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Regional members

Africa

REPONGAC: Réseau des Plates-formes Nationales d'ONG de l'Afrique Centrale/ Network of National NGO Platforms from Central Africa



REPONGAC is a regional network of national platforms from Central Africa created in 2008 in Brazzaville by initiative of the national NGO platforms of Angola, Congo, Central African Republic and Rwanda. The network, with its Secretariat based in Democratic Republic of Congo, aims at promoting, developing and protecting national platforms and other networks of CSOs in the region to become legitimate and credible actors in their quest for real democratic systems. Their main areas of work are advocacy, capacity development and policy influencing. For more information, visit <http://www.repongac.org/>

REPAOC: Réseau des Plates-formes Nationales d'ONG de l'Afrique de l'Ouest et du Centre/ Network of West and Central African NGO National Platforms



REPAOC is a regional network of NGO platforms that was whose inception dated back in 2006 during the World Social Forum held in Bamako. It was institutionalised in 2007 in Dakar, Senegal. It consists of 14 National NGO Platforms. In total, it includes more than 800 local, national and international NGOs, working every day in the field with highly marginalized populations. REPAOC intends to strive collectively to fight against poverty and for to promote human rights at regional and international levels in a background of increasing North-South, but also South–South inequalities. It has 4 objectives: Ensure greater representation for West and Central African NGOs at regional and international level, both governmental and non-governmental; Take collective stands with national, regional and international institutions by undertaking common opinion campaigns; Strengthen the organisation of NGO National platforms for developing services for members, to ensure greater co-action with national government bodies and guarantee independence of its members; and Help African civil societies to be heard in international media. For more information, visit <http://www.repaoc.org/>

WACSI: West Africa Civil Society Institute



West Africa Civil Society Institute (WACSI), based in Accra, Ghana, is a non-profit organisation that was established by the Open Society Initiative for West Africa (OSIWA) in 2005. The organisation seeks to strengthen the institutional and operational capacities of Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) through capacity strengthening programmes for increased and effective policy engagement, the promotion of development, good governance and democratic values in West Africa. It serves as a resource centre for training, research, experience sharing. The organisation seeks to enhance the capacity of civil society to adequately and effectively partner government and the private sector to achieve sustainable development in West Africa. For more information, visit www.wacsi.org

Asia

ADA: Asia Development Alliance



Asia Development Alliance (ADA) was created in 2013 as a new initiative that brings together leaders of national and sub-national CSOs platforms engaged in international development cooperation to promote effective cooperation and solidarity in addressing common development challenges in the 4

Asian region. With its Secretariat in India, the main agenda of ADA is to share national and international experiences, analysis of international development agenda and processes, and strategic planning among national and sub-national platforms in cooperation with international CSO networks. More concretely, post-Busan High-level Forum on Aid Effectiveness, Post Rio+20, MDGs and G20 Development Agenda are expected to be addressed under the theme “Promote Asian Solidarity for the World We Want – Asian Civil Society Strategies on Global Development Challenges” in the context of Post 2015 process. For more information, visit <http://adaasia2015.org>

The Americas and the Caribbean

Rendir Cuentas



Rendir Cuentas is a regional network of CSOs created in 2010 to promote the transparency and accountability for and by civil society in Latin America and the Caribbean. The group aims at establishing systematic self-regulation practices through peer-learning and the transference and adoption of voluntary and common standards. Rendir Cuentas is composed by 25 organisations from 6 countries in the region working in two areas: I) Identification, analysis, systematization and dissemination of good practices; II) promotion of self-regulation practices within civil society. For more information, visit: <http://rendircuentas.org>

**RedLad: Red Latinoamericana y del Caribe para la Democracia/
Latinamerican and Caribbean Network for Democracy**



RedLad is a platform created in 2008 by more than 480 civil society organisations, networks, activists, academia, trade unions and social movements from Latin America and the Caribbean. The main objective of the platform is to strengthen democratic systems in the region, defend human rights and promote sustainable development and social cohesion. RedLad works in the areas of capacity development, knowledge generation and advocacy. For more information, visit <http://www.redlad.org/>

CPDC: Caribbean Policy Development Centre



The Caribbean Policy Development Centre (CPDC) is a coalition of Caribbean non-governmental organizations with base in Barbados. It was established in 1991 to sensitize NGOs and the general public on key policy issues and to impact policy makers on decisions which put the interests of Caribbean people at the centre of the Caribbean development strategy.

Since its inception CPDC has lobbied regional and international governments on behalf of the sections of the Caribbean populations whose voices are less heard. In doing so CPDC has become accepted as a significant social partner in the development of the region. For more information, visit <http://www.cpdngo.org/>

Europe

**ENNA: European Network of
National Civil Society Associations**



The European Network of National Civil Society Associations (ENNA) was created in 2011 as an international not-for-profit association. ENNA is a membership organisation, bringing together organisations, platforms, and associations that work at a national level to promote the cross-sectoral interests of the not-for-profit/public benefit/civil society sector. ENNA's members work across different sub-sectors of civil society. They work on topics that affect all not-for-profit actors regardless of whether they work solely on social issues, environmental issues, socio-cultural activities, or any other topic of societal interest. For more information, visit <http://www.ennaeurope.org/>

MENA

ANND: Arab NGO Network for Development



The Arab NGO Network for Development (ANND) is a regional network working in 10 Arab countries with seven national networks and 23 NGO members. ANND was initiated in 1997 and has its secretariat office in Beirut, Lebanon, since 2000. ANND's program work focuses on advocating for social and economic rights in the Arab region. It works in three main areas: 1. development policies in the region, 2. social and economic reform agendas, which integrate the concepts of sustainable development, gender justice, and the rights-based approach, and the role of international and regional organizations, and 3. economic and trade liberalization policies and its social and economic implications. On a horizontal level, ANND makes use of networking, capacity building and sharing, provision of research and information materials, advocacy strengthening, coalition building, monitoring, evaluation, and engagement with policy-making processes and related institutions among civil society groups. For more information, visit www.annd.org

Pacific

PIANGO: Pacific Islands Association of NGOs



The Pacific Islands Association of Non-Governmental Organisations (PIANGO) is a regional network of NGO focal points or coordinating bodies known as National Liaison Units (NLUs) based in 21 Pacific Island countries and territories. PIANGO was formally established in 1991 to assist NGOs in the Pacific to initiate action, give voice to their concerns and work collaboratively with other development actors for just and sustainable human development. PIANGO's primary role is to be a catalyst for collective action, to facilitate and support coalitions and alliances on issues of common concern, and to strengthen the influence and impact of NGO efforts in the region.

PIANGO is based in Fiji and exists to enable the Pacific extended family of NGOs to more effectively promote and advance the interests and wellbeing of their people. More specifically, PIANGO is a

network of Pacific NGOs, existing to facilitate communication, provide a common voice at regional and international forums, assist NGOs to strengthen and develop Pacific identities, unity, cultures and forms of social action, as well as to improve the wellbeing of the communities they serve. For more information, visit www.piango.org/

National members

Africa

Angola
FONGA: Forum for Angolan NGOs



FONGA is a forum of over 150 member organizations. It promotes and facilitates cooperation among NGO's nationwide and represents their interests both locally and internationally. FONGA, in addition, plays a facilitating role by organizing workshops and seminars on community development and conflict resolution despite the difficulties and dangers of working in an area ravaged by civil war.

Botswana
Ngamiland Council of NGOs



NCONGO is a registered NGO in Botswana with an office in Maun. We are an organization that was set up to co-ordinate the efforts of NGO's in Ngamiland and to assist in capacity building of member organizations and to facilitate networking and communication within the region. As part of our capacity building mandate, NCONGO offers workshops covering a wide range of topics which arise from the needs of the members. In order to co-ordinate the efforts of the regions NGO's, NCONGO collects data from its member organizations and reports its findings to the Botswana Government through the different Sector Committees. The Botswana Policy for NGO's encourages the NGO's to work closely with the government in order to effectively deliver services to the citizens of Botswana. This is precisely the role NCONGO plays. For information visit <http://www.ncongo.info/>

Burkina Faso
RESOCIDE: Civil Society Organisation Network for Development



RESOCIDE is the French acronym for the Civil Society Organization Network for Development. RESOCIDE is a network formed by 14 organizations in 2002 with the legal status of a national association under the Law 10/92 governing the association freedom in Burkina Faso. RESOCIDE has

three main intervention areas; 1) the contribution to fair global governance. In partnership with other organizations and networks worldwide, it takes part in different movements aimed at setting justice and peace in the world. 2) Conducts research on the different aspects of civil society and 3) promotes human rights at national level. To achieve its different goals, RESOCIDE has developed links with some regional and global civil society umbrellas like the West African Civil Society Forum (WACSOF), the West African Human Rights Defenders Network (ROADDH), and CIVICUS. At national level, RESOCIDE initiated a coalition of CSOs to monitor public policies, particularly in the field of poverty reduction and decentralization called CDC/CSLP which it chairs.

Burundi

BCRC: Burundi Childs Rights Coalition



The Burundi Child Rights Coalition (BCRC) is a platform created to promote human rights with a special focus on children and youth in Burundi. BCRC intends to take lead in coordinating CSO initiatives to support different stakeholder's efforts in the Implementation of the Child Act, international and regional child rights instruments and the recommendations of international and regional child rights treaty bodies and the development in general of youth. BCRC is part of a wider global network and in Burundi is composed by human rights organisations, youth organisations, and children's rights organisations working to mainstream child rights, youth perspective and agenda into the regional and international advocacy processes. The coalition builds the capacity of civil society to work together and promote and protect children's and youth rights in the country through advocacy, campaigning, capacity development and technical support.

Gambia

TANGO: The Association of Non-Governmental Organisations



The Association of Non-Governmental Organizations in the Gambia (TANGO), founded in 1983, is the umbrella organization for NGOs operating in The Gambia. The Association was founded by a group of NGOs out of the concern to avoid duplication of NGO efforts, and to minimize conflict and competition between NGOs. TANGO has a membership of over 80 national and International NGOs, who are working with communities in different all parts of the country. TANGO's members play key roles in areas such as health, education, women's empowerment, agriculture and credit, as well as small enterprise development projects such as vegetable gardening, food processing and similar activities. Members also engage in peace building activities, and the promotion of human rights and good governance. For more information, visit <http://www.tangogambia.org/>

Ghana

GAPVOD: Ghana Association of Private Voluntary Organisations in Development



Established in 1980, GAPVOD has grown to include the participation of nearly 400 local, national and international NGOs. Members are located across Ghana, representing various regions and interest areas. The main aim of the Association is to enhance the development of NGOs and the private development sector in which they operate. For more information, visit <http://www.kabissa.org/directory/gapvod>

Ghana

GACC: Ghana Anti-Corruption Coalition



The Ghana Anti-Corruption Coalition (GACC) is a unique cross-sectoral grouping of public, private and civil society organizations (CSOs) with a focus on promoting good governance and fighting corruption in Ghana. GACC was registered on March 13, 2001 under the company's code. Its mission is to promote anti-corruption and good governance initiatives in Ghana through capacity-building, research and advocacy interventions by engaging coalition members and other key stakeholders operating at the regional, national and international levels. For more information, visit: <http://www.gaccgh.org/>

Kenya

Kenya National Council of NGOs



The National Council of NGOs, popularly known as the NGO Council, is a self-regulating, non-partisan body comprising all registered NGOs in Kenya. It was established in August 1993. Members are active in a cross section of sectors including: agriculture, water, education, environment, health, human rights, gender and development, children's rights, poverty alleviation, peace, population, training, counseling, small scale enterprises, disability and many others. The NGO Council's mandate is self-regulation of the NGO sector, capacity building for the sector and policy intervention. Thus, it enhances the self-regulation of its members, and assists them to realize their potential in improving services that improve the socio-economic status of Kenyan society in pursuit of sustainable development. For more information, visit <http://www.thengocouncilkenya.org/index.php>

Liberia

National Civil Society Council of Liberia



National Civil Society Council of Liberia

This site is still under construction. <http://www.ncscliberia.org/>

Malawi

CONGOMA: Council for NGOs in Malawi



CONGOMA is designated as the coordinating body for all non-governmental organisations in Malawi. It exists to motivate, enhance and maximize the potential and actual impact of its members in

articulating and implementing sustainable socio-economic development programs to reduce poverty in Malawi through mutual support and networking with all interested stakeholders in Malawi; to further the standing of NGOs as competent, professional and suitable agents of development; to support NGOs to become institutionally strong; and to assist NGOs carry out their functions under the NGO Act. So, in order to achieve these goals, they concentrate on activities relating to coordination and networking, capacity building and training, and advocacy. For more information, visit www.congoma.mw

Mauritius

MACOSS: Mauritius Council of Social Services



MACOSS was founded in 1965. It is presently composed of 102 affiliated member organizations. Its main activities include the coordination of activities of member organizations, the organization of seminars and workshops on social issues, training programmes, information sharing through the publication of a quarterly newsletter, and general research done on social issues. For more information, visit www.macoss.mu/

Mozambique

JOINT: Liga de ONGs em Mocambique



JOINT was officially constituted in 2008 by a group of CSOs that were seeking to better coordinate their work towards the promotion of civil society in Mozambique. Its main role is to facilitate the role of civil society in the promotion of the freedom of association, expression and assembly, as well as an open, dynamic and transparent civic space in the country. Some of its strategic areas of action are the reinforcement of institutional capacities, monitoring of public policies, and advocacy. Its actions at the provincial level are represented by Provincial Forums since 2009.

For more information, visit <http://joint.org.mz/>

Namibia

Civil Society Foundation of Namibia



The Foundation was founded in 2012 and aims to make a long-lasting contribution to civil society as a funds management vehicle. It aims at building a comprehensive picture of what civil society is doing across the regions and use this to promote support civil society work in tackling poverty, improving health and education standards, increasing knowledge and action in the fields of human rights, social justice and the environment. Its work has the following main objectives: develop products and services for its members; improve cooperation between and among Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) locally and nationally; strengthen information sharing among CSOs generally and particularly on important

socioeconomic justice issues and campaigns. Website under construction. For more information visit <http://csfnam.org/>

Nigeria

NNNGO: Nigerian Network on NGOs



The Nigeria Network of NGOs (NNNGO) is the first generic membership body for civil society organisations in Nigeria that facilitates effective advocacy on issues of poverty and other developmental issues. Established in 1992, NNNGO represents over 1800 organisations ranging from small groups at the local level to larger networks at the national level.

The Network has the objective of identifying, registering, coordinating, building capacity and mobilizing civil society organisations to promote interconnectivity and bring equity, justice, peace and development to grassroots communities throughout Nigeria, including the implementation of NEEDS, SEEDS, LEEDS and the MDGs. Our membership includes over 20 national organisations and over 250 membership organisations focusing on different thematic areas of development, all of whom work to support a diverse range of membership communities across the nation. In total our outreach to the third sector in Nigeria is estimated to be in excess of 5000 which include both members and affiliates at national and global levels. For more information, visit www.nnngo.org/

Rwanda

CCOAIB : Conseil de Concertation des Organisations d'Appui aux Initiatives de Base/ Concertation Council of Organisations in support of Local Initiatives



CCOAIB was created in Rwanda in 1987 in order to have a framework for exchange, dialogue and negotiation for NGOs. 40 members are now represented in this Council and work in various fields: agriculture and animal husbandry, beekeeping, food processing, housing, crafts, women's entrepreneurship, hydraulic rural, mentoring youth and orphans, the supervision of cooperatives, microfinance, etc. For more information, visit <http://www.ccoaib.rw/>

South Africa

SANGOCO: South African National NGO Coalition



The South African National NGO Coalition, SANGOCO, has traditionally built up a public and political profile as a civil society movement that champions the interests of the poor. SANGOCO promotes the interests of the poor, fights against unemployment, inappropriate and faulty delivery frameworks, and an increasingly intransigent government on economic policy issues. SANGOCO as the custodian of

CBOs and NGOs in South Africa has the aim of supporting the work of civil society in the country and strengthening the role of CSOs. For more information, visit <http://sangoco.org.za/>

Tanzania

TANGO: Tanzania Association of NGOs



The Tanzania Association of Non-Governmental Organizations (TANGO) is the largest and longest standing national umbrella organization serving the Tanzanian NGO community. It was founded in 1988 by 22 NGOs. The coalition now has a membership of more than 500 NGOs and collaborating with 30 district and 6 regional generic NGO networks. As an umbrella body it is committed to promoting the well being of its constituency by acting as a unifying organ and mandated representative in advocating for transformation for the common good. For more information, visit <http://www.tango.or.tz>

Togo

CNSC: Concertation Nationale de la Société Civile du Togo/ National Congress of Togo Civil Society



Officially launched on 15 June 2002 in Tsévié (Togo), the National Congress of Togo Civil Society (CNSC-Togo) is a network of civil society organisations (NGOs, associations, networks and federations of civic organizations and social movements) of Togo. The CNSC Togo is primarily a space for dialogue between civic organizations across the country. It unites the individual actors and organizations, analyses issues that affect them, seek solutions and emit common positions. In order to respond to the challenges that the country faces, the CNSC Togo makes proposals for improving policies and monitoring their implementation. For more information, visit <http://www.cnsctogo.org/> or <http://www.cnsccyced.tg/>

Uganda

UNNGOF: Uganda National NGO Forum



Uganda National NGO Forum (UNNGOF) is an independent and inclusive national platform for NGOs in Uganda. Its primary constituency and owners are NGOs in their diversity and configurations. The National NGO Forum platform is however open to other interest groups within a broadly defined civil society. UNNGOF's operational scope is at national level, with a focus on issues and processes that concern NGOs across the board. The Forum recognises the independent existence of national thematic NGO networks and district networks and fora as other important NGO coordinating mechanism with complementary comparative advantages.

The objectives of the forum are; to act as a Forum drawing together NGOs registered and operating in Uganda and other groups working in Uganda, to discuss and adopt strategies and to act collectively on matters of mutual concern to NGOs, to maintain dialogue with the Government and other National and International NGOs and bodies on behalf of all members and other NGOs operating in Uganda, to undertake Advocacy and Lobbying of Government and other bilateral and multilateral bodies on issues of common concern and promote informed dialogue, networking and information exchange among the member NGOs, other NGOs and the wide civil society on matters of concern. For more information, visit www.ngoforum.or.ug

Zambia

ZCSD: Zambia Council for Social Development



The Zambia Council for Social Development (ZCSD) is an umbrella organisation comprising of more than 150 members. The organisation aims to build collaboration and information sharing between provincial, national and regional civil society organisations in Zambia. It also aims to promote a vibrant, independent and well-coordinated civil society. For more information, visit <http://www.thezcscd.org>

Zimbabwe

NANGO: National Association of NGOs



The National Association of Non-Governmental Organisations (NANGO) is a non-party political, non-profit making and non-denominational coordinating body of NGOs in Zimbabwe. It was founded in 1962 as a welfare organisation under the name Southern Rhodesia Council of Social Services predominantly for social welfare organisations. In 1980 there was an increase in the number of NGOs focusing on social, economic and political development of the Zimbabwean people thus the organisation was renamed Voluntary Organisations in Community Enterprise (VOICE). The organisation was renamed ten years later to the present National Association of Non-Governmental Organisations (NANGO). For more information, visit <http://www.nango.org.zw>

Asia

Afghanistan

ANCB: Afghan NGO Coordination Bureau



The Afghan NGO Coordination Bureau (ANCB) was founded in 1991 as a non-governmental, non-political, and not-for-profit organisation operating to coordinate the activities of Afghan NGOs (200 members) in health, agriculture, human rights, women empowerment, education, environment, protection, capacity building and civic education sector all working towards emergency, rehabilitation and development of Afghanistan. ANCB strives to enhance the capacity of its member organisations through workshops, seminars, as well as building partnerships with other organisations for the enhancement of technical capacity. Thus, ANCB acts as a powerful common forum for Afghan NGOs. For more information, visit www.ancb.org

Bangladesh

Democracy Watch Bangladesh



Democracywatch is an NGO working in promotion of democracy and good governance in Bangladesh since 1995. It conducts training and runs projects with a vision to build awareness on democracy and good governance. It also carries out research and opinion poll on different social and political dimensions. Democracywatch emphasizes most on education and awareness building of the young adults and women in the society. Towards this end, it runs courses on Lifestyle, Democracy Training Program, Internship Project with the Parliamentarians, IELTS, Basic Computing and English for General Purpose. Side by side, quiz, debate, dialogue session, and workshop on various issues of democracy are regularly carried out in an attempt to raise the confidence level of the youths. <http://www.dwatch-bd.org/>

Cambodia

CCC: Cooperation Committee for Cambodia (CCC)



Cooperation Committee for Cambodia (CCC) is the longest-established membership organisation in Cambodia. The organisation's objectives include, playing a significant role in strengthening the cooperation, professionalism, accountability and governance of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) working across diverse sectors in Cambodia. The organisation has a research and learning component that offers capacity building programmes and learning opportunities for its members. The goal of the organisation is to create a capable civil society that is responsive to Cambodia's developmental challenges. For more information, visit <http://www.ccc-cambodia.org/>

China

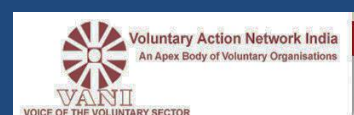
CANGO: China Association for NGO Cooperation



The China Association for NGO Cooperation (CANGO) is a non-profit membership organization founded in 1992. Since its founding, CANGO has acted as an intermediary agency and partners with over 170 foreign NGOs, bilateral and multilateral organizations and Chinese NGOs to enhance fundraising, provision of technical support and capacity building of grassroots NGOs in China. CANGO's mission is to create a strong, empowered network of Chinese NGOs to address poverty alleviation, environmental protection and social development, particularly in China's poor, remote and minority-inhabited areas. For more information, visit www.cango.org

India

VANI: Voluntary Action Network India



VANI was founded in 1990 and it is now the largest apex body of voluntary organisations with 19 Network Federations, 322 Organisations and 42 Individuals as its members. It has a strong base of 2500 Voluntary organisations, spread out in almost all states of India. VANI has also become a

coordinating agency for strengthening similar national networks in Asia. Among its main achievements, VANI has advocated for the simplification of acts, rules and regulations pertaining to the voluntary sector, built the capacity of voluntary organisations, and ensured transparency, accountability and democracy in voluntary organisations. For more information, visit www.vaniindia.org

Japan

JACO: The Japan Association of Charitable Organisations



JACO was established in 1972 and has grown to be the largest umbrella body in the non-profit organisation sector in Japan with 1,500 organisations as members. In the course of 37 years, JACO has been a highly effective advocator representing not only the view of its members but also the whole sector to government and other sectors. It has taken the lead in research and analysis on the NPO sector of Japan. JACO's new goal is to promote and support non-profit activities operated by NPOs and contribute to the further development of the third sector in Japan. To achieve this goal, JACO has developed three main programs: 1. dissemination and enlightenment program on NPO activities, 2. operational support and capacity development program for NPO activities, and 3. promotion of research and advocacy campaign program on NPO activities, organizations and systems. For more information, visit www.kohokyo.or.jp

Japan

Japan NPO Centre (JNPOC)



The Japan NPO Center (JNPOC) is an organisation that was established in 1996 for the purpose of strengthening the infrastructure of non-profit organisations in Japan. The organisation aims to support civic activities of the Japanese civil society, and the growth of the non-profit sector. It also aims to establish effective partnerships between the non-profit sector, the government as well as the private sector. JNPOC is engaged in collecting and disseminating information in regards to nonprofits and in supporting the ICT/public relations of nonprofits. It is active in conducting forums, conferences, and training to encourage informational exchange, with particular emphasis on inter-sector collaboration. JNPOC also has a rich consulting experience for enterprises, which has developed into many collaborative programs. JNPOC has conducted research of Japanese nonprofits and is active in policy advocacy. Since 2011, JNPOC has been working to promote citizen-led support for Disaster Relief for East Japan and has established multiple disaster relief funds in partnership with major enterprises. > For more information, visit www.jnpoc.ne.jp/en/

Kyrgyzstan

NGO Coalition for Democracy and Civil Society



Coalition of NGOs is a non-partisan and neutral organisation working on strengthening democracy and building civil society uniting more than 130 NGOs in Kyrgyzstan. The objectives of coalition

members include the support of a lawful, honest, objective, and democratic election system, civic education, public advocacy, and participation in reform of government on local, regional and national levels. For more information, visit www.ngo.kg

Nepal

NFN: NGO Federation of Nepal



NGO Federation of Nepal (NFN) emerged as an umbrella organisation of NGOs in the aftermath of democratic political change and establishment of multiparty parliamentary system in 1990. Since its establishment in 1991, the NFN has been fighting for the promotion of human rights, social justice and pro-poor development. Today, it has evolved as a leading civil society organisation in Nepal with over 4500 NGOs affiliated to it from across the country. Areas of intervention requiring immediate consideration and remedial action in human rights, social justice, democratic governance and pro-poor development are immense. This is more challenging due to the current transitional political situation. Broadly, NFN has developed a four-pillar strategy, realizing the need for collaborative work and intervention. The four pillars are: 1. capacity building and NGO governance reform, 2. women empowerment and inclusion, 3. youth mobilization, and 4. broad-based civil society networking. For more information, visit www.ngofederation.org

Pakistan

PNF: Pakistan NGO Forum



The Pakistan NGO Forum is an apex body of Five Networks of NGOs working in Pakistan i.e. SNI- Sarhad NGOs Ittehad, PNCC- Punjab NGOs Coordination Council, SINGOF- Sindh NGOs Federation, BANGOF- Baluchistan NGOs Federation and CORIN- Coalition of Rawalpindi Islamabad NGOs. Its aim is to create a conducive working environment for the non-for-profit sector in Pakistan and work jointly for protection rights of the disadvantaged sections of the Society in Pakistan. For more information, visit <http://ngospk.webs.com/>

Pakistan

AWAZ Foundation Pakistan: Centre for Development Services



AWAZ is a Pakistani organisation AWAZ founded in 1995. It is striving for the Socio-economic development and political empowerment of marginalized communities especially women and young people across Pakistan. AWAZ follows rights based approaches for sustainable development, poverty alleviation, achieving MDGs. It enjoys consultative status at UN ECOSOC. For more information, visit <http://awazcds.org.pk/>

Philippines

CODE-NGO: Caucus of Development NGO Networks



In May 1990, CODE-NGO was established formally by the 10 largest NGO networks in the Philippines. In January 1991, it was registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission as a non-stock, non-profit organisation. Today, CODE-NGO, with its 6 national and 6 regional member networks, representing more than 2,000 development NGOs, people's organisations and cooperatives nationwide, is the country's biggest coalition of NGOs working for social development. CODE-NGO maximises its scale and synergy to influence public policy, provide leadership in civil society and increase the effectiveness of social development work in the country. It focuses on policy advocacy and partnership building in the public arena, as well as on developing the capacity and accountability of its member networks and affiliated organisations. For more information, visit <http://code-ngo.org/home/>

Tajikistan

Tajikistan National NGO Association O



The National NGO Association was created in 2008 after the National Forum of non-governmental organisations of Tajikistan held in Dushanbe. Its objective is to provide assistance to professional development structures of the civil society, regulation of their activities and association of all creative forces in development and prosperity of Tajikistan and the wellbeing of the country's inhabitants. Some of the areas of work are the consolidation of all Tajik CSOs through organizing dialogue, forums, workshops and conferences to improve democracy, gender equality, accountability, transparency, good governance in Tajikistan. For more information, visit <http://www.cso.tj/>

The Americas and the Caribbean

Argentina

RACI: Red Argentina para la Cooperación Internacional/ Argentinian Network for International Cooperation



The Argentine Network for International Cooperation (RACI) is an organization made up of 98 Civil Society Organizations (CSO) from Argentina that seeks to be a link between CSOs who perform social investment for development in the country. Its main objective is to create a space for exchange and inter-institutional dialogue to strengthen institutions in the access to development aid and contribute to the social transformation of Argentina. Through its areas of work and programs, the network contributes to the institutional strengthening of CSOs capacities through seminars, workshops, lectures and discussions. For more information, visit <http://www.raci.org.ar/>

Barbados

BANGO: Barbados Association of NGOs



BANGO, best described as a National Focal Point for Civil Society, was established in 1997 to deliver critical services to Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) and offer technical and other support to facilitate the work of CSOs. The organisation is mandated to keep CSOs abreast of civil society affairs, especially those which are unrepresented or under-represented, and to encourage their participation in the national and regional policy-making and decision-making processes. BANGO's reputation is such that it is regularly consulted by all three social partners, leaders of Government, Labour and the Private Sector, on issues of national importance as they seek to engage wide Civil Society participation in their plans and activities. It is a public service for all CSOs in Barbados. For more information, visit www.bango.org.bb.

Bolivia

UNITAS: National Union of Institutions for Social Work- Unión Nacional de Instituciones para el Trabajo de Acción Social.



UNITAS was established in 1976 as a mechanism of defence of human rights and the recovery of democracy. It played a key role in ensuring the participation of civil society in the transition process towards democracy and in stopping the attempt of coup in 1980. UNITAS is a national network of more than 26 NGOs with the aim of promoting spaces for participation and reflection around public policy and development. Its mission is to contribute to the generation of alternative proposals for social change and a democracy that is equitable, fair and based on solidarity. For more information, visit www.redunitas.org

Colombia

CCONG: Colombian Confederation of NGOs- Confederación Colombiana de ONG



The Colombian Confederation of NGOs was established in 1989 and comprises NGO federations, associations and foundations. Currently it counts with 8 departmental federations, 6 associations and national networks that represent more than 850 NGOs around the country. It includes minority groups and formal and non-formal civil society groups.

CCONG works mainly towards the public benefit through emphasis on the promotion of a sustainable development, the fight against poverty, the promotion and protection of human rights and the strengthening of the democratic system at different national levels. For more information, visit <http://ccong.org.co/ccong/>

Dominican Republic

Alianza ONG



Alianza ONG, established in 1995, is one of the main multi-sectorial networks of NGO's in the Dominican Republic, whose mission is to improve the Third Sector and its role within civil society. It mainly works in four key areas for the promotion of non-profit organizations and the socio-economic development of the country. These include; institutional development, the relationship between State and non-profit organisations, strengthening of private social investment and inter-sectorial strategic alliances, and volunteering. Among its main achievements in terms of program development, Alianza ONG, through its youth volunteerism program, Sirve Quisqueya, works to create opportunities for young people in solidarity action. For more information, visit www.alianzaong.org.do

Ecuador

Grupo FARO-Ideas y acción colectiva/
Gorup FARO-Ideas and collective action



Grupo FARO was created in 2004 under the need to count with an independent space to support institutional capacities of civil society and promote its equitable engagement with public and private institutions. The Group is a centre for public policies, independent, plural and laic with innovative ideas that aim to foster a democratic, inclusive and sustainable dialogue in society. For more information, visit: <http://www.grupofaro.org/>

Ecuador

CEOSC: Confederacion Ecuatoriana de OSCs/
Ecuadorian Confederation of CSOs



With more than 100 member organisations, CEOSC is a space that aims at gathering, strengthening and representing its members while promoting the coordination of the sector to contribute to transparency, solidarity and democracy in Ecuador. It has three main objectives: i) promoting transparency and accountability of CSOs, ii) representing and strengthening organised civil society and y iii) promoting the construction of a plural and participative legal framework for CSOs. For more information, visit: <http://www.confederacionecuatorianaosc.org/>

Honduras

FOPRIDEH: Federation of NGOs for Development- Federacion de Organizaciones No-Gubernamentales apra el Desarrollo de Honduras



FOPRIEDH is a federation of NGOs that represents more than 38 organisations from all over the country, including networks of CSOs. The federation works towards the promotion of human rights

and social change through multiple initiatives, advocacy, accountability, capacity development and policy influencing. For more information, visit foprdeh.org

Jamaica

ADA: Association of Development Agencies



The Association of Development Agencies (ADA) is one of Jamaica's oldest development agencies. The primary objectives of ADA, when formed in 1985, was to promote sustainable development and social change, creating a framework for debate, policy, advocacy, analysis and systematic study of global and macro issues that build the capacity of the collective to undertake development, education and research. A further objective was to assist in information exchange and coordination of efforts among the NGO community. For more information, visit,

http://www.dogoodjamaica.org/organizations/association_of_development_agencies

Mexico

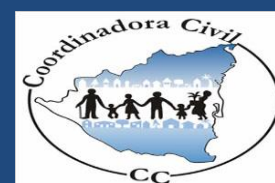
CEMEFI: Centro Mexicano para la Filantropía/Mexican Center for Philanthropy



It was founded in 1988 and made up of 720 members. Through its various programs and services, it promotes the culture of individual and corporate citizenship; realizes investigations on the non-profit sector in Mexico; supports the professional development of NGO's; offers specialised information on the Third Sector; supports companies in their community investment programs; links NGO's with their social environment; promotes and diffuses the activities of NGO's, and edits publications on the Third Sector. For more information, visit www.cemefi.org

Nicaragua

Coordinadora Civil



The Civil Coordinator is organised by sectors of the society in Nicaragua, through consensus, proposing common objectives to achieve sustainable human development. It has its presence in all departments and autonomous regions. The mission of the Civil Coordinator is to coordinate efforts and facilitate capacity building for political influence in Nicaragua by building a democratic, equitable, solidarity, human development and sustainability. The Civil Coordinator is composed of over 600 individuals and civic organizations, non-profit, NGO networks, unions, social movements, unions that support the mission, vision and has a representation in the Coordinating Committee. For more information, visit www.ccer.org.ni/

Paraguay

POJOAJU: La Asociación de ONGs del Paraguay



The Association of NGOs in Paraguay, POJOAJU is a non-profit entity with legal personality, established in 1998 with the purpose of integrating NGOs and NGO networks in Paraguay. POJOAJU is a democratic and participatory union which promotes discussions and cooperation between its members and contributes to a just, equitable, united and sustainable environment, conducive for the promotion of human rights. For more information, visit www.pojaju.org.py

Uruguay

ANONG: Asociacion Nacional de ONGs/ National Association of NGOs



ANONG was founded in 1992 and brings together 90 NGOs across Uruguay. These NGOs focus on agriculture, social sciences, communications, culture, human rights, economic, education, children, regional integration, youth, environment health, trade unionism, housing and voluntarism. The objectives of ANONG are; to defend the rights of NGOs as enshrined in national law and international legal frameworks that will promote recognition of the identity of NGOs, strengthen the presence and visibility of NGOs in the public sphere, promote the exchange of information and coordination of activities of common interest, strengthen and promote the institutional development of member organisations through training, represent the interest of NGOs in different areas and liaise and coordinate with similar associations at the global level. For more information, visit www.anong.org.uy/

Uruguay

ICD: Instituto de Comunicacion y Desarrollo/Institute of Communication and Development



The ICD was established in 1986 with the aim of strengthening the cooperation between countries in the Latin America and Caribbean region and between these and public and private institutions in the region. ICD has consultative status at the ECOSOC and its main objectives are to generate knowledge around civic participation and civil society, the defence of an enabling environment for civil society and human rights. It has a strong focus on advocacy and policy influencing at the national, regional and international levels. For more information, visit: <http://www.lasociedadcivil.org/>

Venezuela

Sinergia: Por la excelencia de la sociedad civil/ Sinergia: For the excellence of civil society



SINERGIA is a non profit alliance founded in 1996 with the mission of serving as a democratic space for civil society cooperation. SINERGIA works to create opportunities for participation and to strengthen citizenship in order to contribute to an active and committed sector, as well as to promote equitable public policies and democracy in Venezuela.

To achieve these goals, SINERGIA brings together recognized networks and organizations dedicated to the promotion of human rights advocacy, strengthening citizenship, social and economical development, public policy influence and civil society capacity building. For more information, visit <http://sinergia.org.ve/>

Europe

Austria

IGO: Interest Group of Public Benefit Organizations



Interest Group of Public Benefit Organizations (IGO) is an Austrian non-profit organisation which seeks to enhance democratic space where civil society activities can happen without restrictions. The organisation also seeks to promote transparency and security on the market for donations to non-profit organisations. IGO's mission includes creating better legal and fiscal conditions for charitable organisations by organising debates and publishing position papers and research reports on these matters.

For more information, visit <http://www.gemeinnuetzig.at/>

Balkan

Balkan Civil Society Development Network (BCSDN)



Our vision: Sustainable peace, harmony and prosperity of societies in the Balkan region. Our mission: To empower the civil society and influence European and national policies towards more enabling environment for civil society development in order to ensure sustainable and functioning democracies in the Balkans. For information, visit <http://www.balkancsd.net/>

Denmark

Civil Society in Development (CISU)



CISU - Civil Society in Development is an independent association of 280+ small and medium-sized Danish Civil Society Organisations (CSOs). All members are actively engaged in development work in Asia, Africa or Latin America - either as their main engagement or as part of their activities. Mission: CISU supports Danish organisations' national and global efforts for a just and sustainable world and is a platform for experience and knowledge sharing. We build capacity, promote mutual learning and innovative thinking, and strengthen popular participation in development cooperation. For information, visit www.cisu.dk

England

NCVO: National Council for Voluntary Organisation



Founded in 1919, we are the largest umbrella body for the voluntary and community sector in England, with sister councils in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. NCVO has over 8,400 members, meaning that they represent and support almost half the voluntary sector workforce. NCVO campaigns on generic issues affecting the voluntary sector, such as the role of the voluntary organisations in public service delivery and the future of local government. They have several specialist teams who provide information, advice and support to others working in or with the voluntary sector: NCVO publications, run networking and training events, manage and facilitate a range of forums and networks for staff and volunteers working in specific areas, provide direct support to organizations through the NCVO Consultancy service, and NCVO's helpdesk which provides information and support for its members. For more information, visit www.ncvo-vol.org.uk

England

People In Aid



People In Aid is an English **organisation** whose objective is to assist non- profit organisations that engage in the relief of poverty and suffering. The organisation seeks to enhance the impact these organisations make by encouraging better management and support of staff and volunteers. The organisation seeks to improve organisational effectiveness within the humanitarian and development sector worldwide by advocating, supporting and recognising good practice in the management of people. The organisation seeks to achieve its mandate by offering support services such as in-house workshops, policy writing and coaching *inter alia*. For more information, visit <http://www.peopleinaid.org/>

Estonia

NENO: Network of Estonian Nonprofit Organisations



The Network of Estonian Non-profit Organizations, or NENO for short, is the single and largest Estonian organization uniting public benefit non-profit organizations. It was established in 1991 as the Estonian Foundation Center and opened its membership to associations in 1994. NENO unites approximately 110 (subject to increase in coming years) large and medium-sized active and operational public benefit non-profit organizations in Estonia from all fields. NENO's goals are to foster development trends and provide support services to Estonian non-profits, increase public awareness, advocate for the interests of its members and other public benefit NGOs, and improve working relationships with the public and business sectors. Furthermore, NENO's work is divided between three programs: 1. the development program, which deals with legislative creation and relationships between third and public sector, 2. the information and support program, which deals with trainings and information sharing to strengthen NGO capacity, and 3. the membership program, which offers various services to members like counselling. For more information, visit www.ngo.ee

Finland

KEPA: The Finnish NGO Platform



Kepa is a Finnish NGO platform and an expert organisation working with global development issues. It represents more than 300 Finnish non-governmental organisations and promotes actions that will help to build a just world. KEPA brings together and inspires the Finnish civil society to act courageously for a just world." KEPA is both a cooperation organisation and a special interest group. It gives support and creates space for its member organisations in their work to eradicate global poverty and inequality by uniting and strengthening them. At the same time it defends their operating conditions. KEPA aggregates the messages of the organisations and acts as their common voice. It also actively influences political decision-making that affects the eradication of poverty and inequality in the world.

KEPA's activity in the South strengthens its work in the North and gives it the necessary expertise to provide services and support for its member organisations. By committing itself to strengthening the civil societies of the South, Kepa practices joint responsibility in accordance with its values. For more information, visit <http://www.kepa.fi/>

France

European Civic Forum



The European Civic Forum (ECF) is a transnational network that brings together over 100 associations and NGOs across 27 countries in Europe, actively working on issues such as citizenship education, defence of Human Rights and the advocacy of Democracy. Built essentially around an economic dimension, the European project lacks of the pillars enshrined in the Treaties – Solidarity and Democracy – to be able to overcome the wide gap between citizens and European institutions.

Associations and NGOs play a crucial role in this civic ownership. For more information, visit <http://civic-forum.eu/en/>

Ireland

Dochas - The Irish Association for Non-Governmental Development Organisations



Dóchas is the Irish Association of Non-Governmental Development Organisations. It is a meeting place and a leading voice for organisations that want Ireland to be a world leader in efforts to bring about global justice. Vision: Our vision is of a world where poverty and marginalisation are unacceptable, and where every person has the right to live a life in dignity. Purpose: The purpose of Dóchas is to be a meeting place and a leading voice for organisations that want Ireland to be a world leader in efforts to bring about global justice. For more information, visit <http://www.dochas.ie/>

Ireland

The Wheel, Support and representation for Community and Voluntary Organisations



The Wheel is a national organisation that represents and supports community, voluntary and charitable organisations in Ireland. Founded in 1999, we currently have around 1,100 members across Ireland, reflecting the enormous scope and scale of this vibrant and diverse sector.

The Wheel exists to help change people's lives for the better. We do this by helping non-profit organisations get things done, more efficiently and more effectively. As an independently governed, membership-based organisation, we represent our members' shared interests to Government and other decision-makers, and we promote better understanding of the vital work they do for people in Ireland. For more information, visit www.wheel.ie

Italy

Association of Local Democracy Agencies (ALDA)



ALDA - the European Association for Local Democracy is a non-governmental organisation dedicated to the promotion of good governance and citizen participation at the local level. ALDA in particular focuses on activities that facilitate cooperation between local authorities and civil society. ALDA was established in 1999 at the initiative of the Council of Europe's Congress of Local and Regional Authorities to coordinate and support a network of Local Democracy Agencies which was established in the early 1990s. It remains one of its supporting programmes. It is the umbrella organisation of the Local Democracy Agencies which are self-sustainable, locally registered NGOs that act as promoters of good governance and local self-government. For more information, visit <http://www.alda-europe.eu/newSite/>

Latvia
Civic Alliance



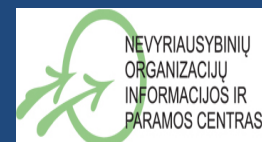
Civic Alliance - Latvia (CAL) is an umbrella NGO headquartered in Latvia, which was founded in 2004. It unites more than 107 non-governmental organizations and private members, which represent more than 30 000 socially active people in Latvia. The goal of the association is to improve the legal and financial environment for the non-governmental sector in Latvia and to strengthen capacity of the NGOs for efficient public advocacy performance. Thus, CAL advocates interests of the NGO sector in Latvia, identifies and tries to resolve problems in the non-governmental (NGO) sector, supports and fosters the participation incentives on NGOs in the decision making process, and represents the interests of NGOs in communication with public authorities. For more information, visit www.nvo.lv

Latvia
Latvian Platform for Development Cooperation (LAPAS)



The Latvian Platform for Development Cooperation (LAPAS) was established in 2004. The same year, when Latvia joined the European Union. LAPAS unites Latvian NGOs, which believe that Latvia's transition experience to a democratic market economy can be useful to others. LAPAS also promotes NGO participation in development cooperation and coordinates Latvia's efforts in development education. For more information, visit <http://lapas.lv/en/home/>

Lithuania
NISC: NGO Information and Support Centre



The NGO Information and Support Centre (NISC) was registered in the Lithuanian Ministry of Justice in 1995. Its mission is to unite the country's NGO interests, and strengthen the NGO sector at all levels. NISC carries out its mandate through the following strategic objectives: 1. NGO sector strengthening, 2. NGO coalition-building and strengthening, 3. NGOs and strengthening collaboration between government, 4. external environment for NGOs, and 5. volunteering in the development of traditions. For more information, visit <http://www.nisc.lt/en/index.php>

The Netherlands
Partos



Partos is the Dutch association for NGOs working in International Development. The association represents 120 Dutch development organisations that work in the field of poverty reduction, humanitarian aid, human rights and sustainable development. They are also active in the Netherlands and within the EU, where they focus on knowledge development and policy advice.

Their main areas of expertise and focus are: fundraising, advocacy, CS effectiveness, networking, knowledge management and capacity development for CSOs. For more information, visit <https://partos.nl/>

Norway

The Association of NGOs



FRIVILLIGHET NORGE

The Association of NGOs in Norway (Frivillighet Norge) is an umbrella for the voluntary sector in Norway, founded in September 2005. The mission of the Association is to coordinate the voluntary sector's dialogue with the authorities on issues that are common to the voluntary sector, and to voice the voluntary sector's opinions to the public and the authorities. Another important task is to produce information and give advice to the member organizations. Some of the current issues we focus on are VAT and the voluntary sector, new public register for Norwegian NGOs, more research on the voluntary sector, as well as inclusion of the immigrant population in the voluntary sector. Currently, the Association of NGOs in Norway consists of more than 250 member organizations, including all sectors of society (organizations for children, youth and grown-ups, sports, culture, humanitarian work, religious congregations, music, theatre, etc). The Association of NGOs in Norway is a member of The European Network of National Civil Society Associations (ENNA). For more information, visit <http://www.frivillighetnorge.no/no/English>.

Poland

OFOP: Polish Federation of NGOs



Ogólnopolska
Federacja
Organizacji
Pozarządowych

The Polish Federation of NGOs is a network that brings together organizations from across Poland, carrying out their activities at the local regional and national levels, and supports organizations. Member organizations operate in different areas, making the Federation unique. Their actions are pursued by: promoting legislative changes to improve the conditions of the third sector, strengthening advocacy through consultations, partnership and cooperation with other bodies. With more than 140 members, including regional and nation-wide branch federations OFOP is highly recognisable organisation with big policy making experience. For more information, visit <http://www.ofop.eu/about-us>

Scotland

SCVO: Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations



The Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO) is the membership organisation for Scotland's charities, voluntary organisations and social enterprises. SCVO works in partnership with the voluntary sector to advance shared values and interests. SCVO has over 1500 members who range from individuals and grassroots groups, to Scotland-wide organisations and intermediary bodies. Through

lobbying and campaigning SCVO works to advance the interests of our members and the people and communities that they support. For more information, visit <http://www.scvo.org.uk/>

Serbia
Civic Initiatives



The group of prominent NGO activists in the anti-war movement and the democratic opposition in May 1996 established the Citizens' Initiative, an association of citizens for democracy and civic education. The founders of the Citizen's initiatives analysed and evaluated the relative failure of the democratic movement against the Milosevic regime. They recognised the need to create social and civic bases that could support democratic change by teaching citizens about their rights, democracy, civil society and how to be active citizens and how to be able to make decisions about their own lives. For more information, visit <http://www.gradjanske.org/page/about/sr.html>

Spain
Plataforma de ONGs de Acción Social/ Platform of NGOs of Social Action



The NGO Platform of Social Action is a private, non-denominational, nationwide non-profit organisation that works towards promoting the total development of social and civil rights of the most vulnerable groups and to strengthen the Third/Social Sector. For more information, visit <http://www.plataformaong.org/en/index.php>

Turkey
TUSEV: Third Sector Foundation of Turkey



TUSEV was established in 1993 by 23 foundations and associations and has now grown to support a network of over 110 civil society organizations that share a vision of strengthening the legal, fiscal and operational infrastructure of the third (non-profit) sector in Turkey. TUSEV's programmes are designed to; promote a legally and fiscally enabling environment for non-profit organisations, encourage strategic and effective giving, facilitate partnerships across the public, private and third sectors and support and engage the international community in learning about and collaborating with the third sector in Turkey. For more information, visit <http://www.tusev.org.tr> and follow us on @tusev, facebook.com/tusevtr.

Wales

WCVA: Wales Council for Voluntary Action



WCVA is the voice of the voluntary sector in Wales. We represent and campaign for voluntary organizations, volunteers and communities. WCVA has been working with its sister councils, across the UK to ensure voluntary and community organisations make the best of their paid staff, volunteers and trustees through workforce development and have the skills that they need. For more information, visit www.wcva.org.uk

MENA

Jordan

Partners –Jordan



Partners-Jordan, is a Jordanian not for profit organization that is committed to advance civil society by promoting mediation, conflict management and encouraging citizen participation in Jordan's social and political development. The organisation aims to provide conflict and change management training it also aims to promote mediation as a profession in Jordan and to promote good governance and organisational management. For more information, visit www.partners-jordan.org/

Palestine

Palestinian Consultative Staff for Developing NGOs



Palestinian Consultative staff for developing NGOs "PCS" is independent civic and Non-governmental assemblage ,that aims to develop and empower the Palestinian community during the cadre of promoting the democracy, social equity ,sustainable development ,and respect the law and human rights , PCS presents its services without any discrimination on base on religion ,sex or race , PCS includes during its memberships more than 40 Palestinian NGOs in Jenin Governorate and northern west bank governorates ,that work in human ,social and development fields. For more information, visit <http://pcs-palestine.org/en/>

Pacific

Cook Island

CIANGO: Cook Island Association of NGOs



CIANGO aims to promote and enhance the advancement of NGOs, in their quest for quality life for its members and their families, in social, economic, political, cultural, spiritual and environmental sustainable development. CIANGO is a non-governmental, non-profitable, non-political organization established to promote healthy and sustainable development of NGOs in the country through the provision of training, services and information and through encouraging collaborating and communication between NGOs, government, regional and international organisations and funding agencies.

Fiji

FCOSS: Fiji Civil Society Organizations



FCOSS is the umbrella body of civil society organisations in Fiji. It is based in Suva and has 300 members and 200 associated members. FCOSS is a non-profit organisation and was established in 1957. Over the last 50 years it has been working with individual CSOs and collaborating with government agencies in the areas of social welfare, health, education, community development and environment awareness. There are three main goals of FCOSS, which include advancing social justice and economic development, fostering a strong community welfare sector and capacity building for CSOs.

New Zealand

Hui E! Community Aotearoa



Hui E! Community Aotearoa is a New Zealand based organisation that aims to strengthen the collective voice of civil society organisations in the country. The organisation supports strategic advocacy and leadership development within and on behalf of the non-profit sector. It does this by assisting communities to work collectively so to progress their own aspirations in environmental, social, cultural, economic matters. The organisation host face to face and online meetings and workshops, for the purposes of sharing ideas, addressing difficult issues and planning collaborative responses. For more information, visit www.huie.org.nz/

Samoa

SUNGO: Samoa Umbrella for Non-Governmental Organisations



SUNGO's inception was in 1997 and registered as an Incorporated Society in 1998 to provide alternative development options for assistance to vulnerable groups in Samoa, and to provide input into Government policy from Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), Community Based Organisations (CBOs) and Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) on cross-cutting issues that they face. SUNGO was part of a region wide initiative to develop a network of NGOs to assist in implementing regional assistance and projects. SUNGO also has responsibilities regionally, internationally and globally to provide input into developmental issues that affect its member organizations. For more information, visit <http://www.sungu.ws>

Solomon Islands

DSE: Development Services Exchange



Development Services Exchange (DSE) is a national NGO umbrella body established in 1984 with the intention to encourage good governance practices and sound development policy, foster quality leadership and build capacity of CSO members. Provision of resource database, publications of information and forums for dissemination and exchange of information/ideas among different stakeholders. Encourage and facilitate cooperation and partnership with networking between CSOs & donor agencies; national and local governments, regional and international CSOs, the private sector and others. DSE was one of the first national NGO focal points to be established within the Pacific region and for many years was a leading model for NGO coordination, networking and capacity building. DSE's work is based on core values of Social justice; Interdependence, Self-reliance and Empowerment Relationships, Leadership & Management Excellence with Good Governance & Stewardship which guides the work of DSE. Several strategic plans were developed over the years with the current Strategic Plan (2013-2015) in place which is also aligned to the National Development Strategy. For more information, visit <http://www.dse.org.sb>

Tonga

CSFT: Civil Society Forum of Tonga



The Civil Society Forum of Tonga (CSFT) was established in 2001 to address and coordinate the needs and collective roles of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), and to strengthen their capacity to be able to better serve their communities. CSFT works to ensure that community development is recognised and supported as a powerful way of tackling inequality and achieving social justice. As an organisation, CSFT reflects a diverse range of member's interests in community development across various sectors and selected fields of discipline. For more information, visit <http://www.csft.to/>

Tuvalu

TANGO: Tuvalu Association of NGOs



The Tuvalu Association of NGOs (TANGO) is a community-based umbrella organisation for NGOs and community based organisations in Tuvalu. It aims to promote and support healthy and sustainable

development. TANGO was founded in 1986 by seven members with the aim of helping NGOs access information and attracts potential resources into the country. In 1987, TANGO's constitution was developed and approved and in 2000 it developed a strategic plan. For more information, visit <http://tangotuvalungo.blogspot.com/>

Vanuatu

VANGO: Vanuatu Association of NGOs

Vanuatu Association of NGOs (VANGO) is an umbrella body for NGOs in Vanuatu. The organisation hosts a variety of events that give member organisations the opportunity to raise awareness about their programs and activities and to acknowledge the crucial efforts of NGOs in contributing to the development of the country. For more information, visit <http://vanuatu-ngo-news.blogspot.com/>



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