



Civil society and its environment – Driving sustainable development?

Tuesday 9 April 2013, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Conference Room 4, North Lawn Building, United Nations, New York

Programme

<i>Chair:</i>	• Nyaradzayi Gumbonzvanda, Secretary-General, World YWCA and Vice-Chair of the CIVICUS Board of Directors
<i>Presentation:</i>	• Andrew Firmin, Lead author, CIVICUS State of Civil Society 2013 Report
<i>Panel discussion:</i>	• Sigrid Kaag, Assistant Secretary-General, Assistant Administrator and Director, Bureau for External Relations and Advocacy, UNDP • Magnus Lennartsson, Minister, Counselor, Economic and Social Affairs, Permanent Mission of Sweden to the United Nations • Nilda Bullain, Vice President (Operations), International Center for Not-for-Profit Law
<i>Closing remarks and thanks:</i>	• Dhananjayan Sriskandarajah, Secretary-General, CIVICUS: World Alliance for Citizen Participation

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About the event

The annual [CIVICUS State of Civil Society Report](#) assesses the health of citizen participation and civil society around the world. This year's report, to be published in late April 2013, draws on fresh data and research to explore the different components of the environment within which civil society and citizen action during 2012 took place.

The panel discussion comes at a critical time for global negotiations on the post-2015 development framework, the post-Rio+20 Sustainable Development Goals, and the follow-up to the 2011 Busan 4th High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness, and will explore and sharpen the contribution to sustainable development of an enabling environment for civil society.

How to participate?

If you would like to attend this event, please RSVP to Mark Nowottny (mark.nowottny@civicus.org / T. +44 7415 217002) no later than Saturday 6 April 2013.

Please note the discussions will be live on [UN Web TV](#). Join in the Twitter discussions and ask panellists questions with the hashtag [#StateofCivilSociety](#). Follow [@CIVICUSalliance](#), [@UNDPlive](#), [@SwedenUN](#) and [@unngls](#) live from the event.