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PEOPLE-POWERED ACCOUNTABILITY: INNOVATIVE IDEAS FOR MONITORING PROGRESS BEYOND 2015

OBJECTIVE

The primary objective of the side event is to explore the opportunities and risks of the ‘data revolution’ and how new technologies and innovative forms of citizen reporting could enhance national and global monitoring and accountability in the post 2015 development framework.

EXPECTED OUTCOME

Participants will gain insight into the potential opportunities and risks of the ‘data revolution’ based on lessons learned, and also find out about concrete examples of approaches, tools and mechanisms being developed, tested and implemented by multi-stakeholder consortiums, civil society networks and think tanks that could enhance global monitoring and accountability in the post 2015 development framework.

CONTRIBUTION TO DCF THEME

The side event will contribute to the DCF theme “Bringing the future of development cooperation to post-2015” by exploring new and innovative ways of working together across sectoral, geographic and thematic divides to enhance global monitoring and accountability for development cooperation.

BACKGROUND

The original Millennium Development Goals provided a pathway to ensure greater accountability by governments on internationally agreed development goals. Yet, when citizens around the world wanted to know the performance on an indicator in a particular country, the only information at our disposal was official data, academic research or expert analysis. As we head towards a new set of global goals on sustainable development, we have an opportunity to give citizens the information and tools that they need to demand their rights, monitor development progress and hold governments to account. But in doing so, we must ensure a rights-based approach that leaves no one behind – especially the poorest and most marginalised.

KEY QUESTIONS

- How can we better coordinate and collaborate the monitoring and accountability of various stakeholder groups, including donors, governments and civil society organisations, amongst others?
- How can we develop a monitoring and accountability framework that encourages people’s participation in development (including those without internet)?

- What are some examples of monitoring and accountability approaches, tools and mechanisms that might work?

SPEAKERS

- **Danny Sriskandarajah, CIVICUS**

“The Big Development Datashift”

<http://www.civicus.org/thedatashift>

Dr Danny Sriskandarajah has been Secretary General and CEO of CIVICUS since January 2013. Headquartered in Johannesburg, CIVICUS is the global alliance of civil society with members and partners in more than 120 countries. Danny has previously held senior roles at the Royal Commonwealth Society, Commonwealth Foundation and the Institute for Public Policy Research. He is the author of numerous reports and academic articles on international migration and economic development, and writes and appears regularly in the media on a range of topics. He sits on the boards of the Baring Foundation, International Alert and Ockenden International, and has been a consultant to several international organisations. He holds a degree from the University of Sydney, and an MPhil and DPhil from the University of Oxford, where he was a Rhodes Scholar.

- **Roberto Bissio, Social Watch**

“Do No Harm: Potential Risks and Pitfalls of the Data Revolution”

Roberto Bissio coordinates the secretariat of Social Watch, an international network of citizen organisations from over eighty countries that reports every year on how governments and international organisations implement their commitments on poverty eradication and gender equity. He is executive director of the Third World Institute, a non-profit research and advocacy organisation based in Uruguay, and a member of the international committee of Third World Network. He has been a member of the civil society advisory group to the UNDP administrator. He served on the board of WEDO (Women’s Environment and Development Organization, based in NY) and of the Montreal International Forum. Bissio has written on development issues since 1973 as a journalist and columnist and he is the author of the reference books “Third World Guide” and “World Guide” published yearly in several languages between 1979 and 2009.

- **Shannon Kindornay, North-South Institute**

“Post-2015 Data Test: Unpacking the Data Revolution at the Country Level” -

www.post2015datatest.com

Shannon Kindornay is a researcher at The North-South Institute. Her research interests include development cooperation, governance of the aid architecture, aid effectiveness, and aid and the private sector. Currently Ms. Kindornay is working in partnership with the Centre for Policy Dialogue (Bangladesh), the Southern Voice Network on the Post-MDGs International Development Goals and others on a major initiative aimed at assessing the data availability and accessibility for measuring progress on the Post-2015 sustainable development agenda – the Post-2015 Data Test. Ms. Kindornay is based in Ottawa, Canada and holds an MA from Carleton University’s Norman Paterson School of International Affairs (NPSIA).

MODERATOR

- **Sara Burke, Senior Policy Analyst, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung**