



International  
Civil Society  
Centre

# 2023 Programme



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**We strengthen the impact and resilience of international civil society organisations (ICSOs) to support people to change their world for the better.**



**Futures &  
Innovation**



**Convening &  
Connecting**



**Platform for  
Collaboration**

With our partners,  
we scope future  
trends influential  
to ICSOs' impact  
and legitimacy  
and analyse  
innovations for  
greater impact in  
these complex,  
uncertain times.



# Futures & Innovation

## Scanning the Horizon

13-15 JUNE | BERLIN, GERMANY || BI-MONTHLY | VIRTUAL

A cross-sector community of strategy experts and practitioners who help identify big trends and analyse important but underexplored drivers of change. Along with an annual thematic meeting, members will meet bi-monthly for virtual exchanges. Our learning topic from 2023 will be on Mis- and Disinformation. More on membership and 2023 plans [here](#).

## Digital Dialogues

EVENT SERIES | MONTHLY | VIRTUAL

This event series, in partnership with the [Civic Tech Innovation Network \(CTIN\)](#), will provide inspiring discussions for the civil society sector acknowledging that digitalisation is forever transforming our societies. Each dialogue is a call to action for civil society organisations to take a more active role in shaping our digital future. You can find our previous dialogues [here](#).



**Listen to our Civil Society Futures and Innovation Podcast** – an audio series streaming on [Spotify](#) and [Soundcloud](#) designed to explore new ways of working and thinking in complex common external challenges. Listen [here](#).

The Centre will seek a balance between select, meaningful face-to-face gatherings, continue our digital formats, and reduce flying frequency, carbon emissions and personal stress caused by international travel, so we can keep challenging conventional thinking and provide space for co-creation and closer collaboration.



# Convening & Connecting

## Vision Works Global

25-27 APRIL | CAUX, SWITZERLAND

CEOs and Chairs of leading ICSOs collaborate over key strategic issues for their organisations and the sector. The meeting will focus on the changes in the political and social environment for civil society and what this means for mandates, operating models and organisational culture of ICSOs.

## Leading Together

13-15 JUNE | BERLIN

Policy, programme and human resources directors discuss best practices and opportunities for joint action. This year, the meeting will also be combined with the Scanning the Horizon annual meeting, giving a chance for synergies and networking.

## Global Perspectives

31 OCTOBER – 2 NOVEMBER | LOCATION TBD

Leaders and innovators from civil society organisations, partners and stakeholders gather annually to explore civil society trends and challenges.

## International Civic Forum

LOCATION AND DATE TBD

Leaders from civil society, media, philanthropy and government who are protecting and advancing civic space worldwide gather annually to build trust and identify opportunities for collaboration.

### Resource Base ★

This [online space](#) of selected policy, programme and practice guidance from civil society facilitates knowledge-sharing across the sector and provides up-to-date resources on urgent and important issues happening around the world.

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

# Platform for Collaboration

## Making Voices Heard and Count

ANNUAL MEETING | NOVEMBER | VIRTUAL

The Leave No One Behind Partnership promotes the generation and use of community-driven data to support countries to include the voices of marginalised communities in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Learn more about the Leave No One Behind partnership [here](#).

## Solidarity Action Network (SANE)

CURATED CONVERSATIONS ON REGULAR BASIS | VIRTUAL

The network aims to strengthen resilience of and solidarity among civil society actors when faced with civic space restrictions or changing operating conditions. We share experiences, lessons learned and best practices through the Solidarity Playbook and regular SANE curated conversations, explore different forms of solidarity and encourage joint actions. Learn more about SANE [here](#).

## Accelerating Inclusive Power Shift

POWER SHIFT LAB | 28 – 30 MARCH | NAIROBI OR VIRTUAL

The initiative aims to foster more inclusive governance models, create more equitable partnerships, and support ICSOs in revising their future mandate while intensifying structured donor dialogues to achieve a meaningful power shift in the sector. The project further aims to facilitate learning and exchange, produce guidelines and engage with related initiatives such as the Re-Imagining the INGO initiative (RINGO) and the #ShiftThePower movement. Learn more about the initiative [here](#).

The **Innovation Report 2023** will highlight innovative practices and new approaches regarding the future roles and mandates of (I)CSOs in the context of sector power shift.



## Get involved!



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projects and  
how to get  
involved**



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# Our community

The Centre's programmes and activities bring together ICSOs with leaders from civil society networks, think tanks, local communities, business, politics and academia. This intermediary environment allows to leave logos and egos outside and foster effective knowledge and capacity pooling. Voices from communities and local CSOs are an integral part to the Centre's work and thus assure truly participatory and self-reflective partnerships.

## Owners & Supporters

The Centre is owned and supported by more than 20 of the largest ICSOs working across environmental, human rights, social justice and humanitarian themes. Fourteen of them hold equal shares in the Centre, through its not-for-profit limited liability company status. Elected shareholders representatives constitute the governing board, which oversees our work and finances.



The Centre's work is also supported by ICSOs who are our Core Supporters:







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