



## Strengthening the Conditions for Civil Society: Launch of the CIVICUS Enabling Environment Index

Tuesday 8 October 2013, 13:00 - 15:00

Churchill Room, Europe House, 32 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3EU

### Programme

<i>Welcome:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Francesca Manchi</b>, Representation of the European Commission in the UK</li></ul>
<i>Chair:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Dhananjayan Sriskandarajah</b>, Secretary-General, CIVICUS</li></ul>
<i>Presentation of the Index:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Mark Nowottny</b>, Head of Strategy, CIVICUS</li></ul>
<i>Panel discussion:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Roy Trivedy</b>, Head of Civil Society Department, Department for International Development</li><li>• <b>Joanna Rea</b>, Policy and Government Relations Manager, BOND</li><li>• <b>Oliver Henman</b>, Head of Partnerships and International, National Council for Voluntary Organisations</li></ul>
<i>Closing remarks and thanks:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Dhananjayan Sriskandarajah</b>, Secretary-General, CIVICUS</li></ul>

### About the event

CIVICUS and its partners have always played a pivotal role in ensuring and protecting a global civil society environment conducive to positive social change. As part of advocating for the best conditions possible for civil society, CIVICUS recently released the [Enabling Environment Index](#), which evaluates the national conditions that protect, promote, hinder, and restrain the space for civil society to operate freely and optimally.

The panel comes at a crucial time both globally and nationally: in the context of the UN post-2015 development agenda, discussions on fostering enabling environments for civil society have far-reaching implications, while the current political atmosphere surrounding civic space in the UK makes the topic more relevant than ever at home.

Panellists will discuss the findings and the future of the Index, as well as the challenges that lie ahead in paving the way to a robust methodology for the effective measurement of the health of civil society around the world.

### How to participate?

Please RSVP to Radmila Evanics ([radmila.evanics@civicus.org](mailto:radmila.evanics@civicus.org)) if you would like to attend, as places are limited and on a first come first serve basis.