CIVICUS: WORLD ALLIANCE FOR CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

CIVICUS is a global alliance of more than 9,000 civil society organisations and activists in 175 countries, dedicated to strengthening citizen action and civil society around the world. Founded in 1993, we have significant experience and are internationally recognised as a credible, trusted voice on civil society issues.

INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SOCIETY WEEK

International Civil Society Week (ICSW) brings together CIVICUS members, partners, global leaders, organisations, and individual citizens to discuss, share ideas, catalyse positive social change, and exchange tools that enhance citizen action.

In this edition, ICSW will facilitate a global conversation on key aspects of ‘People Power’, including

- Understanding the new sources and forces of people power
- Putting people at the centre of social transformation
- Connecting and sustaining people’s movements

Instead of tackling these issues during a one-week only event, ICSW will take participants on a one-year journey, expanding and distributing its activities between 2020 and 2021, and reaching more communities and people around the world.

ICSW 2020-2021 includes four main moments:

- ICSW/virtual: is a series of 6 virtual events scheduled to take place between April and September 2020.
- ICSW/local: includes physical events, held at local and regional levels, between October and December 2020.

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST TO HOST ICSW/GLOBAL APRIL 2021

Eligible Countries: Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand

DEADLINE: 30 APRIL 2020
ICSW/global: is a powerful one-week gathering scheduled to take place in April 2021, which will bring together around 600 people from more than 100 different countries.

ICSW/live: the ICSW journey continues for 30 days after the global event with a social media campaign to encourage participants to act in solidarity with people in their local communities and around the world.

We invite you to submit your expression of interest to co-host ICSW/global and build global solidarity and people power from below and beyond borders with civil society from all over the world.

HOST CRITERIA
After hosting previous ICSW/global editions in Africa (South Africa, 2014), South America (Colombia, 2016), the Pacific (Fiji, 2017) and Europe (Serbia, 2019), the CIVICUS Board of Directors determined to hold ICSW/global in Asia in 2021. Based on a set of initial criteria relating to civic space, income levels, safety and operational factors, the following countries were selected as potential hosts: Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand. We are now looking for an outstanding local partner to join us in hosting ICSW/global (April 2021).

The ICSW/global host partner will be selected based on the following criteria:
- Political context and potential impact for local and global civil society
- Experience identifying and managing diversity and inclusion considerations
- Knowledge and experience of the national/regional civil society context
- Expertise in fundraising for and convening major/international events
- Outreach capacity, including non-capital, rural and grassroots environments
- Networking capacities with civil society, multi-stakeholder groups, volunteer groups and academia
- Organisational stability and track record
- CIVICUS membership and/or previous partnerships and affiliations
- Evidence of organisational and financial governance, registration with national authorities
- Good track record of environmental sustainability credentials

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES
CIVICUS envisions the following roles and responsibilities in co-hosting ICSW/global, which would be further discussed and articulated with the successful applicant.

Local Host Partner:
- Secure funds required to ensure the success of ICSW/global, including donor funding and registration fees
- Engage Local Host Committee to mobilise local support and ensure local relevance
- Support ICSW/global outreach and communications
- Co-facilitate event partner selection and programme development
- Provide centralised event logistics and select service providers
- Manage budget, finances and reporting

CIVICUS:
- Contribute $100,000 in core funding towards the costs of hosting ICSW
• Assist in resource mobilisation and cover costs associated with the CIVICUS events and personnel
• Convene Programme Steering Committee to mobilise partners and ensure global, sectoral, thematic diversity
• Support ICSW/global outreach and communications
• Co-facilitate event partner selection and programme development
• Share tools and resources for event logistics based on international convening experience
• Provide oversight and sign-off on budget, finances and reports

BENEFITS
• Access nearly 30 years’ worth of best practices, lessons learned, processes and systems for hosting world class international civil society events
• Enhanced profile and visibility, nationally and internationally
• Opportunity to further mission and programme work
• Strengthened partnerships, international solidarity
• New contacts and funding opportunities

EVENT PRINCIPLES
Co-hosts must adhere to the following event principles:
• Inclusion: making sure that people affected by our work are represented in our events
• Diversity: bringing together diverse stakeholders to discuss complex problems
• Equality: reflecting gender equality and non-discrimination in our panels
• Participation: providing space for event attendees to engage in meaningful dialogue
• Transparency: sharing our successes and failures so that we contribute to a learning environment
• Sustainability: being environmentally conscious and minimising harm to the planet

ICSW/GLOBAL AND COVID-19
As the COVID-19 pandemic progresses, the work for civil society actors on the frontline of this crisis becomes more difficult and global solidarity increasingly important. ICSW will continue to be a platform for discussion, sharing ideas, catalysing positive social change, and exchanging tools that enhance citizen action. We are still planning confidently for ICSW/global, still over 12-months away, but we will continue to carefully assess the situation over the coming weeks and months, putting the health and safety of CIVICUS staff, members and partners first and foremost. In the spirit of transparency, we will share any updates with the alliance as they become available.

APPLICATION

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### Context Analysis

| **Describe the local/regional political context and why the theme “People Power” is relevant.** |
| **Describe the various diversity and inclusion considerations that would need to be managed in the local context.** |

### Resources

| **Describe the partnerships that you would draw on to support the event.** |
| **Describe any potential sources for volunteers.** |
| **Describe some of the potential sources of income.** |

### Logistics

<p>| <strong>Describe the city, location(s), and venue(s) that you would envision using.</strong> |
| <strong>Describe the support infrastructure opportunities and</strong> |</p>
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Submit your completed application no later than 30 April 2020 to icsw@civicus.org.