



International
Civil Society Centre

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2026 Programme

A thriving civil society benefits us all





We work to ensure the international civil society sector remains resilient, relevant, responsive and forward looking so it can better support the most vulnerable and marginalised communities worldwide.

Leadership Support

For over a decade, our leadership convenings have provided a neutral and safe space for our shareholders and sector leaders to collaborate, share insights, and tackle the sector's most pressing challenges to perform better now and into the future.

We offer the following leadership convenings to our shareholder community:

VISION WORKS

28-30 April 2026
Caux, Switzerland
For ICSO CEOs

CSO CEOs will meet this year and focus on strengthening our shared voice, including developing a Civil Society Manifesto, agreeing how it will be put into action, and expanding our network through targeted invitations to relevant organisations, while giving leaders space to reflect on their own situation in a challenging political and operating environment.

GLOBAL CHAIRS

May 2026, TBC, Online
For Chairs of ICSOs

The Centre convenes Chairpersons of the world's leading civil society organisations to discuss key strategic and governance issues in the sector and beyond.

LEADING TOGETHER

June 2026
Online
For Senior Leaders

Policy, programme and human resources directors get together to discuss best practices and opportunities for joint action. This year's meeting will be shaped by learning from the ongoing work of the thematic groups, their regular touch points for peer support and community building, and our assessment of how best to support this group in a way that delivers clear value.

GLOBAL PEERS

November 2026, TBC
For Shareholders
and Supporters

CEOs of ICSOs gather collectively to discuss key developments over the year in the sector, share learnings and foster collaboration. Throughout the year, the Centre also offers regular online leadership exchanges through our 'Digital Watercooler' meetings.

Note: All events are subject to change.
Please check our website to stay up-to-date.

Futures of ICSOs

The Centre offers futures work to support (international) civil society organisations to become more agile and respond to emerging realities in our world. We strengthen capacity in strategic foresight and support proactive approaches for the sector to adapt to crucial issues.

Join us for the following engagements, open to interested participants:

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES

4-6 November 2026
Online, Free

Global Perspectives is the Centre's flagship annual conference, inviting leaders and innovators from ICSOs, politics, business and the wider sector to explore key and emerging civil society trends.

DIGITAL DIALOGUE SERIES

Online, Free

In collaboration with the Civic Tech Innovation Network (CTIN), this series explores how civil society can harness digital tools to support and expand civic space in an increasingly digital world. A panel of experts are invited to address and unpack a digital theme.

SCANNING THE HORIZON

4x Community meetings,
Online Futures Thinking Lab

This year the Centre's Scanning community, a group of CSO leaders interested in embedding strategic foresight into their work, will meet during the year to collaborate on futures of localisation, using futures skills and foresight methods to help organisations shape and adapt their strategies to remain effective in a changing landscape.

POWERSHIFT LAB

May 2026
In-person,
Paid event

Since 2018, the Centre's Power Shift Labs have addressed the problem of power imbalances. During the Labs, ICSO leaders review the inter-relationship of power dynamics, organisational intent and governance reform.

CURATED CONVERSATIONS ON POWERSHIFT

March & November
Online, 2026

These closed, facilitated conversations bring together CSOs, funders, and partners. The sessions will surface practical lessons, emerging models, and tangible actions to advance more equitable, locally led and power-balanced approaches.

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Strengthening Civic Space

In the face of shrinking civic freedoms and coordinated opposition, this work equips civil society with strategies, solidarity, and evidence to defend and expand operating space. We convene trusted networks, generate shared learning, and strengthen collective responses to political, digital, and societal pressures.

Our programme team will be coordinating the following events and workshops:

INTERNATIONAL CIVIC FORUM

November 2026
In-person,
Paid event

Our annual International Civic Forum convenes leaders from civil society who are at the forefront of protecting and advancing civic space around the globe. This is our annual platform for discussing key civic space issues, forging connections, and identifying opportunities for collaboration.

SOLIDARITY ACTION NETWORK

Bi-monthly,
Online, 2026

The Solidarity Action Network (SANE) aims to strengthen the resilience and solidarity of civil society in the face of civic space restrictions or changing operating conditions. This year, we will pursue broader collaborations to promote our strengthening of civic space work and enhance solidarity and support.

REGIONAL WORKSHOP ANTI-RIGHTS

Spring 2026 TBC

This regional workshop will bring together civil society actors to deepen understanding of anti-rights strategies and their impacts on civic space. Through shared analysis, peer learning, and practical exchange, participants will strengthen collective responses, build solidarity, and refine approaches to safeguarding rights and democratic space in their contexts.

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Empowering Communities

In a world where power is shifting towards those on the frontlines of impact, we are committed to supporting marginalised communities, by ensuring that local actors and communities have the tools and resources to make their voices heard especially in decision making processes.

We invite our communities to the following meetings:

LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND

November 2026
In-person,
Annual partnership
meeting

The Centre's Leave No One Behind Partnership actively shapes and strengthens space for civil society engagement by facilitating dialogues between marginalised groups and decision-makers at local and national levels, including the UN Statistic Commission, on the issue of citizen data. Community meetings and policy forums are essential in building much-needed trust between various stakeholders to ensure the inclusion of marginalised and civil society voices for better policy outcomes.

UN EXPERT GROUP MEETING – CITIZEN DATA

October 2026

This event brings civil society perspectives directly into global policy discussions on citizen-generated data. Through active participation and contribution, we will help ensure that data standards, guidance, and statistical systems better reflect the realities and voices of marginalised communities, while strengthening collaboration between CSOs, governments, and the UN.

FUNDRAISING TRAINING FOR NATIONAL LNOB PARTNERS

October 2026

This training series is designed to strengthen the financial resilience of national LNOB partners. Focusing on practical fundraising skills, strategic positioning, and donor engagement, the sessions will support partners to diversify funding sources, build internal capacity, and sustain their advocacy and data-driven work over the long term.

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About Us

Owned and supported by 16 international civil society organisations, the International Civil Society Centre exists to strengthen the collective power of civil society at a time of profound global uncertainty. Our members recognise that lasting change requires shared learning, mutual support, and investment in the wider ecosystem. Through convening, resource development, and forward-looking sector insights, we help organisations navigate challenges and unlock new opportunities for impact. Together, we work to ensure that civil society remains capable of supporting the world's most vulnerable communities both now and in the future.

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