For the nature of the right [General Comment 37 on the right to the freedom of peaceful assembly], CIVICUS played an important role.

Clément Voule
Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Peaceful Assembly and Association

"WE HAVE EVERY REASON TO DESPAIR, AND YET WE DON’T. CIVIL SOCIETY’S RESILIENCE AND CAPACITY TO ACT IN THE FACE OF ADVERSITY GIVES US REASON FOR HOPE."

Dylan Mathews
BOARD CHAIR

"WE EARNED THE TOP SPOT IN THE FAIR SHARE INDEX, WHICH MEASURES THE PROPORTION OF WOMEN ON STAFF AND IN LEADERSHIP POSITIONS."

Lysa John
SECRETARY GENERAL
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES 2022 - 2027

STRENGTHEN CIVIL SOCIETY AND CITIZEN ACTION FOR EXPANDED CIVIC AND DEMOCRATIC SPACE

- Strengthen public discourse and reinforce narratives
- Coordinate targeted advocacy
- Building counterpower with most affected groups
- Contribute to stronger emergency and sustained support ecosystems
- Generate timely knowledge and analyses
WHAT WE DID: We produced actionable research and analysis on civic and democratic space.

*CIVICUS’s knowledge generation draws inputs from diverse civil society voices.*

GLOBAL ANNUAL PUBLICATIONS

STATE OF CIVIL SOCIETY REPORT 2023

PEOPLE POWER UNDER ATTACK 2022
A report based on data from the CIVICUS Monitor

TIMELY ANALYSIS

PAKISTAN | 20.APR.2023
‘They put a black hood over my face and took me to the airport’

KENYA | 19.APR.2023
‘We have concerns about state functions being used to dictate and define morality’
LEARNING QUESTION: What types of narrative support for activists and organisations at risk are resulting in changes in local narrative in which contexts and why?

The GSR campaign funded five activists with storytelling experience from Haiti, Colombia, Nigeria, Chile and India through a public call for proposals.

Bogotart produced a video on five Colombia Artivists receiving 121,000 views in the first month.
Our journey in dynamic constituent accountability was transformative for our organization; We were inspired to take it to the next level, apply the same principles and values, and work to shift public discourse in Madagascar.”

Laura Leeson
Director of Evaluation and Strategic Development at PJL
"In the face of adversity, the consultations and capacity enhancement sessions led by CIVICUS became a beacon of unity for Algerian HRDs. Despite the confines of restrictions, these gatherings roared with the passion of a thousand voices, proving that no obstacle can stifle the spirit of human rights. Together, they ignited a flame of collaboration, reminding us all that even in the digital realm, the strength of solidarity knows no bounds."

- Executive Director of a Human Rights organisation in Algeria
GROWING IMPACT: #StandAsMyWitness Campaign (#SAMW)

Profile-raising advocacy for the release of prisoners of conscience

15 Number of #SAMW individuals released and/or acquitted this year
In addition to its research, its #SAMW campaign, CIVICUS supports several networks around the world.

Global Resource Hub Partners

CIVICUS’S GROWING IMPACT
Sustained member advocacy for stronger ecosystems

Member advocacy from open letter to USAID to consultations to new financial support from Hilton Foundation for locally-led development.

Main feedback gathered by CIVICUS during five consultation meetings with 100 participants to discuss a proposal for locally-led development.
“THE ORGANIC GROWTH OF THE ALLIANCE IN CONTEXTS WITH RESTRICTED CIVIC SPACES SHOWS THE RELEVANCE OF OUR PROGRAMMATIC WORK, AND THE IMPORTANCE OF FACILITATING COLLABORATIVE SPACES WHERE CIVIL SOCIETY CONVERGES AND BUILDS COUNTERPOWER.”

ALLIANCE ENGAGEMENT

WHAT IS THE MONITOR CIVIC SPACE WHERE OUR MEMBERS LIVE?

- 3% OPEN
- 25% NARROWED
- 41% OBSTRUCTED
- 25% REPRESSED
- 6% CLOSED

2022 - 2023
CIVICUS’s financial resilience has continued to improve through diversification of donors, strengthening of resource mobilization and improved financial management practices.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL FIGURES
CIVICUS Financial Year is from JULY 1ST 2022 – JUNE 30TH 2023

**Fiscal Year 2022 - 2023**

- **Total Revenue**: $10,670,133 USD
- **Donor Revenue**: $10,438,310 USD
- **Membership Revenue**: $31,719 USD
- **Expenditures**: $10,460,115
- **Reserve**: $1,421,644 USD

**Revenue Trend**

- **2021 - 2022**: $8,591,824 USD
- **2022 - 2023**: $8,546,288 USD

**Chart**

- **Income**
- **Expenditure**

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2024/01/24
3.6 million USD was passed on to CIVICUS members and partners through 121 subgrants.

34%* of CIVICUS’s annual revenue was used towards subgrants.

The subgrants were distributed to 108 unique partners in 56 countries.

We work closely with our supporters through our donor coordination group to share progress on CIVICUS’s strategic plan and to identify opportunities for aligning agendas towards our shared common interest of expanding and defending civic space and democratic freedoms.

**OUR TOP FIVE FINANCIAL SUPPORTERS**

1. **650,236 USD**
   - Foundation to Promote Open Society

2. **969,026 USD**
   - Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Denmark

3. **1,174,684 USD**
   - Ford Foundation

4. **1,898,017 USD**
   - Ministry of Foreign Affairs Netherlands

5. **4,364,328 USD**
   - Swedish Int’l Dev’t Cooperation Agency (Sida)

**ADDITIONAL FUNDERS**

- Auxilium
- Connect Humanity
- Freedom House
- Charles Stewart Mott Foundation
- The David & Lucile Packard Foundation
- Hilton Foundation
- Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation
**YEAR IN NUMBERS**

- **Country submissions to the United Nations Human Rights Council:** 22
- **90+ Global South civil society activists, leaders and experts featured in CIVICUS Lens articles providing timely analysis of civil society issues and trends:**
- **154**
- **CIVICUS WAS MENTIONED IN:**
  - 1176 media outlets
  - BBC
  - The New York Times
  - Dawn
  - Argentina Star

**CIVIC SPACE RATINGS FOR**

- **197 countries and territories and receiving 316 citations across academia, civil society, intergovernmental organisations and media**
- **4727 engagement moments with around 3100 members**
CIVICUS’s board provides strategic direction and is elected by members. New this year, board meeting briefs were posted on CIVICUS’s website furthering our commitment to greater transparency and hold us to account to make fair, justified decisions.
CIVICUS was established in 1993 and has proudly been headquartered in Johannesburg, South Africa since 2002. CIVICUS hubs in New York and Geneva connect CIVICUS and its alliance to key UN bodies. CIVICUS has +70 staff with half based in South Africa and the other half based in +20 countries.