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**Strategies to address shrinking space for civil society**

Despite the mounting challenges to realize the core freedoms that enable civil society, civil society groups around the world are utilizing a diverse range of tools to support the creation of a safe and enabling environment to conduct its work. Working together with champions and supporters in both public and private sectors, national civil society groups have achieved a number of important victories creating greater and more inclusive spaces for citizen participation.

The proposed side event will provide a platform for diverse range of national civil society representatives who participated in CIVICUS' and ICNL's Enabling Environment National Assessments (EENA), an action-oriented research tool, to discuss positive solutions and approaches to enhancing the effectiveness and strength of civil society. The event will further provide an important opportunity to discuss how recent UN HRC resolutions on promoting civil society space can be domesticated and operationalized at the national level to further augment these successes and help reverse the trend of shrinking civic space.

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**WHEN:**

Wednesday, 14 September

14:00 -15:30

**WHERE:**

Palais des Nations, Room XXIV

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**PANELISTS:**

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