

MISSION

CIVICUS is an international alliance dedicated to strengthening citizen action and civil society throughout the world.

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CIVICUS is dedicated to pursuing a world in which:

- citizen action is a predominant feature of the political, economic, and cultural life of all societies;
- private action for the public good is expressed by a rich and diverse array of organizations operating sometimes apart and sometimes in dialogue with government and business; and
- a healthy society is one in which there is an equitable relationship among citizens, their associations and foundations, business, and governments.

CIVICUS' special purpose, therefore, is to help nurture the foundation, growth, protection and resourcing of citizen action throughout the world and especially in areas where participatory democracy, freedom of association of citizens and their funds for public benefit are threatened.

GOALS

Through its programs and actions, CIVICUS and its members seek:

- An increased understanding and visibility of the nature and contributions of civil society;
- A more supportive political, legal, and fiscal environment that enables freedom and autonomy of association;
- Creative, innovative forms of funding and partnerships for enhancing the resource base of civil society organizations;
- A strengthening of the institutional, leadership, networking, and advocacy capacities of the sector;
- Increased and stronger partnerships among corporate, government, and civil society institutions.

PROGRAMS

Convener

As a global network, CIVICUS brings together people for information, discussion and collective action. The flagship event for this activity is the biennial World Assembly, held in 1995 in Mexico, 1997 in Hungary, and scheduled for 1999 in the Philippines. In addition, CIVICUS sponsors regional meetings of donor, corporate and citizen organization representatives to look at their sectors' issues and activities within the region.

Special Projects

As a global network, CIVICUS also conducts special collaborative projects to promote the visibility and vitality of civil society organizations (CSOs). Under the guidance of international task forces, CIVICUS conducts three such projects:

- Increasing the Visibility and Understanding of Civil Society, which produces case studies profiling successful ways CSOs have increased their visibility, as well as country profiles depicting the basic structure of civil society in 60 countries;
- Promoting International Principles for Law and Regulations for CSOs, which highlights the legal

principles underlying citizen participation and identifies legal issues all countries must face in regulating and facilitating the development of its civic sector;

- Resource Mobilization, which draws together successful, practical strategies for sustainable funding of CSOs.

Clearinghouse

As a global network, CIVICUS uses a variety of methods to increase and strengthen the lines of communication among its members, including a bimonthly newsletter, *CIVICUS World*, and electronic methods via its website (<http://www.civicus.org>). In addition, CIVICUS has built a reservoir of knowledge and contacts on civil society projects in order to respond to the numerous requests for information it receives each week from around the world.

MEMBERSHIP

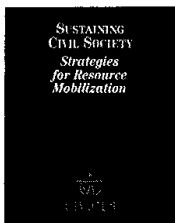
CIVICUS members come from all facets of civil society: nonprofit organizations, private foundations, corporate giving programs, research institutes, and interested individuals. All have pledged to support the CIVICUS mission and its activities, and together have created a growing alliance of citizens and organizations from all over the world who believe that an active, locally and globally conscious citizenship will and should determine our future.

Benefits of Membership

- unprecedented networking privileges with hundreds of organizations worldwide;
- the bimonthly newsletter *CIVICUS World*, which gives up-to-date information about CIVICUS, its members and global civil society;
- special opportunities to attend regional meetings and World Assemblies that serve as meeting grounds for CSOs;
- free and reduced-rates on published materials and mailing labels and lists.

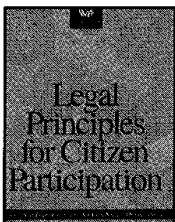
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PUBLICATIONS



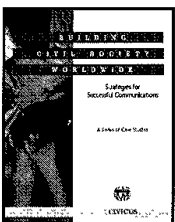
Sustaining Civil Society: Strategies for Resource Mobilization. This pioneering new book brings together a unique collection of funding strategies available to CSOs worldwide. Besides identifying eleven major strategies—from earned income to debt conversion—the book is illus-

trated by case studies collected from around the world. Edited by Leslie M. Fox and S. Bruce Schearer. 1997. Paperback. 394 pages. Price: US\$30 for nonmembers/US\$20 for members, per copy, plus shipping and handling.



Legal Principles for Citizen Participation: Toward a Legal Framework for Civil Society Organizations. These principles are designed to identify legal issues every country faces in regulating and facilitating development of its civil society sector. The goal of this

handbook is to create a useful, practical "road map" to these issues and suggest best practice options for addressing them. 1997. Paperback. 34 pages. Price: US\$15 for nonmembers/US\$10 for members, per copy, plus shipping and handling.



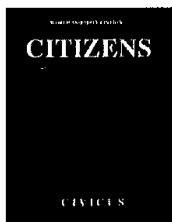
Building Civil Society Worldwide: Strategies for Successful Communications. The 23 stories told here illustrate the work of CSO leaders around the world who are shaping new communications strategies to reach the audiences most important to them—business leaders, public

sector officials, influentials in the media, citizens and leaders of CSOs themselves—with powerful messages about the contributions and potential of the sector. 1997. Paperback. 87 pages. Price: US\$15 for nonmembers/US\$10 for members, per copy, plus shipping and handling.



The New Civic Atlas: Profiles of Civil Society in 60 Countries. The Atlas represents the first-ever detailed set of descriptions of the state of civil society on a country-by-country basis. The 60 country profiles contained in the Atlas give the reader concise and current information on the size and

scope of the sector, its economic impact, the legal and tax framework, the state of relationships with business and government sectors, and the names of resource organizations to contact for further information. 1997. Paperback. 167 pages. Price: US\$15 for nonmembers/US\$10 for members, per copy, plus shipping and handling.



CITIZENS—Strengthening Global Civil Society. This book is a collective effort to capture the almost impossible: the common trends behind the richness and diversity of third sector activities in various parts of the world. It informs on the status of civil society in every region and out-

lines the challenges and opportunities for citizen action in a world in transition. Coordinated by Rajesh Tandon and Miguel Darcy de Oliveira. 1994. Paperback. 385 pages. Price: US\$20 for nonmembers/US\$15 for members, per copy, plus shipping and handling.



CIVICUS World. The bimonthly newsletter of CIVICUS; each issue features commentary on a particular issue facing global civil society, as well as short book reviews, profiles of interesting organizations, member news, and more. *CIVICUS World* is a service to members of CIVICUS.

All members of CIVICUS receive one free copy of each publication. For ordering information, please see the order form attached at the end of this brochure.