



International
Civil Society
Centre

We help international civil society organisations (ICSOs) maximise their impact for a sustainable and equitable world.



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Platform for
Collaboration

Civil society practitioners connect, collaborate and co-create at workshops and conferences designed to challenge conventional thinking and bring the best and freshest ideas to the fore



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Innovators Forum | 25-26 February | Berlin, Germany

Innovators pool ideas to identify new ways of influencing and reframing the public narrative on global solidarity and justice in a context of rising populism.

Vision Works | 2-4 April | Greentree Estate, New York, USA

Global CEOs and Chairs of the leading ICSOs define joint goals on issues of key strategic importance for their organisations and civil society as a whole. This year's focus is how to improve collaboration in the field of advocacy.

Global Heads of Division | 10-12 September | Berlin, Germany

Policy, Programme and Human Resource Directors discuss best practices and explore opportunities for joint action.

International Civic Forum | 29 October | Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Civil society exchanges with governments, corporates, media and philanthropists on civic rights issues.

Global Perspectives | 30 October – 01 November | Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

At our largest conference, leaders from civil society, politics and business come together to explore and network around trends and challenges. This year's focus is on the legitimacy of civil society.

We seek out the latest innovations and analyse how they can help ICSOs increase their impact, while looking ahead to how future developments could affect civil society's relevance

Digitalisation

ICSOs are well aware of the speed of technological innovation and its disruptive potential. This year we put digitalisation into focus, looking at it from both ends of the spectrum. We aim to harness its beneficial potential and understand its power to upend plans and conventional wisdom.

Blockchain for Social Good | 19-20 March | New York, USA

Scanning the Horizon

A membership platform including leading ICSOs, national CSO umbrella organisations and academic departments, multilateral organisations and corporations, which performs

collaborative trend analysis for the sector. Focus this year will be on the relevance of China to ICSO strategy.

Scanning the Horizon Annual Meeting | 11-13 June | Hong Kong, SAR China

Power Shift

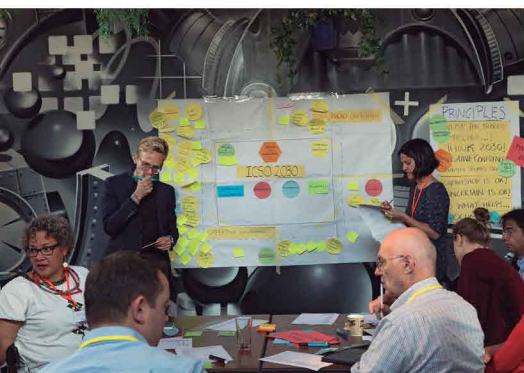
ICSOs need to break the circle of frequent, but ineffective, governance reforms by considering power dimensions and linking their systems to their values and goals. The Centre invites leaders to jointly develop new, more effective and more legitimate forms of governance at the Global Governance Lab.

Managing the Powershift Meeting | TBC September | Bellagio, Italy



Collaboration

Building on our events and connections, we develop projects and partnerships that tackle common problems and create impact that no organisation can achieve alone



Civic Charter

Groups working with www.civiccharter.org convene to unite and learn from each other how to defend civic rights together.

Civic Charter Community Meeting | 4-6 March | Bangkok, Thailand

Leave No One Behind

Working to realise the UN Sustainable Development Goals, this project fosters the sharing of evidence between ICSOs and other stakeholders in order to identify, support, and empower marginalised and vulnerable groups worldwide.

Leave No One Behind Stakeholder Meeting | 12-14 March | Hanoi, Vietnam

Fighting Populism

In the wave of rising populism, supporters of social justice have a significant role to play in promoting humanistic values and countering destructive trends. Civil society organisations need to look at their own role and how they can regain trust and legitimacy; while seeking further collaboration on citizen engagement, joint messaging, and counterattacks on civil actors.

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In 2019 we will initiate a new annual report series that engages a current, topical theme. This year's: **Civil Society Innovation in Times of Populism and Digitalisation**. The report will be launched at November's Global Perspectives conference.



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Who do we work with?

'Civil society' encompasses a huge variety of organised and non-organised actors. It spans movements, activists, and service delivery organisations; donors, and philanthropists as well as media, academia, social businesses, and other actors. The term seeks to give justice to this range of mandates, aims and ways of working and often replaces terms such as 'non-governmental' or 'non-profit organisations'.

The Centre's main clientele is what we call international civil society organisations. These are the larger players, often organised in structures with impressive global reach. Despite diverse work areas – such as

poverty alleviation, social justice, environment, and human rights – they share many challenges and opportunities. Bringing them together for mutual learning and joint action is at the core of our work. These organisations are the shareholders and owners of the Centre.

In our work with these ICSOs, we also involve other individuals and organisations from within and beyond the civil society sector. We believe partnerships based on mutual learnings are necessary to achieve fundamental positive change in the world.

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