



CIVICUS, in cooperation with the Irish Government and co-sponsored by Article 19, ECNL, Forum-Asia, HRW, ICNL, OBS and WMD, cordially invite you to a side event on:

Right to Resources and Funding: Challenges to CSOs



To enable civil society to perform its essential roles, including of advancing change as well as delivering services, there is a need to move towards a resourcing environment that sustains a diverse array of civil society forms to mount a range of responses. However, as observed in CIVICUS' 2015 "[State of Civil Society Report](#)," CSOs are facing particular, urgent resourcing challenges which severely imperil the right to freedom of association.

The event will provide an important opportunity to examine the pressing resourcing needs of civil society across the globe as well as highlight specific measures the international community can take to create a more sustainable funding environment for CSOs.

Speakers:

* **Patricia O'Brien**
Irish Ambassador

* **Mandeep Tiwana**
CIVICUS
Head Policy and Research

* **Jenny Ricks**
ActionAid
Director of Policy and Advocacy Campaigns

* **Arzu Geybulla**
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Moderator:

* **Renate Bloem**
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12:00 - 13:00 Room XXII

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