



# ANNUAL REPORT

JULY 22  
JUNE 23

01 JULY 2022 – 30 JUNE 2023



**Dylan Mathews**

BOARD CHAIR

*"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."*

## YEAR IN REVIEW

*"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*



**Lysa John**

SECRETARY GENERAL

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





**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



## TIMELY ANALYSIS



**CIVICUS LENS**  
PERSPECTIVES FOR A CHANGING WORLD



**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?



## GRASSROOTS RESILIENCE IN ACTION



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

# DYNAMIC ACCOUNTABILITY: Shifting public discourse



*“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 PJJ

## Algeria - Increased solidarity was noted amongst Algeria's CSOs



*" 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*

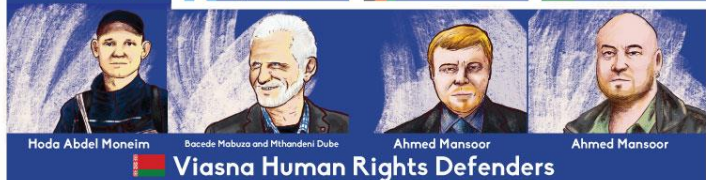


## GROWING IMPACT: #StandAsMyWitness Campaign (#SAMW)

ADD YOUR VOICE. TAKE ACTION AND CALL FOR THEIR RELEASE.



# STAND AS MY WITNESS



## #StandAsMyWitness

Profile-raising advocacy for the release of prisoners of conscience

# 15

Number of #SAMW individuals released and/or acquitted this year



Medardo Mairena and Pedro Mena  
Nicaragua



María Esperanza Sánchez García  
Nicaragua



Professor Muhammad Ismail  
Pakistan



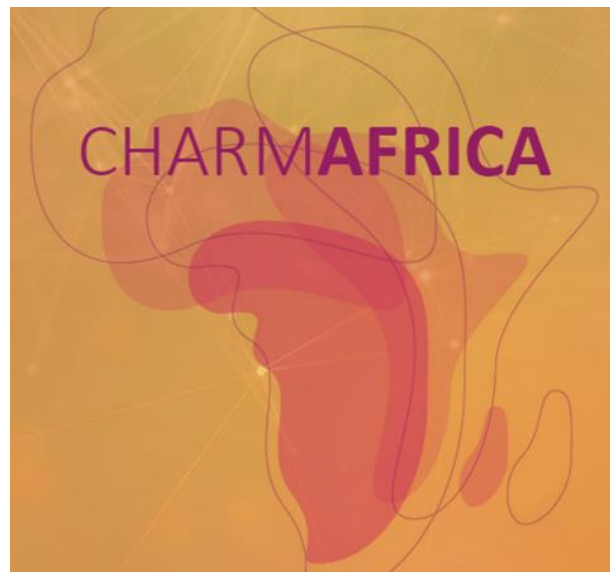
## CIVICUS SUPPORTED NETWORKS FOR BUILDING COUNTER POWER

In addition to its research, its #SAMW campaign, CIVICUS supports several networks around the world.



### Global Resource Hub Partners

Forum Asia, Pan-African Human Rights Defenders Network, Centro de Estudios Legales y Sociales, International Partnership for Human Rights (IPHR), EuroMed rights, and Urgent Action Fund – Africa.



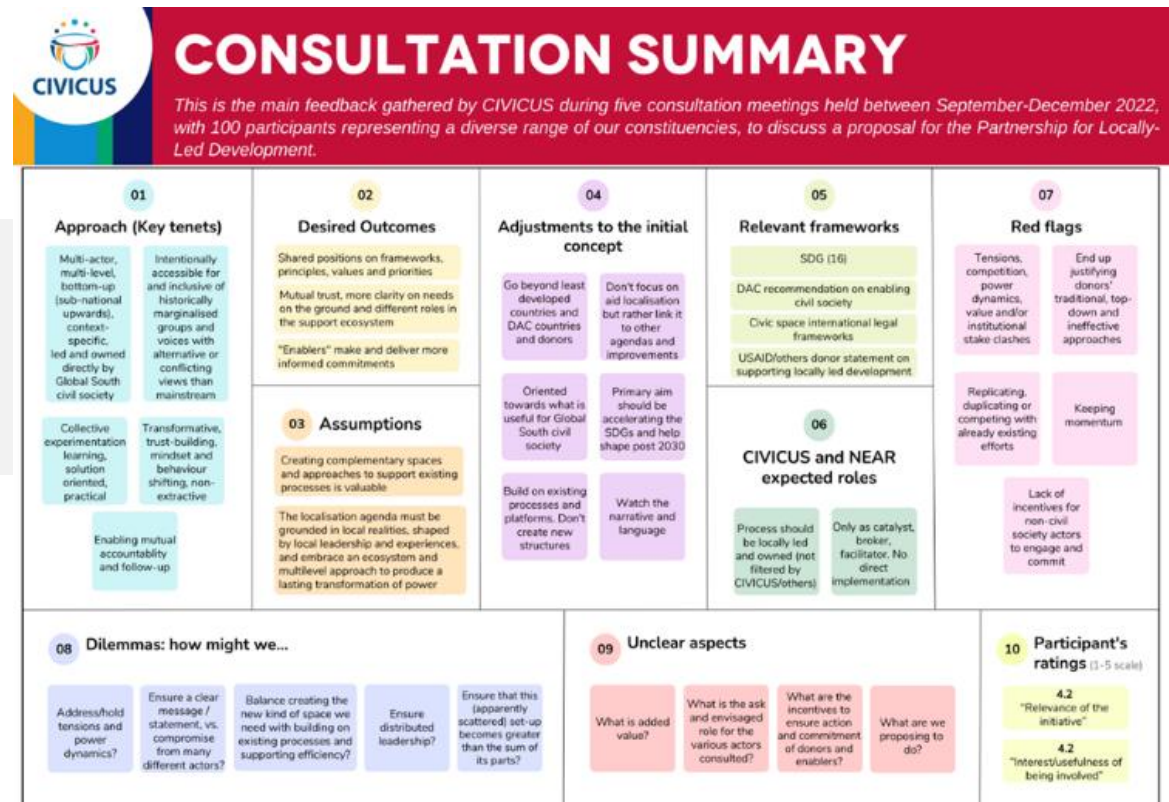


## CIVICUS'S GROWING IMPACT

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.

## Project Background

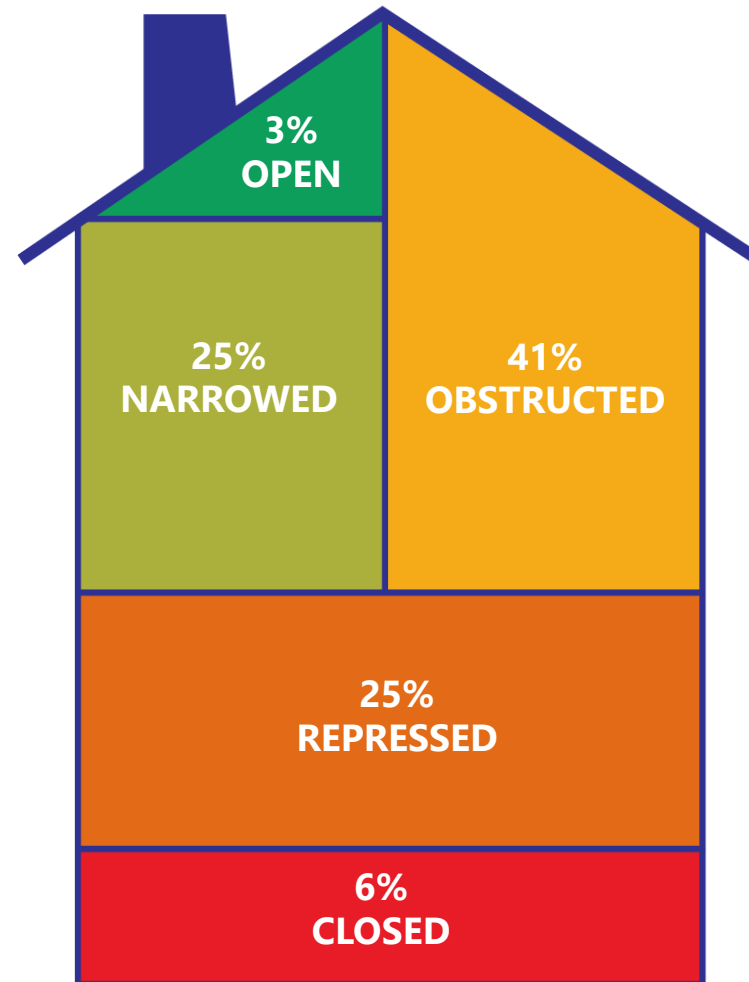


Main feedback gathered by CIVICUS during five consultation meetings with 100 participants to discuss a proposal for locally-led development.



## ALLIANCE ENGAGEMENT

WHAT IS THE  
MONITOR  
CIVIC SPACE  
WHERE OUR  
MEMBERS  
LIVE?



2022 - 2023

## MEMBERSHIP

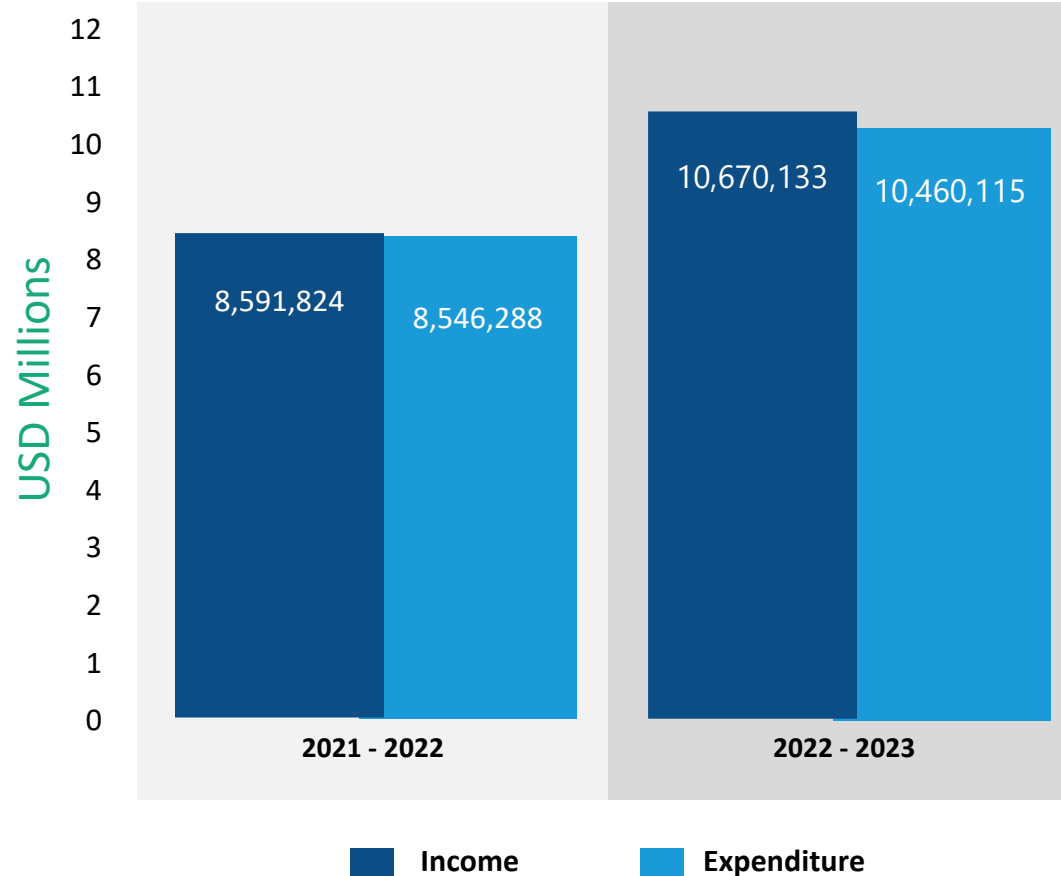
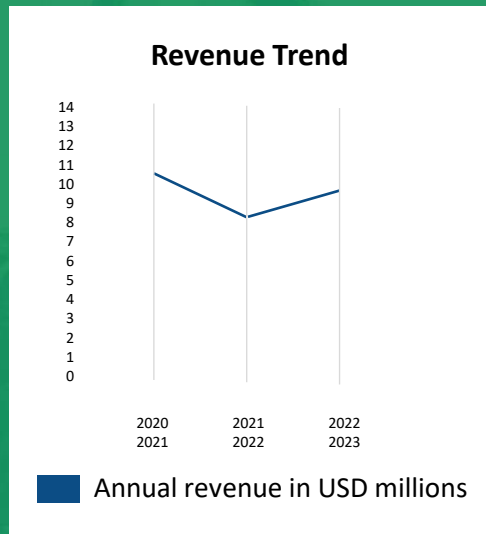
“THE ORGANIC GROWTH OF THE ALLIANCE IN CONTEXTS WITH RESTRICTED CIVIC SPACES SHOWS THE RELEVANCE OF OUR PROGRAMMATIC WORK, AND THE IMPORTANCE OF FACILITATING COLLABORATIVE SPACES WHERE CIVIL SOCIETY CONVERGES AND BUILDS COUNTERPOWER.”



## ANNUAL FINANCIAL FIGURES

CIVICUS Financial Year is from JULY 1<sup>ST</sup> 2022 – JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup> 2023

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



**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

**3.6 million USD**  
was passed on to  
**CIVICUS** members  
and partners  
through **121**  
subgrants.

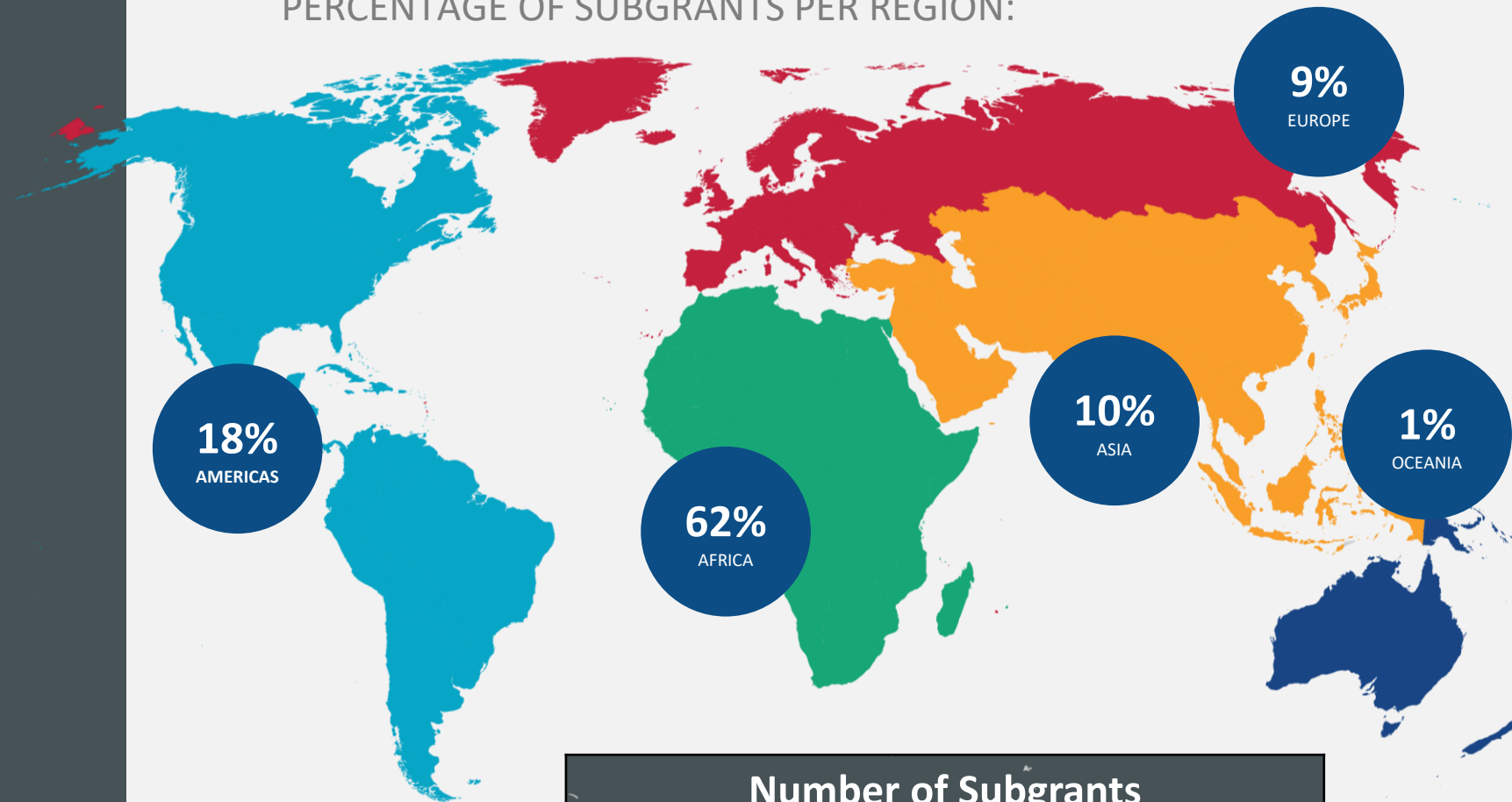
34%\* of CIVICUS's  
annual revenue was  
used towards  
subgrants.

The subgrants were  
distributed to

**108** unique partners  
in  
**56** countries.

\*CIVICUS subgranted 3,618,785  
USD of its 10,670,133 USD  
revenue from July 1, 2022 – June  
30, 2023.

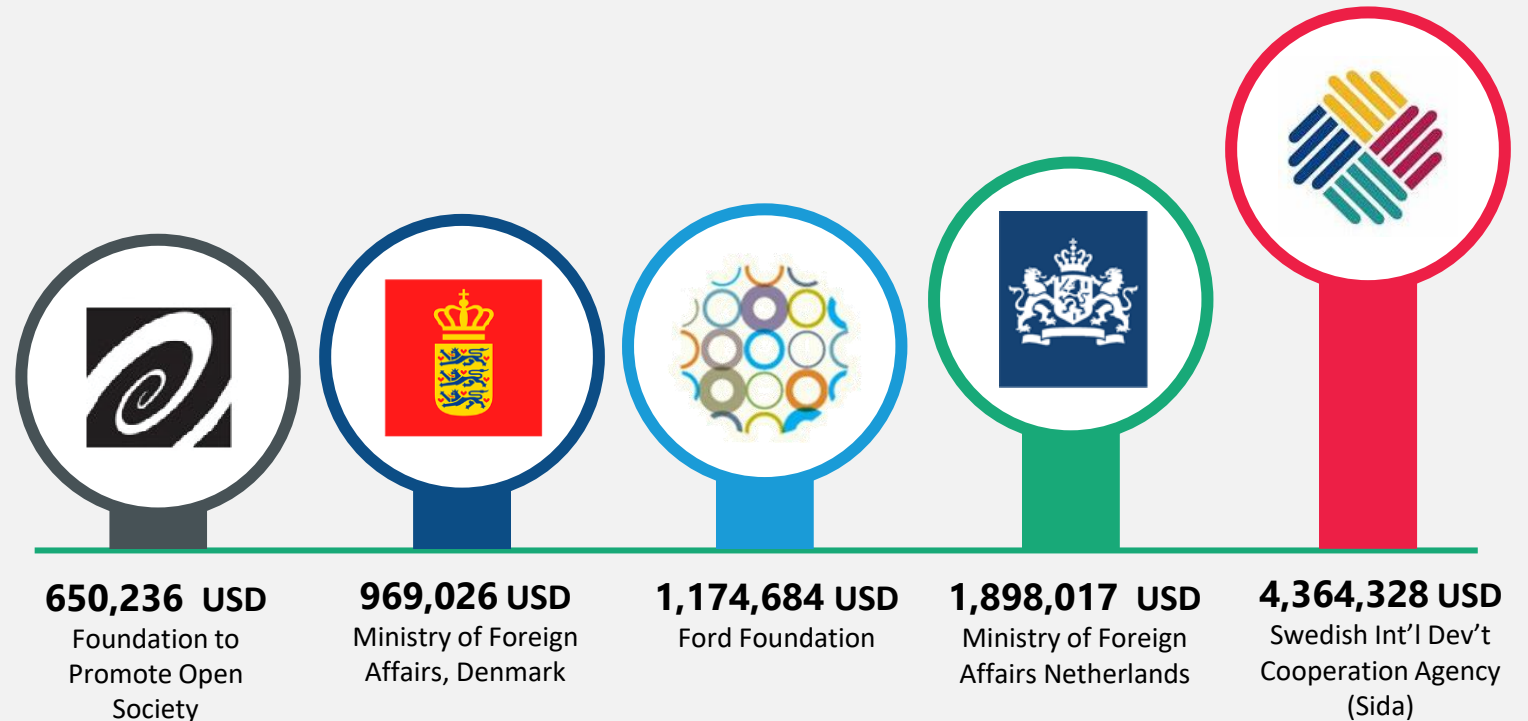
## PERCENTAGE OF SUBGRANTS PER REGION:



## Number of Subgrants

Region	2021 - 2022	2022 - 2023	Change
Africa	50	75	+25
Americas	11	22	+11
Asia	19	12	-7
Europe	13	11	-2
Oceania	17	1	-16
<b>Subgrants Total</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>+11</b>

## OUR TOP FIVE FINANCIAL SUPPORTERS



## ADDITIONAL FUNDERS



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.



## YEAR IN NUMBERS

# 22

Country submissions to  
the United Nations  
Human Rights Council



# 90+

Global South civil society  
activists, leaders and  
experts featured in



# 154

CIVICUS Lens articles  
providing timely analysis of  
civil society issues and  
trends

# 4727

engagement moments  
with around

# 3100

members



## CIVIC SPACE RATINGS FOR

# 197

countries and territories  
and receiving

# 316

citations across academia,  
civil society, intergovernmental  
organisations and media

## CIVICUS WAS MENTIONED IN

# 1176

media outlets



*The New York Times*

*Argentina Star*



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*Peace Direct*  
Britain



**Sarah Rose**  
*Social purpose consultant*  
Britain/South Africa

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.*



CIVICUS staff in South Africa for all staff retreat in 2023.



**Accountable Now**

CIVICUS's Accountable Now Report