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2020 PROGRAMME

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We strengthen the impact and resilience of international civil society organisations to support people to change their world for the better



Global Perspectives 2019 participants in Addis Ababa

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We invite you to connect, collaborate and co-create, both virtually, and physically at workshops and conferences, especially designed for civil society leaders who wish to challenge conventional thinking with the best and freshest ideas.

Vision Works | 28-30 April | Greentree Foundation, New York, USA

Global CEOs and chairs of leading international civil society organisations (ICSOs) define joint goals on key strategic issues for their organisations and the sector. The meeting will focus on “power”, embracing the call for new leadership and governance, but also considering “new power” actors and paradigms.

Leading Together | June | Berlin or Prague

Directors of Policy, Programme and Human Resources of ICSOs share learnings, discuss best practices and explore opportunities for joint action. The 2020 meeting will focus on organisational culture, behaviours and leadership.



Making Voices Heard and Count partnership meeting



Global Perspectives 2019 Contributor

Global Perspectives | 04 - 06 November | Jakarta (TBC)

At our main conference, leaders and change-makers from global civil society, as well as from philanthropy, business, government and academia, network and explore synergies, trends and challenges. This year's focus is on civil society's role in urban inclusion and innovation.

Resource Base

This online library of selected policy and programme documents from civil society facilitates knowledge sharing across the sector.

Webinars

The Centre delivers regular webinars and virtual meetings on a range of issues to provide a platform for civil society practitioners to connect, and share knowledge and experiences.



Check our website for upcoming webinars, or see previous ones on our [YouTube channel](#).



SCAN ME!



Futures & Innovation

With our partners, we look ahead at developments that could determine ICSOs' future relevance, also defining and analysing the latest innovations for greater impact.



Innovation Report 2020

The Report highlights civil society innovations and new approaches, this year focusing on "Civil Society Innovation and Urban Inclusion". Case-study collection will begin at the [UN World Urban Forum in Abu Dhabi, 8-13 February](#), with a potential follow-up [Innovation Lab in June in Berlin](#). The report, to be launched at Global Perspectives, comprises insights from urban programming approaches, with a focus on innovation, sustainability and partnerships. Contact us to participate.

Leading the Power Shift | 10-12 March | Berlin

Our second Power Shift Lab will strengthen ICSOs' impact by encouraging a more effective and legitimate power distribution in their governance, specifically by strengthening the voices of the communities they serve.

Scanning the Horizon | Annual Meeting | 18-20 May | Europe

A membership platform for collaborative future trend analysis for global strategists from leading ICSOs, national CSO platforms and business. Members receive a monthly community newsletter of future trends, news and resources. In 2020, we'll publish a sector guide to help ICSOs better understand global trends and their interconnectedness. In 2019, we produced a [guide on the rise of China](#).

Digitalisation

Technological innovation has positive and disruptive potential for ICSOs' work and the people we serve. In 2020, the Centre will examine how to harness potential benefits for the most marginalised, regard digital rights in terms of data use and protection, and analyse opportunities and responsibilities for our sector.

Innovation Report 2019 – Add your voice!

The Centre and JustLabs' Innovation Report 2019, "Civil Society Innovation and Populism in a Digital Era", is [online](#) and includes a [Futures Section](#) with blogs and podcasts. To keep this report current in 2020, we're looking for your contributions – a blog piece on your experiences, comments on what you've found useful in the report, or your own case study.



Platform for Collaboration

We develop, coordinate and incubate projects and partnerships that tackle common problems, creating impact that no organisation can achieve alone.

Making Voices Heard and Count | Meeting | September | Location TBD

To make Agenda 2030's promise to "leave no one behind" a reality, this partnership promotes active use of civil society-driven data in the monitoring and implementation of the SDGs. Partners foster participation of marginalised communities in agenda-setting dialogues with local and national decision-makers.

ICSO Narratives Lab

This new feature for 2020 is an ideas lab for senior ICSO directors. Based on our partner JustLabs' proven methodology, participants prototype narrative strategies and comms models

using the positive common values driving ICSO work to engage new audiences.

Global Standard for CSO Accountability

With 12 commitments, the Global Standard for CSO Accountability, hosted by Accountable Now, seeks an inclusive, responsive approach to civil society accountability, by encouraging a continuous two-way dialogue with stakeholders.

ICSOs Uniting Societies

Amid rising populism, ICSOs must review their working methods and regain trust, by collaborating to engage more people, send positive messages

and counter attacks on civil actors. Our objective is to strengthen civil society's accountability, resilience and solidarity in times of scrutiny.

Solidarity Playbook

This will collect and present learnings and strategies from ICSOs' and coalition partners' response mechanisms to attacks against organised civil society, to provide civil society actors and partners to better support each other against such threats. It will be launched at the International Civic Forum, a Global Perspectives pre-event.



Vision Works 2019, Global CEOs and Chairs of ICSOs meeting

Who do we work with?

The term “civil society” encompasses a huge variety of organised and non-organised actors, spanning movements, activists and service deliverers, donors and philanthropists, as well as media, academia, social businesses and other actors.

We forge partnerships by bringing these actors together; seeking out the best innovations; and fostering mutual learning and joint action across the sector to achieve fundamental positive change in the world.

Our owners:

The Centre is owned and supported by approximately 20 of the largest international civil society organisations, working across environmental, human rights, social justice and humanitarian issues. Fifteen ICSOs hold equal shares in the Centre, through its not-for-profit limited liability company status. Elected shareholders constitute the governing board, which oversees our work and finances.



The Centre's work is also supported by international civil society organisations who are our Core Supporters:



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