



CIVICUS: World Alliance for Citizen Participation





Mission and Vision

Mission:

To strengthen global citizen action and civil society throughout the world

Vision:

CIVICUS' vision is of a worldwide community of informed, inspired, committed citizens engaged in confronting the challenges facing humanity.



CIVICUS' Objectives: Exist, Express, Engage

- **Promote Civic Existence**, by defending people's fundamental rights to organise and act collectively towards the public good;
- **Promote Civic Expression**, by strengthening the capacities of civil society organisations to freely amplify the voices of ordinary people; and
- **Promote Civic Engagement**, by fostering interaction between citizens, their associations and other institutions to ensure that public institutions reflect the will of the people and are accountable to them.



Strategic Directions and Key Approaches 2008-12

Strategic Directions

1. Protecting the rights of civil society actors
2. Strengthening good practice within civil society
3. Strengthening civil society's ability to influence the policies and practices

Key Approaches:

- Knowledge generation and analysis
- Communication
- Convening and multi-stakeholder engagement
- Advocacy



CIVICUS: When and Where

- Established in 1993
- Membership-based international body representing an influential network of civil society organisations
- Moved the headquarters to the global South -Johannesburg -- in 2003 to better represent our primary constituency
- Registered in South Africa and USA
- Representative in New York and Geneva to liaise with various United Nations forums

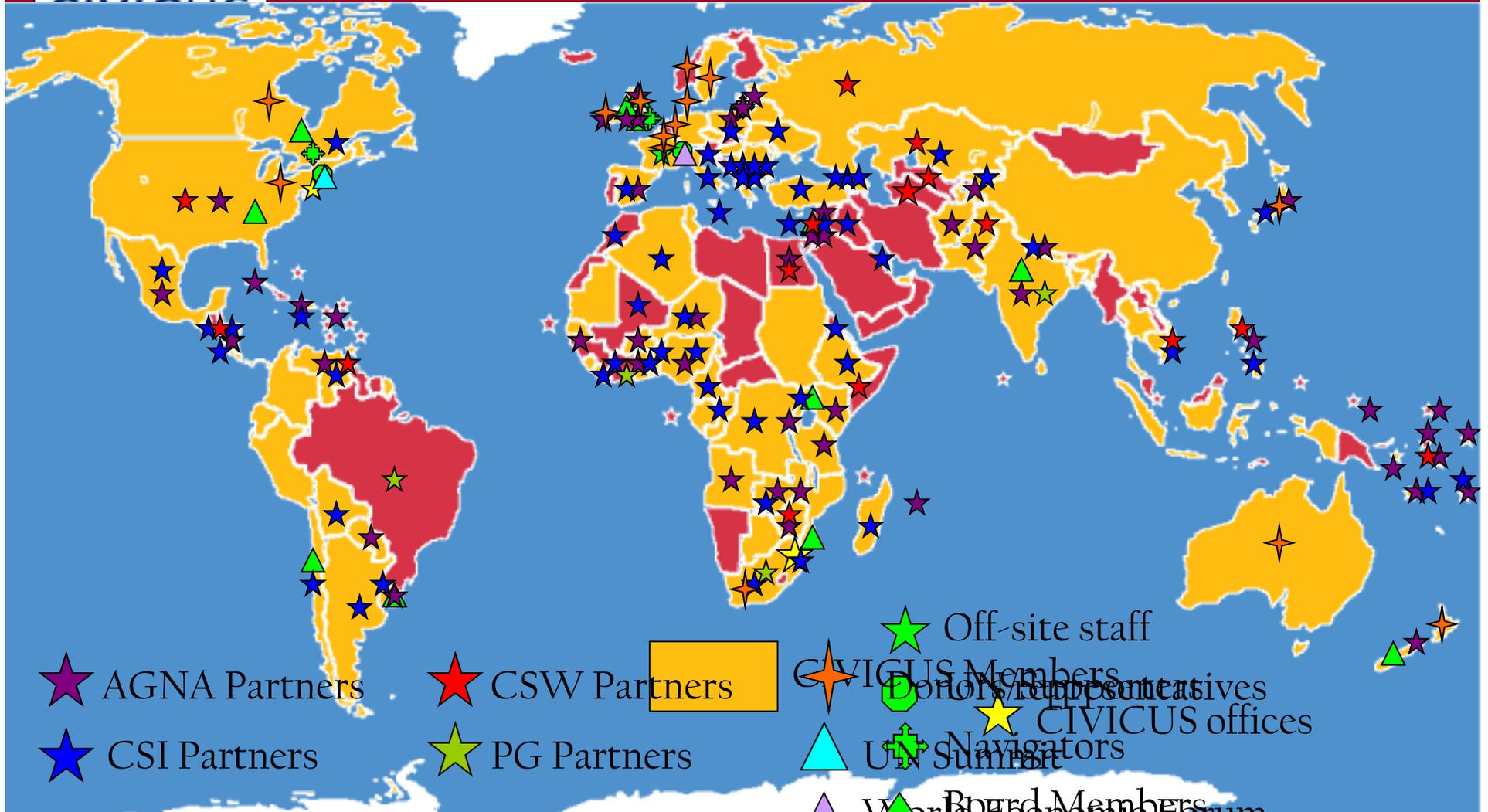


CIVICUS : Who We Are

- Over 700 members in 110 countries
- A global leader in strategic influencing through world-class *knowledge products* and *convening processes*.
- A unique niche for convening different actors across different scales to forge shared understanding, commitment for change and joint action.
- Trusted broker, respected convenor of dialogue between different groups and between governments and civil society



CIVICUS Around the World

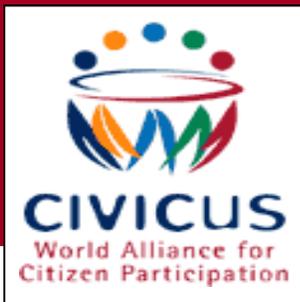


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CIVICUS : Programs

- Civil Society Index
- Civil Society Watch
- Affinity Group of National Associations
- International Advocacy NGOs
- Legitimacy, Transparency & Accountability
- Development Effectiveness & Co-operation
- Participatory Governance
- Global fora: UN, World Bank, IMF, G-8/20, Council of Europe, World Economic and Social Forums
- World Assembly
- e-civicus, toolkits, communities of practice



Global Engagement



- CIVICUS has consultative status with a range of global bodies, including the ECOSOC of the United Nations, the World Bank, the Council of Europe, and others. CIVICUS has been working as a key global interlocutor for civil society in its engagement of inter-governmental institutions. This includes:
- Joint facilitation committee of the World Bank (2004-05)
- Participation in the Panel of Eminent Persons on United Nations-Civil Society Relations (Cardoso panel, 2004)
- Participation in the Advisory Boards of the UN Democracy Fund (UNDEF, 2006 and onward), the UN Development Cooperation Forum (UN DCF, 2007 and onward).