

Sustaining civic action: towards a global movement for respectful partnership and responsible exit

Tuesday 14th – Thursday 16th November 2017

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Overview and objectives

If the international community is to deliver on its promises to the most vulnerable people, then civil society actors need to be independent, effective, credible and sustainable. This is particularly important as space for civil society is squeezed in many contexts.

This webinar and online forum will contribute to bringing about a fundamental change in how funders and intermediary organisations support the sustainability of grantees and partners.

WEBINAR: Tuesday 14 November 2017, 13h00-15h00 GMT

Timing (GMT)	Webinar session and speakers
13h00-13h15	<p>Welcome and introductions</p> <p>Helen Mealins, <i>Chief Executive, INTRAC</i></p> <p>Rachel Hayman, <i>Research, Learning and Communications Director, INTRAC</i></p>
13h15 – 13h30	<p>Setting the Scene: why rethinking partnership and sustainability is so important</p> <p>Cathal Gilbert, <i>Coordinator of the CIVICUS Monitor, CIVICUS</i></p>
13h30 – 13h50	<p>Building effective and equitable partnerships that support southern CSOs: A vision, key principles and some practical actions for how southern CSOs, INGOs and funders can each re-think their approach to relationships</p> <p>Nicole Leotaud, <i>Executive Director of the Caribbean Natural Resources Institute (CANARI)</i></p>
13h50-14h10	<p>Strengthening civil society partnerships</p> <p>Jessie Davie, <i>Portfolio Director, Maliasili Initiatives</i></p>
14h10-14h30	<p>Changing funder practices to support sustainability</p> <p>Kathy Reich, <i>Director BUILD Programme, Ford Foundation</i></p>

14h30-14h50 **Discussion**
Facilitator: Rachel Hayman, *INTRAC*

14h50-15h00 **Next steps**
Anabel Cruz, ICD and chair of CIVICUS

15h00 **Close**

ONLINE FORUM: Tues 14th to Thurs 16th November 2017

The on-line forum provides a virtual discussion space where you can reflect on and share your ideas and experiences. A recording of the live webinar will be available.

The forum will go live at 15:30pm GMT on 14th November and will remain open until 23:59pm GMT on 16th November. Over three days you can sign into the forum at any time, spending as little or as much time as you like engaging with the topics. You can write your contributions in any language and we'll do what we can to facilitate rapid translation!

The forum will be organised around three main topics with a range of invited discussants to kick start the exchange:

Topic	Discussants
TOPIC 1: 'The context: why rethinking partnership and sustainability matters'	Edna Chilimo and Elias Xavier, <i>Foundation for Civil Society, Tanzania</i> Kaustuv Bandyopadhyay, <i>Participatory Research in Asia (PRIA)</i>
TOPIC 2: 'Taking responsibility: what should organisations do?'	Jiban Karki, <i>PHASE Nepal</i> Auli Starck, <i>Kepa</i> Judith Greenwood, <i>CHS Alliance</i> Bridget Moix, <i>Peace Direct</i>
TOPIC 3: 'Encouraging funders to support responsible partnership and civil society sustainability'	Roy Trivedy, <i>United Nations Resident Coordinator & UNDP Representative (Papua New Guinea)</i> Jenny Hodgson, <i>Global Fund for Community Foundations</i>

This event is linked with [International Civil Society Week \(ICSW\) 2017](#) taking place in Suva, Fiji, from 4 to 8 December. A summary of debates, questions and suggestions from this virtual Event will be shared and discussed during ICSW.