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**WORLD ASSEMBLY**  
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Don't miss the CIVICUS World Assembly, a key global gathering for civil society to meet with government, donors and the business community to discuss and find solutions to building a more just world.

**Please join us at the 2011 CIVICUS World Assembly**

CIVICUS invites civil society practitioners, researchers, activists, concerned business leaders and representatives from development agencies to share ideas and experiences on strengthening citizen participation and engage with donors and government representatives.

The World Assembly actively engages all parts of civil society to work together across sectors in tackling sustainable development and human rights issues.

Through plenary sessions, interactive activities, learning exchanges and social activities, the World Assembly's strength is its ability to act as a forum where traditionally unconnected sectors engage in dialogue to act collaboratively towards the strengthening of civil society.

**Theme for 2011**

Under the overarching slogan, "Acting Together for a Just World", the 2011 World Assembly theme is '**Civil Society and Global Decision-Making: Doing it Better.**'

The impact of issues like human rights, climate justice, development effectiveness, women's rights and labour rights is felt at the local level. Yet, more and more frequently, policy decisions are being made at the global level. Populated by governments, multi-lateral institutions, multinational corporations and large international NGOs and civil society organisations, there are voices missing from this decision-making arena: those of the local people and grassroots organisations who most need to be heard. Particularly important are the voices of women, indigenous people and young people.

**Highlights: 2010 World Assembly**

- 542 delegates at the World Assembly (52% women) including 62 Youth Assembly delegates
- 94 countries represented with 32% delegates from developing countries
- 133 panellists, workshop facilitators and speakers
- 3 plenary sessions on Economic Justice, Development Effectiveness and Climate Justice
- 2 live radio broadcasts of BBC's World Have Your Say from the Youth and World Assemblies
- A "Flash mob" by the Youth Assembly on the streets of Montreal



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## Programme tracks

Under the theme 'Civil Society and Global Decision-Making: Doing it Better', the 2011 World Assembly will tackle some of the major issues facing civil society today. Delegates may choose to focus on a single track or select activities from multiple tracks.

### Development Effectiveness

Global fiscal challenges and spiralling food and energy prices have pushed millions more people below the poverty threshold and development assistance budgets, modalities and channels are all under severe threat. In order to find means of 'Doing it Better', this track will explore how to ensure greater coordination within development aid systems and a more substantive role for civil society in designing, implementing and evaluating development programmes.

### Connecting People through Technology

Technology is a growing advocacy tool for civil society. The growth of the internet and social networks holds limitless possibilities for civil society to mobilise and engage, as the recent pro-democracy movements in the Middle East and North Africa region have shown. This track will focus on how we can 'do it better' by both improving our current use of technology, making it more accessible and identifying new ways we can apply technology to advance civil society issues and bring people together.

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### Climate Justice

Climate justice will be the subject of much attention and debate in the run up to the Conference of the Parties (COP17) meeting in Durban, South Africa, in November 2011. Climate justice seeks to insulate humanity from the disruptions caused by climate change and ensure that the vulnerable are adequately protected from its ill-effects. Exploring how civil society can 'do it better', this track will seek to identify how local voices and experiences can impact the global climate forums and debates.

### Civil Society and Democratic Space

Post 9/11, democratic freedoms, including the freedoms of expression, association and assembly, and space for civil society have been relentlessly chipped away in both longstanding and emerging democracies as well as overtly authoritarian countries. This track will focus on reclaiming the space for civil society from the local to the global level, deepening democracy across these spheres and how we can 'do it better'.

## 2011 Programme at a glance

Time	Youth Assembly 8 September	Pre-Conference 9 September	Day 1 10 September	Day 2 11 September	Day 3 12 September
	Registration 9:00-17:00	Registration 8:00-20:00	Registration 9:00-17:00	Registration 8:00-17:00	Registration 8:00-15:00
8:30				Reporting: Day 1	Reporting: Day 2
8:45				2nd Plenary	3rd Plenary
9:00	Work, training and networking sessions	City tour and learning exchanges	Official Opening and Agenda Setting		
10:15			Tea Break (10:30)	Tea Break	Tea Break
11:00			1st Plenary	Work Sessions <i>Donors Roundtable</i>	Work Sessions <i>Private Sector Roundtable</i>
12:30			Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
2:00			Work Sessions	Work Sessions	Open Regional Meetings
16:00			Assisted Networking Activities		Reporting: Day 3, Keynote Address and Closing
17:00					
17:30					
19:00		CIVICUS Members Meeting	Film Screening	Assembly Dinner and Entertainment	
21:00					
23:00					

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