



Workshop: Corporate Accountability in South Africa: The role of Annual Sustainability Report and NGO engagement
Date: 28 February 2007
Time: 08:00 for 08:30am– 16:00pm
Venue: SAHRC, 29 Princess of Wales, cnr St Andrews and Yorke St opposite Sunnyside Park Hotel, Parktown
Target: NGOs/ Civil Society Organizations

The advent of sustainable development has seen an upsurge of Corporate Safety Health and Environment and Sustainability Reports, signed off by the CEO, detailing how the company is responding to social, environmental and economic challenges. Consultation with stakeholders is the key aspect of the reporting process. There is a general lack of engagement with many civil society organisations dismissing them as mere green washing of the companies' operations. AICC, CIVICUS, SANGOCO, SACC and SAHRC recognise that on the whole, civil society organisations are not fully utilising the opportunity to use the corporate sustainability reports as a basis to engage with the companies on their social, environmental and economic management.

The AICC, CIVICUS, SANGOCO, SACC and SAHRC with support from Oxfam Novib and Ernst and Young, invite you to a workshop for Civil Society on Corporate Sustainability Reporting. The aim of the workshop is to focus on the trends in corporate sustainability reporting of companies, stakeholder engagement, the constraints and opportunities for sustainability reporting to act as a viable mechanism for accountability. The workshop will also provide practical insights into the workings of a sustainability report.

Confirmed speakers:

- Kumi Naidoo, Civicus and GRI Board Member
- Corli le Roux, Johannesburg Stock Exchange
- Alan Fine, AngloGold Ashanti
- Tseliso Thipanyane, South African Human Rights Commission
- Dan Sonnenberg, Matrixplus
- Justin Smith, Nedcor
- Hassen Lorgat, Sangoco, and Transparency International SA

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