an unattainable illusion. Participants are particularly encouraged to read the Accountability Concept Paper that has been written for this Assembly by David Bonbright with Srilatha Batliwala titled "Answering for Ourselves: Accountability for Citizen Organisations" which can be downloaded from the website (www.civicusassembly.org).

Prisoner of Conscience:

Samuel Morales is a former teacher and regional president of the Colombian Trade Union Confederation. He was arrested by the Colombian army on 5 August 2004. In the same operation, three other trade unionists were shot and killed. He was charged with 'rebellion' on 3 January 2005, and is awaiting sentencing.

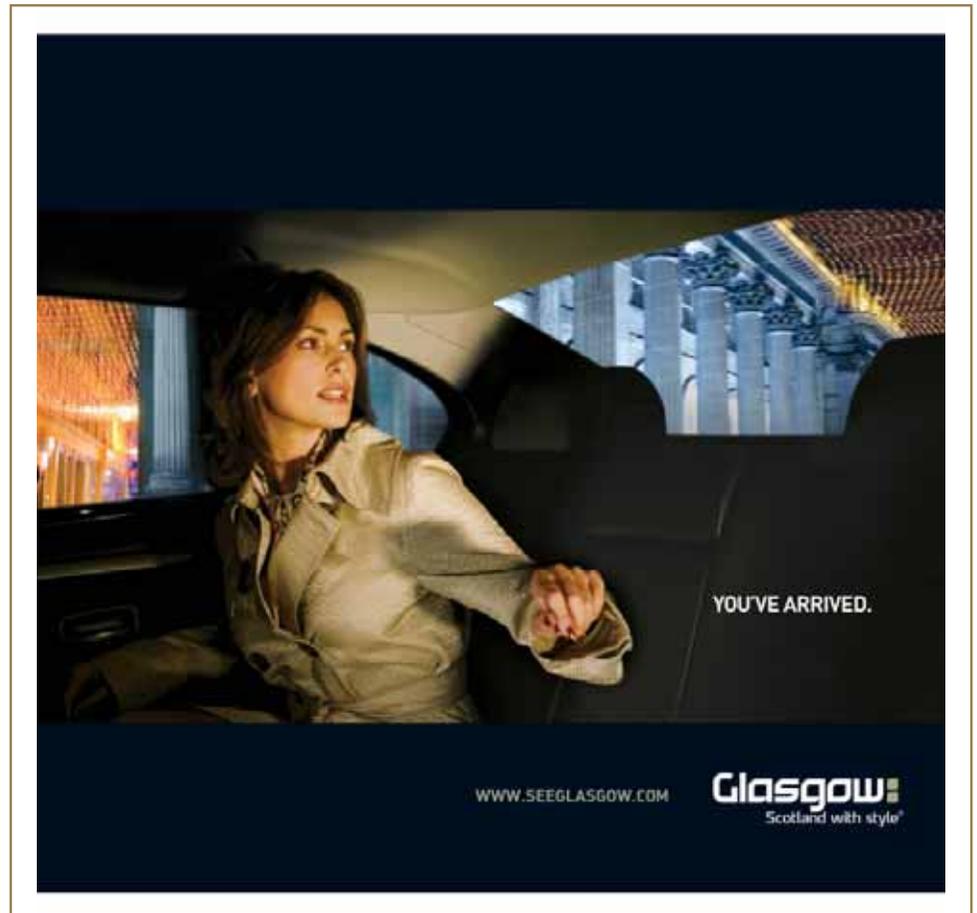
14h00 – 16h00 CIVICUS Members Meeting

Venue: Alsh Suite

All CIVICUS Members and World Assembly Delegates are invited to participate in the CIVICUS Members meeting

Kumi Naidoo, Secretary General of CIVICUS and the CIVICUS' Meeting Board of Directors will provide an update to CIVICUS Members on the main activities since the last World Assembly. In addition, CIVICUS will be introducing the new Board of Directors as elected recently by CIVICUS Members.

The CIVICUS Members Meeting will be a special time for the CIVICUS Board and Staff to interact with members and other World Assembly delegates. All participants will be provided time to ask questions, provide feedback and give guidance to CIVICUS on its current programme and proposed work for the future.



WORKSHOPS 17H45 - 19H15 WORKSHOPS

Title Defending Civil Society: Creating International Human Rights Standards

Venue: Alsh 1

Abstract: Restrictive laws, harassment of activists and the curbing of funds are increasingly threatening the existence of civil society all over the world. While international human rights instruments protect freedoms of association, assembly, and expression, none specifically protect the rights of civil society. Since 2004, CIVICUS has been discussing the creation of an international human rights instrument particularly for the protection of civil society. Using this possible instrument as a basis, this workshop will discuss the process of developing international instruments for human rights, the hurdles in the process, and the effectiveness of standards in truly protecting human rights.

Organisers: CIVICUS; International Council on Human Rights Policy; Front Line Defenders; Fondazione per la Cittadinanza Attiva (FONDACA)

Speakers: Magdalena Sepulveda; Mary Lawlor; Giovanni Moro; Clare Doube

Title A World of Civil Societies: How to Deal with the Weaknesses of Civil Society around the World

Venue: Alsh 1

Abstract: This workshop provides the space to discuss some of the key findings of the CIVICUS Civil Society Index (2003-2006). The workshop is built around practical questions and will adopt a participatory methodology. Participants will start by discussing the most common weaknesses of civil society as identified during the implementation of the CS project and, with the participation of external stakeholders, will try to identify ways to address them. The CIVICUS CSI team and those partner organisations involved in the implementation of the research will lead the exchange by sharing their experiences about difficulties and positive outcomes. The central part of the workshop will be reserved for discussions in small groups. Every person who is interested in learning more about the weaknesses of civil society and wants to contribute to strengthening civic activism will definitely enjoy this workshop.

Organisers: CIVICUS CSI

Speakers: CIVICUS CSI team and representatives from National Coordinating Organisations (NCOs)

Title Accountability of the Media

Venue: Alsh 2

Abstract: Much of the information that people have either comes from their experiences or from the mass media, which to a large extent means that the media is able to influence the thoughts and decisions of people. Media has an impact on the quality of governance and also creates an empowered citizenry. For the media

to provide maximum benefits to the people, it also needs an environment of independence and the freedom of expression. This makes the media not only powerful but also brings it in to conflict, many times, with governments. It is at such times that governments have often tried to rein in the media or initiated a debate over the accountability of the media.

Organisers: One World South Asia

Speakers: Micha Hollestelle; Rahul Kumar; Geetha Bhardwaj

Title Membership Based Organisations: Who is Accountable and Why?

Venue: Morar

Abstract: This workshop is Part II of a series of workshops devoted to topics on membership based organisations launched during the World Assembly in 2006. Whereas last year's workshop looked at general issues and trends, panellists will now compare and contrast their experiences in running membership based organisations and address issues specifically related to legitimacy, accountability & transparency. The workshop will provide a forum to understand the experiences and perspectives of different membership based organisations. Some of the topics to be covered in this workshop will be: who owns a membership based organisation; how to sustain members; and tools and standards to promote an organisation's accountability such as the International Non-governmental Organisations Charter (IANGO Charter).

Organisers: CIVICUS; AWID; IAVE Nigeria; World Federalist Movement - Institute for Global Policy

Speakers: Marianne Buenaventura; Marcela Guerrero Casas; Rose Ekeleme; Lene Schumacher.

BBC World Debate • Title: Aid – Is it working? **Venue: Lomond Suite • 16h30 – 17h30**

This extra-ordinary BBC hosted Plenary will be televised as part of the BBC World Debate series. The debate is scheduled for broadcast on BBC World on 26 & 27 May 2007. It will look at the issue of Aid, focusing on whether Aid is really effective in achieving the purposes for which it was initially intended – to alleviate poverty, accelerate development in the least developed countries and bring a measure of economic justice for the dispossessed communities in various parts of the world. The panellists include Salil Shetty, UN Millennium Campaign (UNMC); Mohamed Ibrahim, Mo Ibrahim Foundation; Myles Wickstead from the Blair Commission; and Judith Robertson, Head of Oxfam Scotland.



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Title Holding Governments Accountable -- Civil Society as Watchdog

Venue: Dochart 1
Abstract: This workshop will explore recent initiatives taken by civil society organisations (CSOs) to fight corruption with special reference to Partnership for Transparency Fund (PTF) assisted case studies. These will build on the experiences -- successes and failures -- of CSOs in using new and innovative tools and approaches that aim to promote more honest and accountable government, with concrete examples taken from South America, Latvia, and the Philippines.

Organisers: Partnership for Transparency Fund (PTF); ICD/FONTRA; G-Watch, Ateneo University; DELNA.

Speakers: Pierre Landell-Mills; Anabel Cruz; Dondon Parafina; Inese Voika

Title Making Accountability Count: Citizen Strategies to Demand Accountability

Venue: Carron 1
Abstract: Drawing on concrete case studies from Nigeria, Brazil, Mexico, South Africa, India and Bangladesh as part of the Citizenship DRC's 5 year research programme on accountability, participants will explore two issues central to accountability: What helps improve accountability? And what strategies are citizens using to demand accountability?

Organisers: Citizenship DRC; PRIA; Theatre for Development Centre; Institute of Development Studies

Speakers: Joanna Wheeler; Rajesh Tandon; Steve Abah; Lyla Mehta.

Title Poor People Holding Service Providers to Account

Venue: Staffa
Abstract: The workshop will provide an opportunity for a focused discussion on the critical issue of enhancing greater demand for voice and accountability by the poor themselves for better public policy and practice for poverty eradication. The discussion will also enrich the search for demand-led governance that is currently preoccupying governments, donors and CSOs.

Organisers: World Vision; Inzala Western Cape; Overseas Development Institute

Speakers: Elena Chiarella; Betty Wamala; Jamie Chivite; Elroy Edgard Paulus; Fletcher Tembo.

Title The Role of Civic, Cultural, Educational and Religious Organisations in Strengthening Democracy and the Culture of Interdependence

Venue: Malin
Abstract: Civil society organisations should enhance their understanding of democracy and interdependence, so that, whatever their central missions are, they can also work toward creating a global civic environment to offset the power of economic globalisation.

Organisers: University of Scranton; Transregional Centre for Democratic Studies, The New School University, New York; Institute for Transitional Democracy and international Security, Budapest

Speakers: Sondra Myers; Elzbieta Matynia; E Springs Steele; Sebestyen Gorka.

Title Defending Women, Defending Rights: A Focus on Women Human Rights Defenders

Venue: Shuna
Abstract: This workshop will centre on the four main themes of the international campaign on women human rights: recognition of human rights defenders; resistance to state violence; responsibility by non-state actors; and realization of all human rights for themes based on the information shared by women human rights defenders from different sectors and countries and the analyses developed by women's rights, human rights and LGBT activists during the campaign. The workshop will draw reactions and reflections from the audience on these themes, and more importantly, on their recommendations for the next steps to continue the campaign at national, regional or international levels.

Organisers: INFORM, Sri Lanka; Centre for Women's Global Leadership, USA; Director, Front Line, Ireland; Women Living under Muslim Laws, UK/France; International Campaign on Women Human Rights Defenders, Philippines

Speakers: Sunila Abeyeseekera; Charlotte Bunch; Mary Lawlor; Marieme Helie Lucas; Mary Jane N. Real.



WORKSHOPS 17H45 - 19H15 WORKSHOPS

Title Making NGO Accountability Practical and Relevant

Venue: Rockall

Abstract: Compared to the private sector, NGOs have their own specific reporting issues. Increasingly there is a public demand for accountability from NGOs; therefore GRI had started the process of developing a specific NGO Sector Supplement. The purpose of the workshop is to initiate a dynamic discussion on NGO accountability.

Organisers: Global Reporting Initiative (GRI)

Speakers: Annelies Poolman; Teresa Fogelberg.

Title Increasing Accountability at International Financial Institutions: Giving Affected People a Voice

Venue: Boisdale 2

Abstract: The workshop will explore the general concept of creating effective accountability of international institutions, such as the World Bank Group, and will look at recent developments. It will discuss different modes of accountability and focus on compliance as an important aspect of accountability. The proposed session will involve a look at how systems of accountability such as the World Bank Inspection Panel and the Compliance Advisor Ombudsman work, and at how affected people may have a stronger voice in actions that affect them. The workshop would also extend to issues of public participation in dispute settlement at international institutions.

Organisers: Inspection Panel World Bank; Centre for International Environmental Law (CIEL); Compliance Advisor Ombudsman (CAO) office of World Bank's IFC

Speakers: Edith Brown Weiss; Daniel Magraw; Meg Taylor.

Title Using Technology to Engage and Connect Stakeholders in Decision Making Processes

Venue: Orkney

Abstract: ICTs offer an effective governance tool for creating transparency and accountability, downsizing operations, and strengthening citizen-policy-maker interface. How can civil society harness the power of the internet to better disseminate information, create networks and web-based communities of practice to influence and connect stakeholders and find valuable information and best-practices? This workshop aims to explore and share civil society experiences concerning the utility of the internet and user-driven technologies

Organisers: Gov2U; IGLOO; Woodrow Wilson School of Public Policy

Speakers: Vasilis Koulolias; Dan Latendre; Don MacLean; Thomas Hale.

Title Strengthening Accountability for Women's Rights in the Context of Aid Modalities

Venue: Hebrides

Abstract: What are the implications of the new aid modalities for the promotion of gender equality and women's rights? How are women's rights and gender equality organisations engaging on this issue? And how can we strengthen accountability of donor and recipient governments?

Organisers: WOMANKIND Worldwide

Speakers: Ceri Hayes; Others TO BE CONFIRMED

Title Monitoring & Evaluation – Accountability or Learning?

Venue: Boisdale 1

Abstract: The central question relates to whether in the search for accountability we have reduced the space for learning. Have we reinforced a very hierarchical concept of accountability in which the higher up the aid chain a stakeholder is, then the greater influence they have on the nature of the accountability system? To explore this we will call upon the recent experience of monitoring and evaluation.

Organisers: INTRAC (International NGO Training & Research Centre)

Speakers: Brenda Lipson; Esther Mehbratu; Brian Pratt.

Title China NPO Accountability Building

Venue: Board Room Crowne Plaza

Abstract: This workshop will show the prospective development of NPOs through Chinese NPO Self-Discipline Action. The organisers expect this action will be recognised and participated in by the NGO sector. They will describe the Action's background, important events, problems, organisational structure, stakeholders and Chinese Accountability Standards.

Organisers: College of Humanities and Development, China Agricultural University

Speakers: Xiaoyun Li; Yu Cui; Kate Yu Cheng; Yimei Chen.

Title Impact Assessment: Building Results-Based Accountability Systems for NGOs

Venue: Ness

Abstract: This workshop will build on the 2006 CIVICUS World Assembly Workshop and move forward to stimulate sufficient commitment among NGOs towards results-based accountability through mission-driven, internally-led impact assessment systems. The workshop is designed to critically reflect on the future needs in institutional innovations as well as a robust methodological

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foundation for self-managed and self-steered impact assessment systems among NGOs as drivers of results-based accountability.

Organisers: Utkal University (Centre for Non-Profit and Philanthropic Studies); Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO); ICD; Asociacion Civi Estudios y Proyectos; Overseas Development Institute

Speakers: Anup Dash; Ruchir Shah; Anabel Cruz; Osvaldo Elissetche; Naved Chowdhury

Title: CSO Self-regulation: Opportunities for Increasing Accountability

Venue: Dochart 2

Abstract: This workshop will offer participants practical insights into how CSO self-regulatory initiatives such as codes of conduct and certification schemes develop and how they increase the accountability of signatory organisations. It will draw on One World Trust's empirical research and the experience of the Caucus of Development NGO Networks, the Nigeria Network of NGOs and the Philippine Council for NGO Certification to explore these issues and examine challenges, gains and innovations in CSO self-regulation.

Organisers: One World Trust; Caucus of Development NGO Networks (CODE-NGO)

Speakers: Felicidad I. Soledad; Sixto Donato C. Macasaet; Aurora F. Tolentino; Nolan Quigley; Robert Lloyd; Oyebisi Babatunde Oluseyi

Title: Tools for Participatory, Multi-Sector, Ethics-Based Assessment of Sustainability

Venue: Katrine

Abstract: Informative, interactive, and practical workshop on ethics-based assessment

using a new Earth Charter framework. The workshop addresses three essential questions: What is the Earth Charter? What value does the Earth Charter add to measuring accountability and promoting a just, peaceful, and sustainable world? How can the Earth Charter be used to conduct participatory, ethics-based assessment in your sector?

Organisers: Earth Charter International

Speakers: Dominic Stucker; Leah Wener

Title: Regulating for CSO Accountability

Venue: Leven

Abstract: The session will explore key transnational issues in CSO regulation and accountability. Through brainstorming techniques, groups and open discussion, participants will be able to collectively identify transnational issues in regulating for CSO accountability and explore recommendations for nationally addressing such issues

Organisers: Fundação Getulio Vargas; International Center for Not-for-Profit Law (ICNL); International Programme, Charity Commission; Grupo de Institutos Fundações e Empresas (GIFE)

Speakers: Elisa Larroudé; Douglas Rutzen; Emma Turnbull; Eduardo Pannunzio

Title: Legal Empowerment of the Poor: Accountability at the Outset of a New Social Movement

Venue: Barra

Abstract: The 90 minute workshop is hosted by the Commission on Legal Empowerment of the Poor, an independent commission that aims to make

Film Screening • Title: Faces of Change • 21h15 – 22h30 • Venue: Alsh Suite

Director: Michèle Stephenson and Firelight Media (USA)

Synopsis: In *FACES OF CHANGE* five activists from five different continents send off unique video dispatches from their respective corners of the world telling stories and showing images that are unlike anything audiences have ever seen. With their cameras in hand they walk us through their lives, experiences and societies, as we see the world through their eyes. Their stories are rich in wonderment, humour, pain and unflinching commitment to change. The 5 faces of change are: Mohamed, a man from Mauritania, West Africa, campaigning to end slavery; Elodia, an African-American woman organising her neighbourhood of homeowners living on a condemned toxic

site in New Orleans, Louisiana; Ivan, a Roma (Gypsy) attorney and doctor struggling with discrimination and his own self-esteem in Eastern Europe; Kathir, a Dalit (Untouchable) man fighting to eliminate caste discrimination in South India; Nara, an Afro-Brazilian woman working to instill self-empowerment in black teenage girls.

Guest Speaker: Ivan Ivanov

Director of the European Roma Information Office an international advocacy organisation promoting the human rights and social inclusion of Roma people, Ivan is one of the activists featured in the film.

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legal protection and economic opportunity not the privilege of the few but the right of all citizens. Legal Empowerment is made up of global policymakers who will pursue reforms that extend enforceable property and labour rights to the billions of people who live and work in the informal economy.

Organisers: Commission on Legal Empowerment of the Poor; BRAC; CIVICUS

Speakers: Sandra Kabir; Cate Ambrose; Kumi Naidoo

Title: **New Initiatives in Benchmarking NGO Accountability**

Venue: Jura

Abstract: Unbalanced power relations, and clashes with traditional forms of organisational accountability stifle accountability to the people whom NGOs serve. This session will identify the pivotal challenges to 'downward accountability', introduce BOND's groundbreaking collaborative process to develop new practical approaches, and present Southern perspectives from Concern Worldwide's work. Come and discuss (and critique) the work done so far; share your experience; get involved in the on-going community of practice; help us work and learn together to move the accountability debate forward on the ground.

Organisers: BOND (British Overseas NGOs for Development); Concern Worldwide; Mango; Concern Pakistan; Concern Kenya

Speakers: Charlotte Imbert; Robyn Wilford; Alex Jacobs

Title: **International Non-Governmental Organisations Accountability Charter: One Year On**

Venue: Carron 2

Abstract: The workshop will look at the conceptualisation, purpose and content of the Accountability Charter, currently adopted by over fifty international NGOs. The Workshop will also outline the development of the Charter since its launch in June 2006 and the implications of adopting the Charter from each presenter's organisational perspective.

Organisers: CIVICUS; ActionAid

Speakers: Cardinal Uwishaka; Ramesh Singh; Diana Eltahawy

DFID, the Department for International Development: Working with Civil Society in the British Government's fight against world poverty.

One in five people in the world today, over 1 billion people, live in poverty on less than one dollar a day. In an increasingly interdependent world, many problems – like conflict, crime, pollution and diseases such as HIV and AIDS – are caused or made worse by poverty. Civil Society has an important role in reducing poverty which complements the roles played by government and the private sector. Some of the areas where it can be most effective are:

- **Building voice and accountability** – Civil Society helps to build effective and accountable states and supports voices for change
- **Policy formulation** – Civil Society can have a crucial role to play. Particularly in fragile states by delivering services to the poor and developing new and innovative approaches to reducing poverty. It also has an important role to play in responding to humanitarian crises.
- **Promoting awareness and understanding of development** – a strong UK development community is important for building public support for development, contributing to policy debates and holding the international community to account

As the leader of the British Government's efforts to combat the evils of world poverty, DFID has worked with and supported Civil Society for over 40 years.

For more information please check our website: www.dfid.gov.uk, or email our Public Enquiry Point enquiry@dfid.gov.uk or call them on 0845 300 4100.



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Plenary Session II

09H00-10H30

Venue: Lomond Suite

Intelligent Funding Track

Topic: Money Matters: Towards Greater Transparency in Funding Decisions

Speakers

Sylvia Borren (Moderator), Director, Oxfam-Novib, Netherlands • **Julia Unwin**, Director, Joseph Rowntree Foundation, UK • **Olga Alexeeva**, Executive Director, CAF Global Trustees, Russia • **Rory Tolentino**, Executive Director, Asia Pacific Philanthropy Consortium, Philippines • **Abiola Tilley-Gyado**, Managing Director for International Development PLAN International, Senegal

Description

This Plenary is part of the Intelligent Funding Track, a multi-year track established for the CIVICUS World Assemblies to explore the issue of donor and recipient relations and objectives. The session will seek to clarify funding objectives, identifying the source of the funder's legitimacy, highlighting the need for building strong organisations that are independent of the funder and the need for challenging various funding approaches. The participants to this plenary should have read the Intelligent Funding concept paper written by Julia Unwin: 'The Intelligent Funder' (www.civicusassembly.org)

Prisoner of Conscience:

Chen Guangcheng, a blind activist and self-trained legal advisor, has assisted local villagers in Linyi City, Shandong province in their attempt to sue local authorities for conducting a brutal campaign of forced sterilisations and abortions in pursuit of birth quotas. Chen was sentenced to four years and three months in prison on 24 August 2006 on charges of "damaging public property and gathering people to block traffic."

Mini Plenary V

11H00-12H30

Venue: Lomond Suite

Local Government Making Accountability work at Grassroots Level

Panellists

Carmen Malena: (Moderator) Manager, CIVICUS Participatory Governance Programme • **Eloi Pieta**, Mayor of Guarulhos, Brazil, President of CISDP in UCLG • **Rajiv Joshi**, position Scottish Youth Parliament, UK • **Marta Cumbi**, position Foundation for Community Development, Mozambique • **Amsale Maryam**, position Association of Development Agencies, Jamaica Miljenko Dereta, position Civic Initiatives, Serbia.

Description

This mini-plenary will focus on government accountability at the local level and the innovative ways in which civil society is participating in decision making and policy making to bring greater access to social, economic and political justice to many at the grass roots level. The session will also cover how participatory governance at the local level is more likely to achieve the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals at national and international levels if more resources are placed there. The mini-plenary will examine the key constraints faced by civil society in engaging with governments for effective participatory governance and explore ways in which to overcome some of these challenges. This mini-plenary is co-hosted by CIVICUS and Global Reporting Initiative (GRI).

Prisoner of Conscience:

Kamal al-Labwani is a civil society activist, physician, artist and writer. He was arrested on arrival at Damascus airport on 8 November 2005, after several weeks in Europe and the USA. On 29 May 2006, he was charged with "weakening national morale" and "conspiring with a hostile nation to attack Syria". On 10 May 2007, he was sentenced to 12 years in prison. Previously, he spent three years in prison, also related to his human rights work.



Mini Plenary VI

11H00-12H30

Venue: Boisdale 1 & 2

Youth Challenging Today's Leaders for The Sake of Tomorrow

Panellists

Joao Scarpelini (Moderator), Youth Representative, Youth Assembly • **Peter Shiras**, Vice president, International Youth Foundation, USA • **Dongyu Gan**, Executive Director, China Youth Development Foundation, China.

Description

This mini-plenary will feed back into the main Assembly the discussions held by the young people during the Youth Assembly. The session will look at how the youth view some of today's pressing global issues of gender equality, social injustice and environmental sustainability and their proposals for the way that these challenges should be tackled and addressed by today's leaders. The panel will involve the participation of both young people from the Youth Assembly and the adult delegates from the World Assembly sharing their thinking on the accountability gap in decision-making processes and policies, plus suggestions for more constructive engagement between young people and policy-makers.

Mini Plenary VII

11H00-12H30 • Venue: Carron 1 & 2

Accountability of Global Institutions

Panellists

Monica Blagescu (Moderator), Programme Director, One World Trust, Romania • **Charles Badenoch**, Chief Executive, World Vision UK • **John Garrison**, Senior Civil Society Specialist, World Bank, USA • **Leila Mucarsel**, Youth Representative, Youth Assembly, Argentina

Description

This mini-plenary will present some of the findings of the 2006 Global Accountability Report, and share with participants some of the work done in promoting principles of accountability at the global level. Decision-making at levels beyond that of the nation state is an unavoidable reality. A web of connections binds us globally through trade, finance and communications. Governments alone can no longer address problems such as climate change and poverty, which are global in nature. They are joined by an increasingly powerful number of organisations from the intergovernmental, non-governmental and corporate sectors, which affect the global public sphere. Yet a lack of accountability of these organisations to the communities they affect often constrains progress on addressing such global problems. The session aims to discuss the role that civil society can play to promote greater international government accountability, better decisions and increase participation of communities in decision-making processes that affect them. This mini-plenary is co-hosted by CIVICUS and the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI).

Prisoner of Conscience:

Mohamed Abbou is a founding member of the International Association for Solidarity with Political Prisoners and the Centre for the Independence of Judges and Lawyers, both Tunisian human rights organisations the government has refused to recognize. Mohammed was sentenced to three and a half years in prison on 20 June 2005 by a Tunisian appeal court, on charges including "insulting the judiciary", publishing material "likely to disturb the public order," in addition to an assault charge.

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DFID Workshop • Title: Supporting Civil Society: Donors working with Civil Society

Venue: Barra • Time: 14h00 – 17h00

Abstract: The purpose of the workshop is to identify effective approaches and mechanisms for donors to work with civil society, with a focus on strengthening governance and accountability

Organisers: Department for International Development (DFID); Overseas Development Institute; National Audit Office; ITAD

Speakers: Mike Battcock; Fletcher Tembo; Jenny George; Julian Barr

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Mini Plenary VIII

11H00-12H30

Venue: Dochart Suite

Accountability for Children's Rights: Why Is Health Care for our Children Taking Second Place?

Panellists

Miquel de Paladella (Moderator), Executive Coordinator, Global Movement for Children, UK • **Rudo Kwaramba**, Director of Advocacy World Vision UK • **Renée Van de Weerd**, Senior Adviser, UNICEF, Netherlands • **Jeffrey Mecaskey**, Head of Health Save the Children UK • **Charlotte Bertin**, Junior City Councillor, Johannesburg City Council, South Africa

Description

This mini-plenary will detail how 10.8 million children die every year before their fifth birthday. Over 60% of these deaths were and remain preventable. Whose responsibility is it? Despite the many commitments in the last 10 years, and its recognition as a human right, access to an essential package of health care services, nutrition, water and sanitation remain the most escapable objective of all. This mini-panel will focus on analysing what needs to be done to make sure the health MDGs are met by 2015. It will analyse the reasons why the barriers to success are not technical but political. It will address power relations from the community to the country and the international levels. It will review health systems, whose deplorable condition and lack of affordability are major obstacles to improving health outcomes in many countries. It will propose ways in which civil society can hold governments to account. This mini-plenary is co-hosted by CIVICUS and the Global Movement for Children.

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11h00 – 14H00 AccountAbility Workshop

Venue: Jura

Collaborative dilemmas: New development actors, new development partnerships, new accountability problems, what role for civil society?"

Abstract: Partnerships are scaling up as the preferred way to provide public services, fund development and create new global standards. As cross-sector collaboration becomes a reality, civil society finds new accountability challenges, both as invited partners and as advocates of their accountability, from non-transparent public-private partnership contracts to global development finance unaccountable to southern stakeholders. Power differences remain. In a series of accountability and development dialogues in Indonesia, Russia and Brazil in 2006, leaders from NGOs, business and government argued for the need for mutual accountability between sectors and for better frameworks for collaborative governance to guide results. This workshop is bringing leaders from Indonesia, Russia and Brazil to reflect on the conclusions and the concrete recommendations made in the global A21 report, to redefine the roles, responsibilities and capacities of civil society organisations to lead the wave of collaborative governance.

Organisers: AccountAbility

Speakers: Alejandro Litovsky; a round table of civil society leaders from Indonesia, Russia and Brazil.



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“Learning Exchanges” are local project visits that will see delegates leave the conference venue for one day or a half-day of the conference. During those visits, delegates will be able to engage with primarily local Glasgow initiatives in similar fields of work, and forge lasting links.

Delegates are asked to sign up to Learning Exchanges on Wednesday, 23rd May after they have registered on site in Hall 1. You also have the chance to meet some of the Learning Exchange hosts that day.

1. Association Of Local Voluntary Organisations (ALVO)

..is a community development organisation and local NGO support organisation serving Rural South Lanarkshire that has been based in the historic market town of Lanark for the past 33 years. It exists to aid the individual citizen and the organisations she and he choose to invest their energy in. ALVO recognises and fosters the capacity for local communities to bring about change and regeneration through voluntary action.

Theme: Rural Regeneration, Community Development, and ICT

This exchange will give delegates an express overview of the 10 year journey ALVO has undertaken in PARTNERSHIP WORKING to arrive at an Integrated Rural Development Strategy for the area it operates within.

There will be an opportunity to view theGuidLife, an online electronic community and social enterprise, providing a 21st century virtual space for community interaction and development. Delegates will learn how this portal is being used as a partnership tool.

Participants will also undertake a guided tour of New Lanark and learn of its 40 year journey from dereliction to designation as a World Heritage Centre attraction.

www.alvo.org.uk www.theGuidLife.net

2. Awaz FM

..began broadcasting to Glasgow's Asian community in 1997 and went on to secure a full licence on 107.2FM in 2001. It's run and managed by a team of highly committed volunteers. It acts as a platform for delivery of training needs within the radio sector, confidence building and community involvement.

Theme: Community Radio

This Learning Exchange offers the chance to visit the radio station studio in Central Glasgow to see and hear how community radio works. Delegates will be able to participate in discussions about how radio can be used to preserve and promote cultures; the regenerative and educational potential of community radio; and the difficulties and benefits community radio brings. AWAZ FM will also share some of its recent experience of providing technical assistance for a community radio development project in Jordan.

www.awazfm.co.uk

3. DESERVE

..... is a European Community funded project, led by SCVO, which seeks to establish the transferability of models of service and delivery to remote and rural areas amongst participating partners in Scotland, Finland, Sweden and Iceland. The Scottish project's aim is to provide an organised transport programme that takes services

to individuals as well as taking individuals to the services. There is also a smaller project which aims to support rural shops and encourage consumers to use their facilities.

Theme: Community Service Delivery in Rural Areas

Travelling by road and ferry from Glasgow to Dunoon, Argyll through scenic rural areas, this Learning Exchange will include presentations looking at models of service delivery for communities in remote and rural areas with a main focus on the community transport services developed in the Scottish Cowal peninsula area. In addition there will be an opportunity to visit a college facility offering further and higher education within Dunoon. Participants on the trip will leave Glasgow at approximately 11.00 am and return to Glasgow at approximately 6pm. A packed lunch will be offered to delegates
www.nppdeserve.info

4. Govan Initiative (GI) Ltd

..... is a Local Economic Development Company, operating as a freestanding company with charitable status, whose purpose is the regeneration of a heavily de-industrialised area in South West Glasgow. The area was formerly known for its shipbuilding expertise and the term 'Clyde Built' became synonymous the world over as a mark of quality. This industrial heritage is the foundation of the work of GI and reflections on the past inform its approach to meeting future challenges.

Theme: Sustainable Community Development in a Modern Economy

The Learning Exchange will outline the GI's approach to its 'Skills for Jobs' Strategy.

It will provide a background to economic development activity in Glasgow and focus on how the GI has developed innovative approaches to sustainability by engaging the private sector, generating earned income from its portfolio of services, and attracting philanthropic investment. The Learning Exchange will provide an overview of the processes the company follows to succeed in this environment, and will cover issues relating to access and inclusion highlighting:

- Adopting technology enhanced learning;
- Engaging the community through learning;
- Overcoming barriers to learning and employment;
- Developing skills that meet the needs of a modern economy.

www.govan-initiative.co.uk

5. Learning Link Scotland

... is the national intermediary body for NGOs working in the field of Adult Learning in Scotland. It helps:

- build and sustain organisations through training and consultancy
- keep the sector informed about lifelong learning
- shape, make sense of and influence policy
- run events and projects, locally, nationally and internationally
- undertake research and evaluative work

Theme: Education for Adults for Life - Contributing to a democratic society

The Learning Exchange will take place in a community learning centre in Scotland's capital city, Edinburgh.
www.learninglinkscotland.org.uk

6. LGBT Youth Scotland

... is a national youth organisation working towards the inclusion of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender young people in the life of Scotland. We provide a range of services and opportunities for young people, families and professionals to proactively assist with increasing awareness and confidence, and in turn reducing isolation and intolerance.

Theme: LGBT Rights in Action

By taking part in this learning exchange delegates will gain an understanding of how the law has changed in relation to LGBT people over the last five years in the UK. They will find out more about tools that have been developed to influence 'hearts and minds' in relation to LGBT people in Scotland, like LGBT History Month and LGBT Youth Charter of Rights. Delegates will have the opportunity to learn about the work carried out in primary, secondary and tertiary education. Time will also be given for delegates to share international knowledge of LGBT equality and activism. www.lgbtyouth.org.uk

7. Legal Services Agency

... is the largest charitable law centre in Scotland which delivers a wide range of services to combat unmet legal needs.

Theme: Asylum and Human Trafficking - Legal Protection for Women

LSA's Women and Children's Department provides legal advice, representation and support to female asylum seekers, refugees and vulnerable women and children. This Learning Exchange will include a short presentation on the Department's work in representing the most vulnerable female asylum seekers, and a summary of a CIVICUS-supported research project on human trafficking. Delegates will be able to participate in discussions around some of the most common types of asylum claims

and the problems applicants face. www.lsa.org.uk

8. Scottish Refugee Council

... is an independent charity dedicated to providing advice, information and assistance to asylum seekers and refugees living in Scotland. It plays a leading role in policy development and campaigns on refugee issues to ensure that Scotland plays a full role in meeting the UK's legal and humanitarian obligations under the 1951 United Nations Convention on Refugees.

Theme: Refugees and Community Integration

There are approximately 9000 asylum seekers and refugees currently living in Scotland, the vast majority of whom live in Glasgow. This Learning Exchange will explore the reasons why people claim asylum and highlight the personal experiences of some of the refugees living in Glasgow. www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk

9. Stepping Stones for Families

... makes a real and significant difference to people's lives. We provide support, opportunity and a voice for families and young people affected by disadvantage. We create innovative solutions to tackle poverty and exclusion through working in partnership with people who live and work in both urban and rural communities.

Theme: Tackling the Effect of Poverty on Families

Families and communities have stories to tell about how Stepping Stones for Families has changed their lives for the better. You will hear these stories and meet some of the people involved. This visit will take you to Girvan a small coastal town in the rural part of south west Scotland. You will experience the beauty of our farm land and hillsides and pass through the birthplace of Scotland's national poet – Robbie Burns.

In Girvan you will visit our Family Centre and hear about our work with parents and children. You will learn about our work to regenerate a community and how we help people into training and employment. www.ssff.org.uk

10. Telephone Helplines Association

... works with helplines to achieve the highest quality response to anyone seeking information, advice and help via the telephone and other telecommunications.

Theme: Just Access to Just Telephone Services

This Learning Exchange is for anyone interested in helpline services (telephone, email, SMS or internet-based). It will take place at the call centre of Citizens Advice Direct (CAD), a helpline that provides information and advice on citizens' rights. CAD has eased demand on face-to-face advice services by offering advice via the telephone, including evenings and weekends. In addition to learning about CAD, THA will share its good practice guidelines and Quality Standard, and highlight its work with government departments and telecoms providers. Delegates will also be able to share their experiences of setting up, running or working on helpline services. www.helplines.org.uk

11. The Village Story Telling Centre

... is a community project engaging creatively with people of all ages and backgrounds through the medium of storytelling.

Theme: Bringing Communities Together through Storytelling

Delegates will be welcomed at the Storytelling Centre where they will be given the chance to introduce themselves and be introduced to some of its volunteers. Delegates will learn about activities at the Centre, which include

story gathering from asylum seekers and older people, telling stories from cultures at home and abroad, stories to develop thinking skills in children, and stories promoting its medieval castle. After some refreshments, delegates will be taken to the nearby Crookston Castle for a short storytelling experience. On return to the Centre, delegates will be able to share experiences of working with local communities. www.thevillageonline.org.uk

12. Volunteer Development Scotland

... is the national umbrella body in volunteering in Scotland. It advances the boundaries of volunteering, increasing accessibility, scope, understanding and value to all involved. One of their key performance areas is lifelong volunteering for young people.

Theme: Youth Volunteering

This Learning Exchange will look at best practice and strategies for engaging young people in volunteering – locally, nationally and internationally.

National leaders in student volunteering will lead the event, which will take place in the historic town of Stirling. As well as sharing experiences with delegates, VDS hopes to gain insight into other programmes which delegates will represent and have knowledge of. www.vds.org.uk

This Learning Exchange will focus on how democratic development can be enhanced through education. Learning Link will present ideas and information about the Scottish system for educating adults with emphasis on the informal and non-formal sector, and share ideas and exchange good practice from visitors' own experiences.

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CIVICUS Members Cocktails

Venue:
Carron 1&2

The CIVICUS Members Cocktail Party will create a space for CIVICUS members to socialise and engage in an informal setting with each other and CIVICUS staff.

19h00 – 22h00

Dinner Venue: Hall 2

Speaker: George Papandreou, Greece Foreign Minister, President of Socialist International and Leader of Panhellenic Socialist Movement

Title: Civil Society and Political Parties - Allies, Adversaries and Both

Featuring piano recital by renowned pianist, Keiko Matsui, an icon of contemporary jazz. Her elegant piano melodies and gentle jazz grooves have enormous appeal and never disappoint.

18h00 – 19h00

Networking Session Venue: Alsh 1 & 2; Boisdale 1&2

Description:

This is an informal time in which delegates can use various rooms within the SECC to network; initiate projects and exchange knowledge.

FILM SCREENING

21H15 – 22H30 • VENUE: ALSH SUITE

TITLE: BETWEEN MIDNIGHT & THE ROOSTER'S CROW

Director:

Nadja Drost, Canada/Ecuador

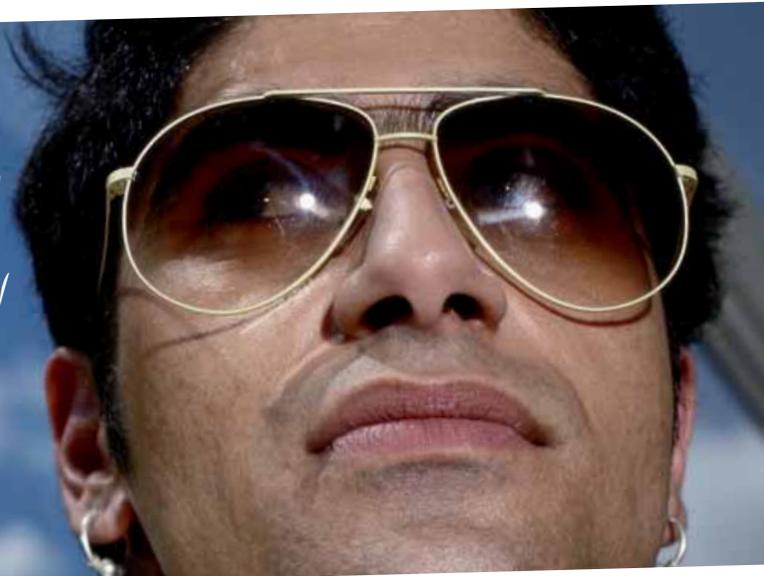
Synopsis: Ecuador lies in the mountainous western end of the Amazon basin and has the misfortune of being oil rich. In their haste to turn these oilfields into cash, Canadian oil giant EnCana, has trampled all over the rainforest and the people of Ecuador. The film follows the damage along the length of a pipeline that's being built to take the oil to the ocean; crude oil bubbles into rivers, local children are ill from the practice of flaring off the gas that comes with the oil, and the landscape is stained with tar ponds. At each stop on the film's journey, we meet the people of Ecuador. We hear of their efforts to blockade the pipeline and protect their communities. We also meet the apologists, government and company officials who insist that this is an economic development project that is good for the local people.

Guest Speaker:

Moikgantsi Kgama

Founder & Executive Director Moikgantsi Kgama is the founder of Imagination a company aimed at audience for independent films. Moikgantsi was named as one of 25 women who are shaping the world in the October 2005 issue of Essence Magazine. She currently serves as the Director of Communications and Development at Harlem Congregations for Community Improvement, Inc. (HCCI) a community development organisation founded by black clergy in Harlem to revitalise the once blighted Bradhurst community where Imagination is based.

"The smallest minority on earth is the individual. Those who deny individual rights cannot claim to be defenders of minorities"
-Ayn Rand



09h00 - 11h30 or 11h30 - 13h00

SATURDAY • 26 MAY • TRAINING WORKSHOPS

Title: Can Civil Society Save Democracy? : Innovations in Participatory Governance

Venue: Carron 2
Abstract: Citizens around the world seek more transparent, responsive and accountable government. At this workshop, participants will have the opportunity to share experiences and learn from a highly experienced team of practitioners/trainers about a range of innovative participatory governance practices (including participatory budgeting, policy monitoring, public expenditure tracking and performance evaluation)
Organisers: CIVICUS; Ágere Cooperação em Advocacy, Brazil; Christian Aid (UK and Sierra Leone); FUNDAR, Mexico; Participatory Research in Asia (PRIA), India
Speakers: Carmen Malena; Iradj Roberto Eghrari; Olivia McDonald; Kadi Jumu; Jorge Romero León; Kaustuv Kanti Bandyopadhyay

Title: Video for Change: Effective Strategies for Using Video in Human Rights Advocacy

Venue: Alsh 1
Abstract: This workshop will present strategies for developing advocacy plans built around visual evidence, testimony and stories, and for using video to target domestic and international institutions including inter-governmental organisations, regional human rights institutions, national policy makers, the media and an internet-based global public
Organisers: WITNESS
Speakers: Jenni Wolfson

Title: The Politics of CSO Regulation: Risks & Responsibilities in a Complex Legal Environment

Venue: Orkney
Abstract: The workshop will explore the risks and challenges of government regulation of CSOs as an approach to CSO accountability; the limitations of CSOs' own accountability initiatives in a disabling political environment and the politics behind different accountability challenges to CSOs and appropriate responses in different political contexts.
Organisers: The Ford Foundation; Anti-Corruption Assistance Project, Indonesia; SINERGIA; Development Network of the Indigenous Voluntary Associations (DENIVA); National Foundation for India (NFI); PCATI (Public Committee against Torture in Israel); The Indonesia Working Group for CSO Accountability
Speakers: Jennifer Chapman; Peter van Tuijl; Fulco van Deventer; Feliciano Reyna; Harriet Namisi; Ajay Mehta; Louis Frankenthaler; Kang Xiaoguang; Rustam Ibrahim

Title: Generating Evidence for Accountability: Perceptions and Realities

Venue: Dochart 2
Abstract: This workshop will focus on how CSOs can generate more credible evidence and the political analysis skills to use it more effectively. In which ways can CSOs use evidence most effectively? How can CSOs evaluate this? How can they develop better strategies to engage?
Organisers: Overseas Development Institute (ODI); Civil Society for Poverty Reduction; One World Trust; Malawi Economic and Justice Network
Speakers: Naved Chowdhury; Salati Robert Kelly; Monica Blagescu; Andrew Kumbatira

Title: Holding Governments Accountable

Venue: Alsh 2
Abstract: The Global Call to Action against Poverty (GCAP) established four key policy demands: debt cancellation, trade justice, a major increase in the quantity and quality of aid and national accountability, focusing on just governance and the fulfilment of human rights. To realise these policy demands, the struggle to hold governments accountable to their political promises remains a primary challenge for civil society. Holding governments accountable requires not only a technical process of monitoring based on facts and reliable statistics, but also a political process of empowering civil society to mobilise and participate effectively in democratic processes. To do so, civil society stakeholders need to join together in partnership to collectively reflect on its best and worst practices and undertake rigorous political analysis to identify collective tools and processes to hold governments accountable.

Organisers: ActionAid International; Oxfam Novib; Social Watch; Wada na Todo; CONCORD/ European Watch; INESC; KYCEP
Speakers: Titumir Rashed; Schildt Hannah; Lysa John; Olivier Consolo; Lara Petricovsky; Charles Mwangi Waituru

Title: Building Civil Society Domain Capacity for Legitimacy and Accountability

Venue: Dochart 1
Abstract: This workshop will demonstrate tools for building civil society networks, associations and campaigns to identify, assess and respond to legitimacy and accountability questions. It will draw on a three-year CIVICUS-Hauser Centre Programme to identify innovations that increase domain effectiveness in dealing with accountability and legitimacy issues.
Organisers: CIVICUS; Hauser Centre for Non-profit Organizations; Instituto de

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Comunicación y Desarrollo (ICD); Centre for Youth and Social Development (CYSD)

Speakers: Dave Brown; Finn Heinrich; Cardinal Uwishaka; Jagadananda; Anabel Cruz

Title **Waging Non-Violent Struggle**

Venue: Boisdale 1

Abstract: Non-violent struggle is about how ordinary people can organise and strategically apply a variety of tactics to ensure that they have the voice and the power to hold their governments, corporations and other institutions in their society accountable. The process of waging a non-violent struggle is dynamic and complex and requires careful analysis, strategic planning and an understanding of how to operate a movement. This workshop will explore a framework for understanding how non-violent struggle works, how it can be strategically planned and how to choose non-violent tactics.

Organisers: Centre for Applied Non-violent Action and Strategies (CANVAS); ICNC

Speakers: Srdja Popovic; Jennifer Latheef; Vanessa Ortiz

Title **CSO Accountability... Practise What you Preach**

Venue: Boisdale 2

Abstract: The workshop will explore the situation of CSO accountability in Latin America and will draw lessons learned and analyse best practices identified throughout the Region, especially those related to accountability to beneficiaries. The session will discuss specific accountability mechanisms and their practicability at the global level.

Organisers: Instituto de Comunicación y Desarrollo (ICD); AGODI; CRS; Fundación Jubileo; Fundación Acceso

Speakers: Anabel Cruz; Pablo Marsal; Miriam Orellana; Cecilia Guerrero; Helen Mostajo; Leilah Landim; Luis Antonio Carvalho; Tanya Lockwood

Title **Working with New Approaches to Monitoring, Evaluation and Accountability for Sustainable Social Change**

Venue: Leven

Abstract: This is not a typical training workshop. Rather, it seeks to bring together up to 20 organisations that are serious about applying new ways to plan, learn and account for the impact they have on the well-being of the people they work with and for. This workshop will start with a survey and discussion of some of the new approaches and methods currently available. From there we will explore creating a 'learning community' in which participants adapt and apply some parts of these or other related methods in their work over the coming year.

Organisers: Keystone; Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO)

Speakers: Andre Proctor; David Bonbright; Ruchir Shah; Natalia Kiryttopoulou

Title **A Fairer World Free of Corruption? Civil Society's Role in Keeping Governments Accountable through the UN Convention against Corruption**

Venue: Carron 1

Abstract: A training workshop for CSOs with an interest in playing an active role in the global efforts towards an effective implementation of the UN Convention Against Corruption. How to keep governments accountable on their promises to establish transparency and accountability measures, as well as taking concrete actions to end impunity of corruption in areas such as money laundering or recovery of stolen assets.

Organisers: Transparency International Secretariat; UNICORN

Speakers: Andrea Figari; Kirsty Drew; Gillian Dell

Title **Leadership in Civil Society: The Interaction Way**

Venue: Morar

Abstract: This training session will explore developments in the way leaders in civil society are promoting transformational change in local, national and global society. It will also give members of civil society opportunities to share information, best practices and experience from their own countries; building and developing networks internationally and with UK partners.

Organisers: British Council Scotland

Speakers: Alice Lima; Norah Matovu Winyi; Farah Kabir

Title **Right to Information: Securing Your Human Rights**

Time: 11h30 – 13h00

Venue: Malin Room

Abstract: CHRI will hold a workshop on how the right to information can be used as a tool to hold governments accountable for all their human rights obligations. The information session will draw heavily on case studies from around the world that exemplify how individuals and civil society organisations have used their right to information to realise their human rights.

Organisers: Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative; Pacific Centre for Public Integrity Fiji; ARTICLE19: Global Campaign for Free Expression

Speakers: Maja Daruwala, Angie Heffernan; Cece Fadope

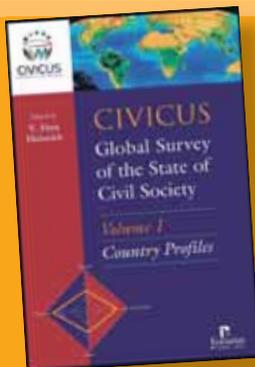
14H30 - 16H00

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13h00 CSI Mini Book Launch

Venue: Hall 5

The CIVICUS Civil Society Index gives a brief presentation of Volume 1 of its "Global Survey of the State of Civil Society" together with partners. The Global Survey scores the state of civil society in 44 countries.



Title: The Challenge of Assessing Civil Society around the World: Past and Future of the CSI

Venue: Alsh 2

Abstract: Assessing civil society is a particularly difficult task. It presents many challenges, but it is also an important endeavour in its own right as civil society has become a crucial phenomenon in today's world. This workshop will present the experience of the Civil Society Index Programme and how challenges and opportunities were dealt with. The CIVICUS CSI staff will also work with the participants in identifying how the CSI could further improve its approach to civil society assessment

Organisers: CIVICUS - CSI

Speakers: CIVICUS CSI team and representatives from National Coordinating Organisations (NCOs)

Title: Youth as Peace Builders in Post-Conflict Transition

Venue: Lomond

Abstract: Presentations will be made by a panel of youth peace builders from selected countries of Africa and Asia, followed by a discussion of their experience and lessons learned concerning the role of youth as peace builders in post conflict transition. Participation by youth and other members of civil society from post conflict contexts is particularly encouraged

Organisers: World Vision UK; Children Forum in Poso District, Poso, Indonesia; World Vision Indonesia; World Vision Development Foundation; Youth For Sustainable Peace & Development; World Vision International; Pader NGO Forum

Speakers: Steve Williams; Gustaf Melapa; Herrio Hattu; Rehoney Musa; Neren Olarte; David J. Allieu; Claudius Davies; Emmanuel Lagedo; James Odong

Title: The Role NGOs Play in Making the United Nations Accountable

Venue: Boisdale 1

Abstract: Facilitated by the United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service, this workshop focuses on fostering dialogue between civil society and the United Nations in order to promote accountability. The workshop will include an introduction on UN-NGO relations. Participants will be actively engaged in discussion groups on topics such as NGO and UN accountability, partnerships, and defining accountability.

Organisers: United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service

Speakers: Elisa Peter; Tony Hill

Title: The Challenges of a Changing Legal & Fiscal Environment: Tools to Help CSOs Address

Venue: Malin

Abstract: The aim is to provide for an examination of existing tools to measure the impact of changes in legislation introduced by various governments under the pretext of protecting public resources from being misused to support international terrorists and other extremists, or to further so-called "foreign" political interests

Organisers: PASOS - Policy Association for an Open Society; IDEMO Institute for Democracy Croatia; Institute for Development and Social Initiatives IDIS "Viitorul"; PRAXIS Centre for Policy Studies

Speakers: Jeff Lovitt; Simona Goldstein; Tatyana Laryushin; Ain Aaviskoo



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Title Legal Empowerment of the Poor: Security and Accountability

Venue: Boisdale 2

Abstract: The 90 minute workshop is hosted by the Commission on Legal Empowerment of the Poor, a new, independent commission that aims to make legal protection and economic opportunity not the privilege of the few but the right of all citizens. Legal Empowerment is made up of global policymakers who will pursue reforms that extend enforceable property and labour rights to the billions of people who live and work in the informal economy. Legal Empowerment seeks to build a dialogue with civil society to ensure the active participation of citizen groups in the development of new approaches to legal empowerment

Organisers: Commission on Legal Empowerment of the Poor; CIVICUS

Speakers: Hilde Johnson; Cate Ambrose; Kumi Naidoo

Title Exploring the Evolving Governance Structures and the Accountability of International NGOs

Venue: Carron 1

Abstract: The workshop aims to act as an exploration and sharing platform in which participants will share information on their governance structures and jointly explore how INGOs can enhance their governance and systems to ensure delivery of results

Organisers: ActionAid International; HAP; World Vision International; Transparency International

Speakers: Josephine Oguta; Daniela Pais Costa; Nicholas Stockon; Alastair Greeves; Stan Cutzach

Title Put a Woman...In the House of Parliament

Venue: Dochart 1

Abstract: The workshop will explore advocacy around governance and accountability issues. The transformation of politics to reflect an equitable sharing of power between women and men is one such issue. Network strategies can also be used as levers for achieving better results

Organisers: Network of NGOs of Trinidad & Tobago for the Advancement of Women; Human Enrichment

Speakers: Hazel Brown; Ellen O'Malley Camps; Jacquie Burgess; Sabrina Mowlah-Baksh; Kris Rampersad

Title Elementos para el Debate Sobre Transparencia de Organizaciones Nacionales de Derechos Humanos en América Latina

Venue: Carron 2

Abstract: Proponemos abordar en el taller la cuestión de accountability de las organizaciones nacionales de derechos humanos desde la perspectiva de la transparencia. En este sentido serán discutida la necesidad de tornar públicos los presupuestos y los mecanismos de toma de decisión, así como desarrollar formas efectivas de evaluación de impacto adecuadas a las particularidades de este sector.

Organisers: Conectas Direitos Humanos, Brasil; Centro de Estudios Legales y Sociales, CELS, Argentina; Corporación Humanas, Chile

Speakers: Juana Kweitel; Gastón Chillier; Lorena Frías

Title Accountability Within-the Engagement of Volunteer Social Activists

Venue: Dochart 2

Abstract: What accountability does the NGO have to its members/volunteers? What accountability do volunteer activists have to their NGO? Does volunteer involvement strengthen NGO accountability? What are the factors that promote continuing engagement and the factors that challenge that engagement?

Organisers: CIVICUS; IAVE; United Nations Volunteers

Speakers: Rose Ekeleme; Henri Valot; Mae Chao

Title State Regulation of Non-Profits in sub-Saharan Africa - Promoting or Hindering Accountability?

Venue: Rockall

Abstract: Are African governments assisting non-profits to be more accountable to their constituents through formal regulation? Do non-profits need some form of regulation to make them more accountable? How do we develop a culture of participatory governance amongst poorly resourced organisations? A look at what is being attempted in some African countries, and why South Africa's NPO Act resembles the curate's egg – good in parts. We will also take a close look at how the Act and the related Codes of Good Practice were used as tools to build grassroots accountability.

Organisers: CAF Southern Africa; National Welfare Social Services & Development Forum; Charity Commission UK

Speakers: Yvonne Morgan; Rajesh Latchman; Emma Turnbull

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Title Working Together to Strengthen Corporate Social Responsibility

Venue: Leven

Abstract: This workshop will showcase the newly launched Global Corporate Volunteer Council (G-CVC), an initiative of the International Association for Volunteer Effort (IAVE), with the support of the International Business Leaders Forum (IBLF). This innovative Council brings together practitioners of global employee volunteer programs, and this workshop offers insight into business and its ability to affect true change. Thereafter this workshop will share experiences of the Science Volunteer program as a means of engagement between enterprises and non-profit organizations in the Taiwan aboriginal mountain.

Organisers: National Centre for High-Performance Computing, Taiwan; Association of Taiwan Aboriginal Empowerment; Accton Technology Corporate; The International Association for Volunteer Effort (IAVE); Engage; International Business Leaders Forum (IBLF); Civil Society Consulting Group (CSCG)

Speakers: Kuo Chia-Chen; Su Mei-Ling; Yang Yau-Sung; Wu Mei-Wei; Sarah E. Hayes; Amanda Bowman; Kenn Allen

Title Influencing Policy: Voices of Grassroots Peace Builders

Venue: Morar

Abstract: Workshop will create and explore opportunities through which grassroots civil society can engage with policy makers on national, regional and international levels with regard to issues relating to peace and human security. The workshop will build the capacity of community based organisations to contribute to the peace and security initiatives of policy-making institutions. This will be done by strengthening the advocacy and lobbying toolkit of the Peace and Development Programme through experience sharing.

Organisers: Action Support Centre, South Africa; Others. TO BE CONFIRMED

Speakers: Gillian Ayong Ameck; Baht Latumbo

Title To Whom are National Associations Accountable in Coalition Building and Public Campaigning?

Venue: Barra

Abstract: The workshop will tackle the accountability challenges that national associations as "representatives of civil society" face in building coalitions and launching campaigns to influence public policy. It will address the tensions between the desire to be inclusive and participatory and the need to have clear campaign objectives and goals. It will touch upon various strategies taken by national associations to balance multiple accountabilities when adopting public policy choices and campaigning strategies and approaches

Organisers: CIVICUS; Centro Mexicano para la Filantropia; Caucus of Development NGO Networks (CODE-NGO); Nigerian Network of NGOs (NNNGO); Pakistan NGO Forum (PNF)

Speakers: Consuelo Castro; Sixto Macasaet; Oluseyi Oyeibisi; Meraj Khan; Diana Eltahawy

Title Creating accountability in global industries - the values of voluntary and regulatory frameworks and the role of Civil Society

Venue: Ness

Abstract: In the last few years the demand for commodities such as copper and gold, as well as oil, has rocketed and so has investment in extractive industries. The high turn over from these industries, however, are not visible in the national economy and public infrastructure. This problem is generally accompanied by poor corporate governance standards, inefficient government policies, and weak international and national regulatory framework. Further, in most African countries the space for Civil Society Organizations (CSO) participation in this industry is minimal. This workshop will explore how CSOs need to devise new strategies to address these broader accountability challenges.



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Organisers: The UN Global Compact Office, Netherlands institute for Southern Africa (NiZA)/ Action Aid; University of Nairobi Kenya

Speakers: Olajobi Makinwa; Kirsten Hund; Maggie Opondo

Title Environmental Accountability: Achieving the 2010 Biodiversity Target

Venue: Jura

Abstract: There are only three years to go to achieve the 2010 biodiversity target, only 15 months until CBD COP9 will start in Bonn, Germany and only a month until the G8 head of states will meet again. The biodiversity crisis will increase dramatically without civil society pressure. This workshop will exchange ideas, discuss strategies and build synergies to achieve this target.

Organisers: The World Conservation Union (IUCN)

Speakers: Sebastian Winkler

Title Why Youth Led Development Delivers the Best Results for any Development Buck!

Venue: Alsh 1

Abstract: Goal: to make ODA accountable to youth, and youth accountable for delivery of results. Youth Assembly delegates argue for greater investment in youth as delivery agents of ODA, not mere targets for it, backing up their arguments with evidence from completed and proposed youth-led projects analysed during the Youth Assembly

Organisers: Peace Child Scotland

Speakers: Joao Scarpelini; David Woollcombe

Title Promoviendo la Transparencia de las Empresas desde la Sociedad Civil

Venue: Hebrides

Abstract: La responsabilidad social empresarial incluye la transparencia. Este taller tiene como objetivo presentar, recoger y discutir experiencias de la sociedad civil en la promoción y el monitoreo de la transparencia y la rendición de cuentas de las empresas para evaluar sus alcances y limitaciones

Organisers: Grupo Uruguay de la Red Puentes

Speakers: Camilo López

Title Police Accountability: Standards of Practice for a Just World

Venue: Katrine

Abstract: Workshop to share CHRI's police accountability expertise and to show how best practice mechanisms can be used to ensure police are held accountable to the community, resulting in a just world. Specific objectives: raising awareness of police accountability mechanisms, comparing international practices, providing contacts and resources to civil society organisations and assessing how CHRI can support future civil society.

Organisers: Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative

Speakers: Daniel Woods; Janine Rauch; Carolyn Gomes

Gala Dinner

Venue: Hall 2 • Time: 20h00 – 23h30

This Gala Dinner will feature Scottish Ceilidh music and dancing. The music is provided by any assortment of fiddle, flute, tin whistle, accordion, bodhrán. Dancing involves a set of four couples, with each pair facing another in a square or rectangular formation. Each couple exchanges position with the facing couple, and also facing couples exchange partners, while all the time keeping in step with the beat of the music.

The highlight of the evening will be the CIVICUS Nelson Mandela Graca Machel Innovation Awards.

Three project proposals arising out of the 2006 World Assembly have been chosen to receive funding under the CIVICUS Nelson Mandela Graca Machel Innovation Awards. These awards celebrate private action for public good. The winners will be presented with their certificates at the dinner.



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Title **Légitimité et Responsabilité de la Société Civile: Surtout Envers les Plus Pauvres**

Venue: Orkney
Abstract: La légitimité et la responsabilité de la société civile doit s'analyser à travers la vérification de la pertinence de ses actions et son efficacité en interrogeant son assise sociale, et ses rapports surtout avec les populations bénéficiaires. La société civile doit atteindre les plus pauvres et les mettre au centre de la lutte contre l'exclusion sociale.
Organisers: ALLIANCE, ATD Fourth World; Programme d'Appui au Développement de Koulikoro
Speakers: Tikpi Atchadam; Thierry Viard; Mamadou Camara

Title **The New Role of CSOs in Areas of Limited Natural Resources & Conflict**

Venue: Staffa
Abstract: The engagement of civil society organisations in conflict management is growing due to the change in the nature and scale of conflicts. While conflicts in the past were limited in scale and focus, their causes tended to be situation-specific, limited in the number and demands of the conflicting parties, limited in their consequences and positively responding to conventional conflict management techniques. The consequences of conflicts caused by competition over limited resources, interstate political differences and tribal reasons expand beyond the conflicting parties to negatively affect women, children, resource capacity, economic growth and the community at large. Such a shift demands a transformation in the approaches used for conflict analysis and management, advocating new roles to be played by CSOs by emphasising their "preparedness", "accountability" and "legitimacy".
Organisers: World Hope Foundation; Water & Development Foundation
Speakers: Amana Al Mamoun; Reem Adil Abbas Ahmed; Mohamed E. Elshenaidd; Oludotun Olugbemi; Tagelsir Mohamed Gasmelseid

Title **Paying the Ultimate Price for Civil Society Engagement: Death, Intimidation and Discrimination of Trade Unionists on the Back of Unaccountable Governments**

Venue: Shuna
Abstract: This engagement workshop will look at government accountability in the light of the fact that hundreds of trade unionists lose their life each year because of their trade union activities. This happens because governments fail to ensure a context where civil society activities can take place in freedom, safety or

because they deliberately do anything they can to suppress union activities. This workshop will look at three recent incidents of trade union repression that has included the loss of life of trade unionists – from Cambodia, Guatemala and Zimbabwe – to see what similarities they have as well as how such repression can be countered.

Organisers: International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC); Scottish Trades Union Congress; Free Trade Union of the Workers of Cambodia (FTUWC); Sindicato de Trabajadores de la Empresa Portuaria – Quetzal (STEPQ) Guatemala; Zimbabwe Congress of Trade Unions (ZCTU)
Speakers: Sokny Say; Kristian Weise; Oscar Giovanni González Donado

Title **Aid Effectiveness**

Venue: Board Room Crowne Plaza
Abstract: The Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness is the culmination of ten years of donor discussion on ways to improve aid effectiveness. It was adopted in March 2005 at the High Level Ministerial Forum organised by the DAC of OECD. The Paris Declaration is commonly described by donors as "an unprecedented global consensus" for reforming the delivery and management of aid to improve its effectiveness. These reforms are intended to "increase the impact of aid... in reducing poverty and inequality, increasing growth, building capacity and accelerating achievement of the MDGs"
Organisers: Reality of Aid; Canadian Council for International Co-operation; Third World Network Africa; IBIS; EURODAD; IBON
Speakers: Tony Tujan; Brian Tomlinson; Yao Graham; Lucy Hayes; Maitet Ledesma; Moreblessings Chidaushe; Lars Koch



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Plenary Session III

16H30-18H00

Venue: Lomond Suite

Government Accountability: From Political Won't to Political Will

Speakers

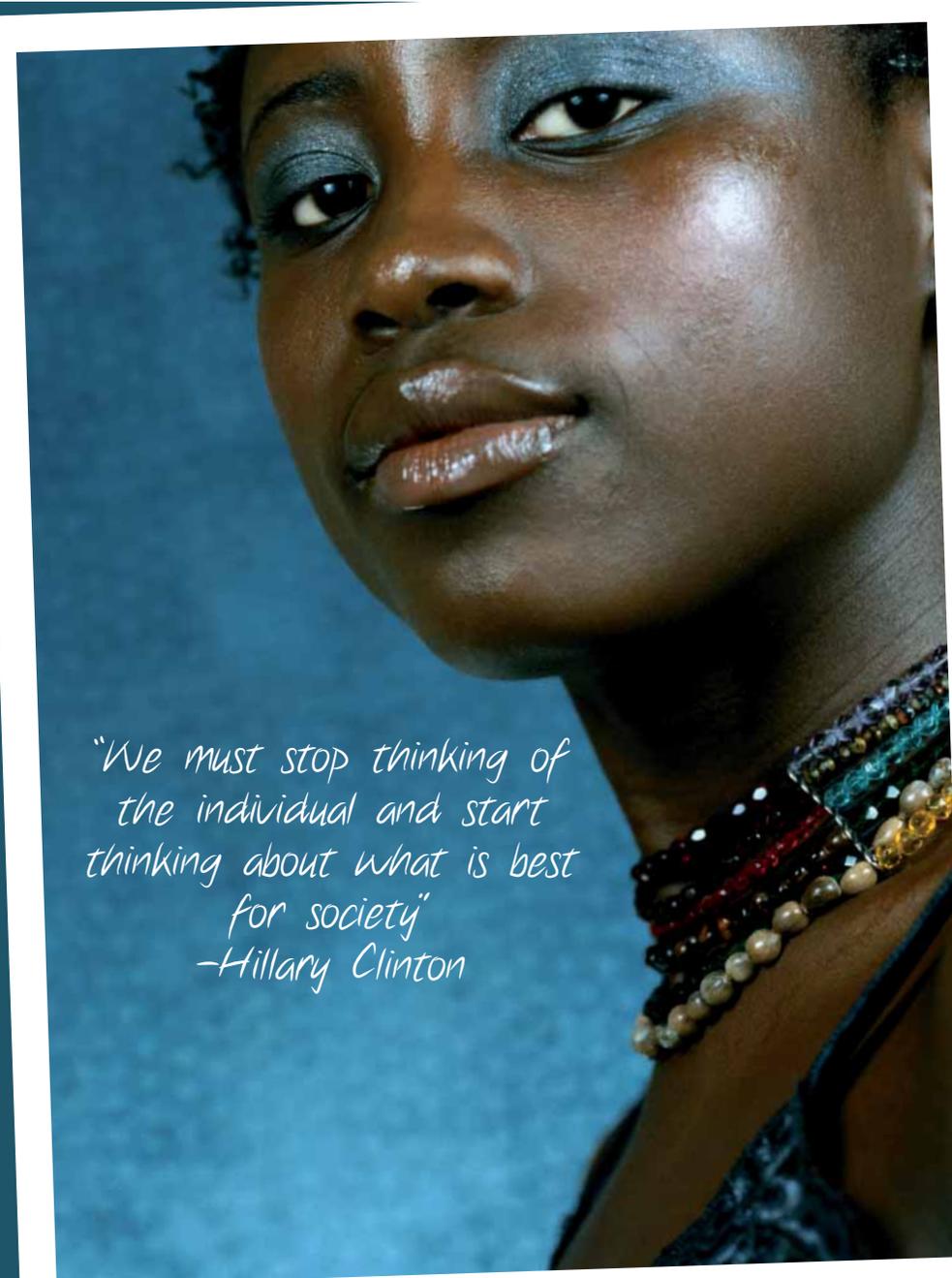
Doug Rutzen (Moderator) President International Centre for not-for-Profit Law, USA • **Irene Khan**, Secretary General, Amnesty International, Bangladesh • **Anwarul Chowdhury**, High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States United Nations, India • **Mamounata Cissé**, Deputy Secretary General, International Trade Union Confederation, Burkina Faso • **Cobus de Swardt**, Acting CEO and Programme Director, Transparency International, Sweden • **Olara Otunnu**, Former UN Special Representative for Children & Armed Conflict, President of LBL Foundation for Children, USA

Description

This Plenary deals with the topical issue of government and political accountability, discussing the far reaching implications and consequences of government power holders at national, regional & international levels on the micro to macro levels. The session will seek to help participants to understand that sometimes or often times, inaction (e.g. Sudan) by power holders is almost as destructive as action (e.g. Iraq), and how can a balance be achieved where the rights of those without voice can be guaranteed while protecting the national interests. The session will also look at the sometimes competing interests of big business and try to understand the reasons why governments behave the way they do in an effort to explore ways in which to increase accountability.

Prisoners of Conscience:

Nusheen Ahmadi Khorasani, Shahla Entesari, Parvin Ardalan, Fariba Davoodi Mohajer, Sussan Tahmassebi & Azadeh Forghani are women's human rights activists who organised a peaceful protest on 12 June 2006, as well as a campaign demanding an end to discriminatory laws against women. In April 2007, they were sentenced to prison terms and suspended sentences ranging from six months to three years on charges of threatening "national security."



"We must stop thinking of the individual and start thinking about what is best for society"
-Hillary Clinton

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Plenary Session IV

09H00-10H30

Venue: Lomond Suite

Our Accountability to Future Generations: Responding to the Challenge on Environmental Sustainability

Speakers

Jem Bendell (Moderator), Professor, Auckland University, New Zealand • **June Zeitlin**, Executive Director, Women's Environment & Development Organisation, USA • **Alan AtKisson**, Executive Director, Earth Charter International, Sweden • **Wangari Mathai**, Founder of Green Belt Movement International Kenya (Video Message), Nobel Laureate, Kenya

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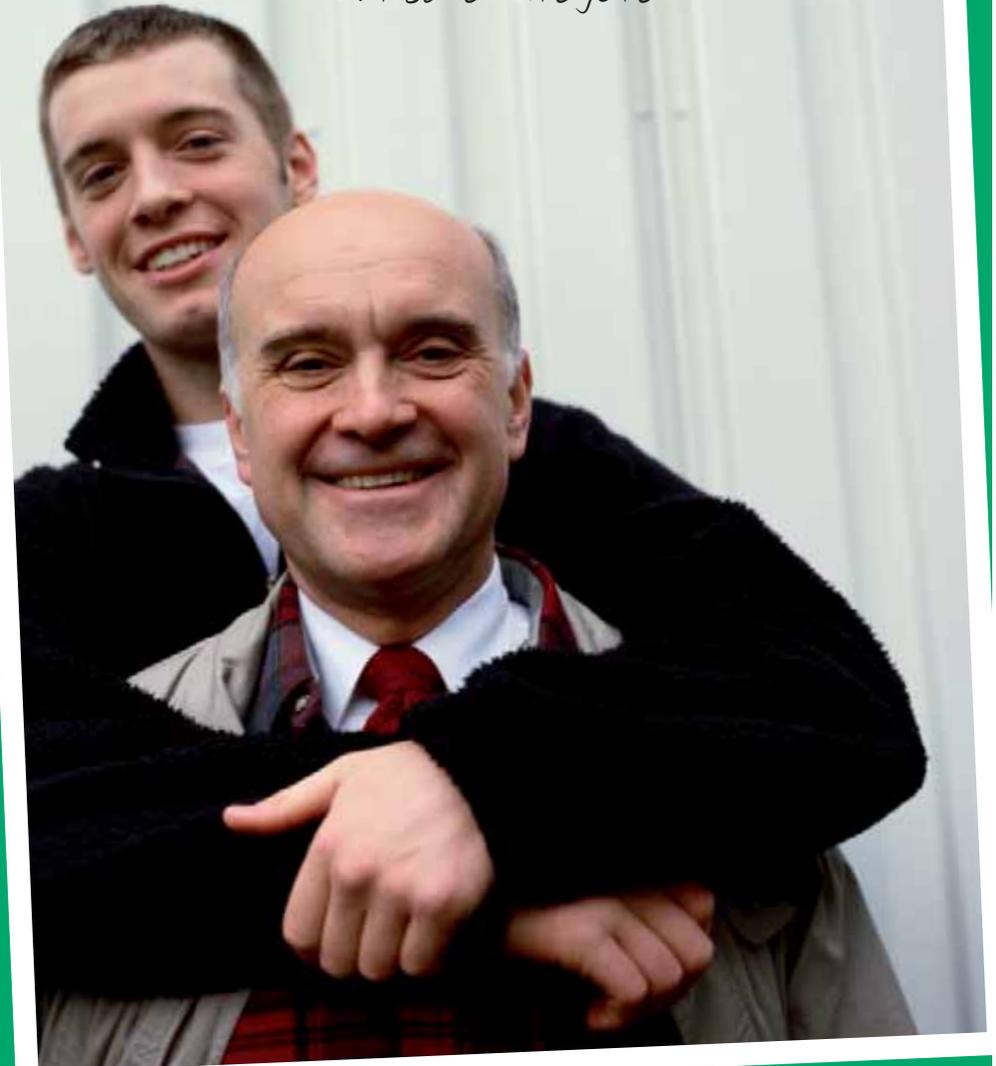
This Plenary will look at the issue of public goods and the accountability for these, particularly focusing on the climate crisis and environmental sustainability concerns. The session will give a brief overview of the human influencing factors in the global North and South that are contributing to climate change and environmental lack of sustainability for the future generations. The panellists will debate what should be our appropriate response to these challenges, seeking to distinguish what is fact from what is merely sensationalism in all the information that we are bombarded with by the media, by activists, scientists and politicians. The session will also look at some of the more innovative initiatives instigated by big business, governments and civil society to deal with these challenges.

Prisoner of Conscience:

Mohamed Abbou is a founding member of the International Association for Solidarity with Political Prisoners and the Centre for the Independence of Judges and Lawyers, both of them Tunisian human rights organisations the government has refused to.

*"If we want unity, we must all be unifiers.
If we want accountability, each of us must
be accountable for all we do"*

- Christine Gregoire





*"All power is inherent in the people;
they may exercise it by themselves; that
is their right and their duty"*
-Thomas Jefferson

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Abiola Tilley-Gyado is the representative for Strategic Framework for Africa at Plan International; a GCAP representative, she also works on governance, public health, advocacy, poverty eradication, children and youth.



Ad de Raad is currently Executive Coordinator of the United Nations Volunteers (UNV). Prior to joining UNV, Mr. de Raad was Director of Budget at UNDP's New York headquarters; as

Director of Budget, he was responsible for all aspects relating to planning and management of biennial support budgets for UNDP and the Funds and Programmes administered by UNDP. Before this, he held a number of positions in what is now UNDP's Bureau of Management. Prior to his appointment at UNDP's headquarters Mr. de Raad held increasingly senior positions in UNDP Country Offices in Bangladesh and Tanzania covering programme development and management for the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) and UNDP itself. Mr. de Raad holds a Masters degree (MSc) in Civil Engineering from Delft University of Technology.



Alan AtKisson currently serves as Executive Director of Earth Charter International (ECI), which coordinates the Earth Charter Initiative worldwide. The Earth Charter

is a consensus declaration on ethics and values for a sustainable future that was developed through an extensive process of international consultation. Alan is also President of the AtKisson Group, a strategic sustainability consultancy with representatives in ten countries and a wide range of clients including inter-governmental initiatives, cities, investment funds, and companies. In addition to a wide range of publications on sustainability, Alan is also a professional singer/songwriter who has released four albums over the last ten years on the independent label Rain City Records.



Anwarul K. Chowdhury was appointed as the Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries

and Small Island Developing States. Prior to his appointment, Ambassador Chowdhury completed his assignment (1996-2001) as Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations in New York. In his more than three decades of diplomatic service, he has specialized in economic and social development issues as well as in conflict

prevention and international peace and security matters. Mr. Chowdhury served as President of the Security Council, President of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Executive Board and as Vice-President of the UN Economic and Social Council. A regular contributor to journals on peace, development and human rights issues, he is at present, the Chairman of the International Institute for South Asian Affairs of New York.



Aruna Rao is a gender equality and institutional change expert with over 25 years experience in addressing gender issues in a variety of development organizations. She is the

Founder-Director of Gender at Work (www.generatwork.org), an international knowledge and capacity building network which promotes women's empowerment and gender equality through institutional change. She has consulted widely with UN organizations, academic institutions, governments, and development NGOs both international and national on gender equality, international development and institutional change issues. She currently serves as Chair of the Board of Directors of CIVICUS: World Alliance for Citizen Participation, and Member of the Board of the United Nations Democracy Fund. She served as President of the Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID) from 1998-2001. She has written extensively on gender equality and institutional change issues. She holds a Ph.D. in Educational Administration from Columbia University, New York.



Cobus de Swardt is a South African sociologist whose work experience spans the fields of globalisation, development policy, international relations and multinational

business management. He has also worked for multinational corporations, trade-unions and research institutes in managerial and research-related capacities in various countries. During the 1980s and early 1990s he was active in the anti-Apartheid struggle in South Africa chairing the ANC in Cape Town. Before joining Transparency International he led the Chronic Poverty Research Centre (CPRC), an international research and development policy network, in South Africa. He also represented the CPRC internationally in working with governments, the media and with international bodies. Since May 2004 Cobus de Swardt is Director for Global Programmes, leading TI's work on global priorities, as well as coordinating the activities of the International Group.

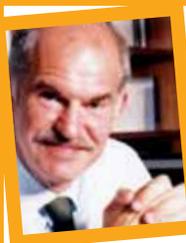


Douglas Rutzen is President and CEO of the International Center for Not-for-Profit Law (ICNL). ICNL promotes the legal framework for civil society and public participation worldwide.

ICNL has worked on projects in over 100 countries worldwide. Doug is on the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania Law School, where he teaches international civil society law. Doug also serves on the Advisory Group of

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CIVICUS' Civil Society Watch program. Prior to joining ICNL, Mr. Rutzen taught law at Charles Law Faculty in Prague, served as Legal Advisor to the Czechoslovak Parliament, and worked for Coudert Brothers, where he specialized in Supreme Court litigation and international law. In addition, Doug was on the team that brought the first lawsuit against Libya in connection to the Lockerbie crisis, and he was instrumental in Libya's \$2 billion settlement in this case. Mr. Rutzen is a graduate of Yale Law School, with undergraduate studies at Cornell and Oxford.



George Papandreou
George

Papandreou became a cabinet member in Greece 1985, taking up the post of Deputy Minister of Culture. In this post, he successfully

supported the institution of Free Radio and in 1988 he received the Votsis Foundation Award for the Promotion of Journalism. He became the leader of the International Olympic Truce Foundation to promote the Olympic Ideals, to serve peace, friendship and international understanding and to uphold the observance of the Olympic Truce. In two separate tenures as Minister of Education, he laid the foundations for a number of new institutions and took measures to reform and improve the educational system. He showed particular sensitivity to education for minority groups creating a system of Intercultural Education to address the needs of students with special cultural needs, such as the students of minority schools in Thrace, the Roma community, and immigrants. As Foreign Minister he worked at

improving relations between Greece and its neighbours, and particularly with Turkey. For his contribution to Greek-Turkish relations he was named Diplomat of the Year 2003 by the European Voice newspaper. At the 4th World Conference on the Future of the Internet, George Papandreou was voted as one of the 25 people who have changed the world through the Internet. In 2004 George Papandreou, one of the most popular figures in contemporary Greek politics became leader of PASOK though the party lost the elections to the Costa Karamanlis led New Democracy Party. As Minister of Foreign Affairs he continues to improve Greece's relationship with her neighbours and is an active force in world peace, education, democracy and human rights.



Irene Khan joined Amnesty International as Secretary General in August 2001. As the first woman, first Asian and first Muslim to head the world's largest human rights organization, she has led

Amnesty International through challenging developments in the wake of 09/11. She has also sought to bring a strong focus to the issue of women's human rights and violence against women. Prior to joining Amnesty International, Ms. Khan worked for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for twenty one years. In 1977, she helped to found Concern Universal, a UK-based development NGO. She has been awarded numerous honorary degrees and been widely recognized for her work in women's rights. She is a graduate of Harvard Law School, USA and the University of Manchester, UK.



Jem Bendell is the Adjunct Associate Fellow for the Griffith Business School, Australia, and Senior Strategic Advisor of WWF-UK. For over 10 years, Dr. Bendell has been involved in,

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Julia Unwin has been a director of the Joseph Rowntree Foundation since 2007. She has a long history as an advocate for the users of housing, health and social care services, and recently chaired

the King's Fund Inquiry into the operation of the care market for older people. As a researcher, author and consultant she has focused on the development of services, and

in particular the governance and funding of voluntary organizations and their relationship with Government. She has researched and published widely on funding issues. Prior to the JRF, contracts and positions have included Chair of the King's Fund Commission of Inquiry into the operation of Care Markets; research into the resourcing, governance and structure of the voluntary sector; review of the governance of charitable appeals for the BBC 2004; Independent Adviser to NatWest Group Charitable Trust 1995-2000, and Senior Associate at the King's Fund.



June Zeitlin joined WEDO as the Executive Director in 1999 and has extensive experience as a women's rights lawyer, social policy advocate and in intergovernmental relations. She worked

at the Ford Foundation for over a decade as the Director of the Governance and Civil Society Program, Director of the Gender and Institutional Change Project, Deputy Director of the Rights and Social Justice Program and Program Officer for Women's Rights. Prior to joining the Ford Foundation, Ms. Zeitlin served as a legislative assistant in Washington, DC for former Congresswoman and WEDO co-founder Bella Abzug. June began her career at Bedford-Stuyvesant Legal Services in Brooklyn, New York and later worked as a lawyer with the National Women's Law Center in Washington, DC. She has a JD from New York University School of Law.

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Kumi Naidoo has been CIVICUS' Secretary General since 1998. Kumi has a long history of involvement in the non-governmental sector. He was active in the anti-apartheid struggle

in his native South Africa and has also worked variously as a researcher, journalist, university lecturer and youth counsellor. He has published and spoken widely on issues relating to civil society, education and resistance to apartheid. He was appointed by the UN Secretary General to the Panel of Eminent Persons on UN Civil Society Relations. CIVICUS has been playing an active role in uniting civil society organisations around the MDGs. As a result of this work, Kumi chaired the International Facilitation Group of the Global Call to Action Against Poverty, that carried out joint civil society mobilisations around trade, debt, aid and demands to national governments in 2006. Kumi also serves as an advisory board member on the UNDEF, UNIFEM and the Clinton Global Initiative.



Lisa Jordan is the Deputy Director of the Global and Civil Society Unit at the Ford Foundation. Ms. Jordan graduated cum laude in 1992 with a Master's Degree in Development Studies from the Institute

of Social Studies in The Hague, Netherlands. She has acted as a consultant for numerous foundations both in the fields of development and environment and has published articles in Dutch, English and Spanish on changes in the field of development, the phenomena

of non-governmental organizations and on the multilateral development banks. Previous positions included directing the U.S. component of the Global Legislators Organization for a Balanced Environment (GLOBE), an environmental exchange program for parliamentarians; acting as a legislative assistant to Congressman Jim Scheuer, who served the people of the 8th district in New York; directing the multilateral development bank program of BothEnds, a non-profit in the Netherlands; and directing the Bank Information Center, a non-profit in Washington D.C.



Mamounata Cissé International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, Deputy Secretary General. She's from Burkina Faso, Mrs. Mamounata Cissé is the first woman to occupy

the post of Secretary-general associated of the International Confederation of the Free Trade unions (CISL).



Lara A. Otunnu is the President of LBL Foundation for Children, an independent international organization devoted to promoting protection, hope, healing and

rehabilitation for children in communities devastated by war. From 1997 to 2005, he served as the UN Under-Secretary General and Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict. He was the architect of the ground-

breaking comprehensive compliance regime for the protection of children, adopted by the UN Security Council in Resolution 1612 of 26 July 2005. From 1990 to 1997 Mr. Otunnu was President of the International Peace Academy (IPA). In the 1970s, he played a leading role in the resistance against the regime of Idi Amin in Uganda, and he later served as Uganda's Permanent Representative to the UN. Mr. Otunnu served as Minister for Foreign Affairs of Uganda from 1985 to 1986. He currently serves on the boards of several organizations, and has received several major awards.



Olga Alexeeva is a Head of CAF Global Trustees (CAF GT), a new division of the UK Charities Aid Foundation that is focused on the development of private and family giving in the

world. In her capacity as the Head of CAF GT, Olga is responsible for overall management of CAF Global Trustees, promotion of private and family foundations and CAF services to wealthy individuals around the world, for attracting new clients to CAF GT and developing relations with existing clients of CAF. Prior to this job, Olga Alexeeva worked 12 years in the Russian office of CAF and in the last 7 years was the Director of the Russian office of the Charities Aid Foundation (CAF Russia). She is also the author of 3 books on non profit organization and civil society in Russia, and over 100 articles and research publications about civil society development and philanthropy.



Simon Zadek is the Chief Executive of AccountAbility, and is currently a Senior Fellow at the Centre for Government and Business of Harvard University's Kennedy School, and a 'Professor

Extraordinaire' at the University of South Africa's Centre for Corporate Citizenship. He sits on the International Advisory Board of Instituto Ethos, the Advisory Board of Generation Investment Management, is a Member of the Clinton-Dalberg Task Force programme effectiveness in leveraging private enterprise for development. In 2003 he was named one of the World Economic Forum's 'Global Leaders for Tomorrow'. Simon's previous roles include Visiting Professor at the Copenhagen Business School, the Development Director of the New Economics Foundation, and founding Chair of the Ethical Trading Initiative. He has served on numerous Boards and Advisory Councils. He has authored, co-authored, and co-edited numerous publications. His book, *The Civil Corporation: the New Economy of Corporate Citizenship* (2001), has become a classic in the field, and has been recognized by the Academy of Management by being honored as the Best Book Social Issues Award 2006.

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Sylvia Borren has been the Executive Director of Oxfam Novib since 1999. She chairs the New Dialogue (a Dutch platform of civil society organisations) and co-founded the NSF (Dutch Social Forum).

From 1995 to 2004 she was member of the board of governors of one of the largest mental health services in The Netherlands, and before that worked as a trainer and organisational consultant at the foundation "De Beuk", specialised in Civil Society and Government Consultancy. She joined the Civil Servants Trade Union and the national board of the COC, the Dutch Lesbian and Gay organisation. She helped build the International Lesbian and Gay Association (ILGA) and was active in the global women's movement. She is regularly asked at national and international level as speaker and participant on issues of development, transformational leadership, active citizenship and civil society. She holds a B.A. in Education and Religious Studies, and an MA in Education.



Teresa Fogelberg is a GRI Director, and engages business and other stakeholders in the strategic work of GRI. She has spent many years in development organizations, such as ILO,

USAID, and Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Teresa contributed to the development of socio-economic impact assessment tools, and chaired the OECD Working Party on Women and Development and sat on the Oversight Committee of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR). She also worked for the Netherlands Ministry of Environment, where she was head of the Netherlands delegation to the international climate negotiations, and worked closely with the corporate sector to achieve results in this field. In 2002, Teresa acted as executive assistant to the Special Envoy of the U.N. Secretary General for the World Summit on Sustainable Development, and was in charge of private sector involvement in the Summit.



Venus Ilagan was born and raised in the Philippines. She was disabled at age 3 because of the polio virus. In spite of the disability, she went to school and obtained a university degree in

Mass Communication with journalism as her field of expertise. She worked as a media practitioner for 14 years until she was recruited as project manager for a national rehabilitation project that provides services to children with disabilities in the Philippines. She was elected first woman-chairperson of Disabled Peoples' International in October 2002, a post she holds up to now. As chair of DPI, she has been a participant to the negotiations work for the recently-adopted UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. This treaty was signed initially by 83 countries and regional organizations on the opening day for signatures on 30 March 2007. She is very proud of the work she does in disability and look forward to seeing the convention serve as a vehicle towards realizing the goal of building better lives for persons with disabilities the world over.



Wangari Muta Maathai was the first woman in East Africa to earn a doctorate degree. She obtained a degree in Biological Sciences from Mount St. Scholastica College in Atchison,

Kansas (1964), and subsequently earned a Ph.D. (1971) from the University of Nairobi where she also taught veterinary anatomy. Wangari Maathai was active in the National Council of Women of Kenya in 1976-87 and was its chairman in 1981-87. It was while she served in the National Council of Women that she introduced the idea of planting, and continued to develop it into a broad-based, grassroots organization whose main focus is the planting of trees with women groups. Wangari Maathai is internationally recognized for her persistent struggle for democracy, human rights and environmental conservation. In December 2002, Professor Maathai was elected to parliament, and was subsequently appointed by the president as Assistant Minister for Environment, Natural Resources and Wildlife in Kenya's ninth parliament. She was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2004 for her contribution to sustainable development, democracy, and peace.

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09h00 – 21h00	Registration	Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre (SECC) Hall 1 Delegates who are sponsored through the World Assembly bursary fund, please proceed to the Bursary Desk
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09h00 – 15h00	Participatory Governance Meeting	Clyde Suite, Holiday Inn- See page 7
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THURSDAY 24 MAY 2007		
09h00 – 19h00	Registration	Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre (SECC) Hall 1 Delegates who are sponsored through the World Assembly bursary fund, please proceed to the Bursary Desk
09h00 – 10h30	Opening Plenary - Accountability: to whom and for what?	Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre (SECC) Lomond Suite – See Page 8
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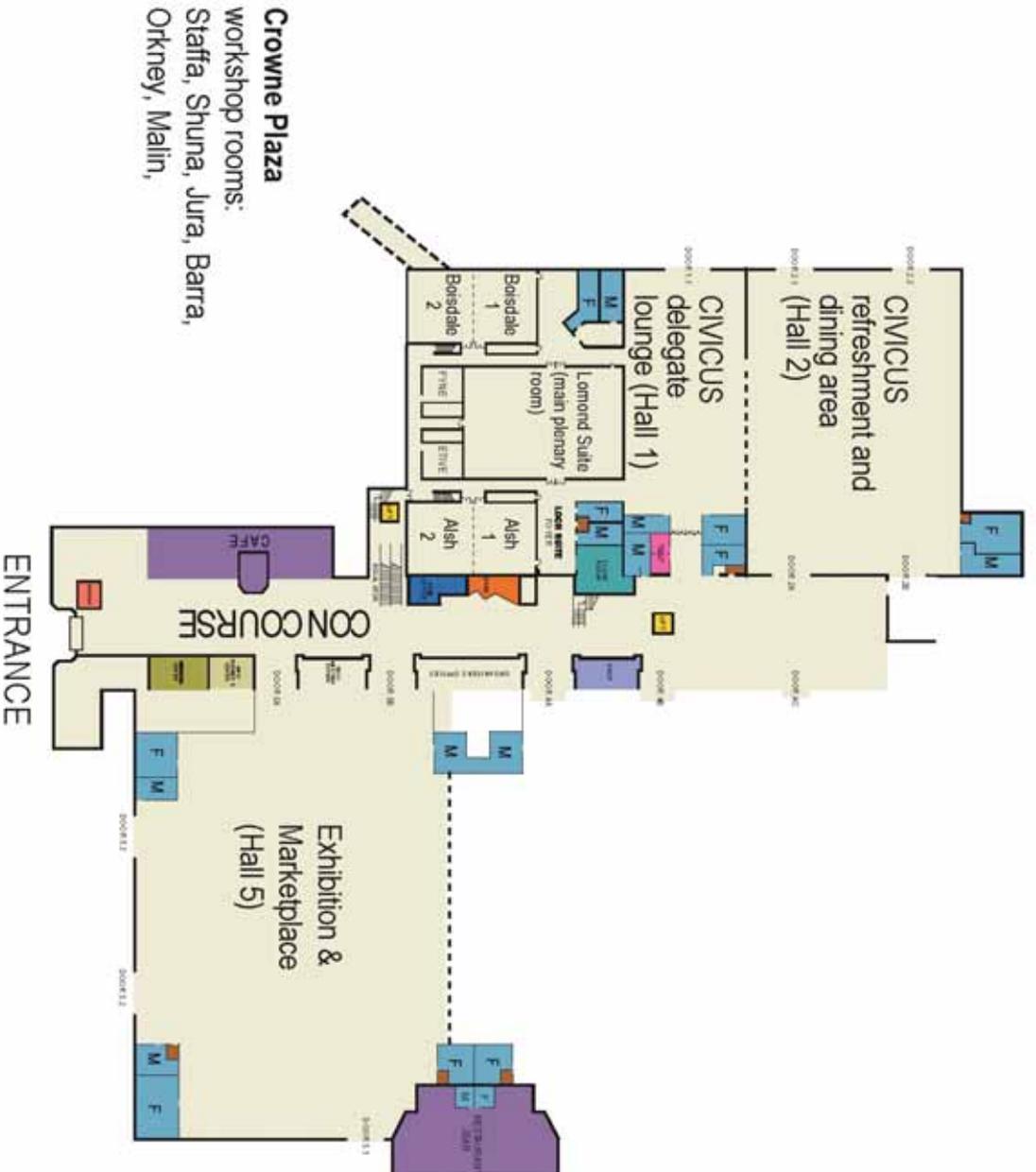
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09h00 – 16h00	Registration	Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre (SECC) Hall 1 Delegates who are sponsored through the World Assembly bursary fund, please proceed to the Bursary Desk
09h00 – 14h00	Training Workshops	Various venues in Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre (SECC) & Crowne Plaza – See Pages 22-23
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12h30 – 14h00	Lunch	Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre (SECC) Hall 2
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SUNDAY 27 MAY 2007

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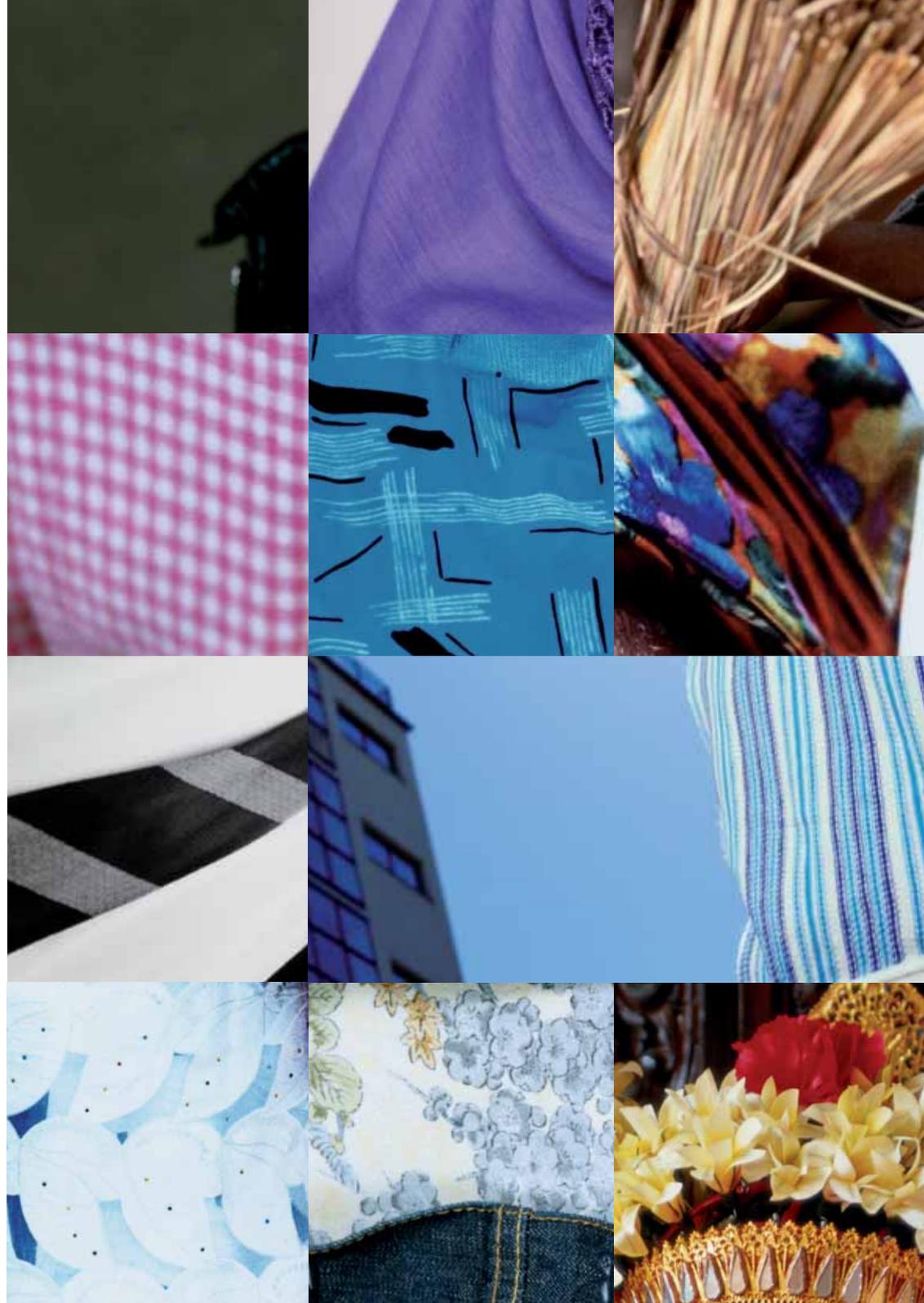
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