*CIVICUS reporting year is July 1 – June 30.

**Due to multiple donors contributing to the results, as per agreement with MFA, CIVICUS reports 30% of the total result to IATI.

July 1, 2023- 30 June 2024

Summary

2 # of laws blocked, adopted, improved for sustainable and inclusive development as a result of civil society engagement

Reported 30% to IATI for 0.6
Target: 1

3 # of governmental policies blocked, adopted, improved for sustainable and inclusive development as a result of CSO engagement

Reported 30% to IATI for 0.9
Target:1

28 # of international agreements blocked, adopted, improved for sustainable and inclusive development as a result of CSO engagement

Reported 30% to IATI for 8.4
Target: 1

50 # of times that CSOs succeed in creating space for CSO demands and positions through agenda setting, influencing the debate and/or creating space to engage at national and international level.

Reported 30% to IATI for 15
Target: 20

6 # of advocacy initiatives carried out by CSOs, for, by or with their membership/constituency at national or international level

Reported 30% to IATI for 1.8
Target: 2

Dutch MFA funding was 33% this year.

As agreed, we report 30% of the total number of results on IATI. This reflects the multiple donors that contribute to the activities supporting the outcomes. The methodology has remained consistent from the beginning of this grant cycle, allowing meaningful year-to-year comparison. The indicators are aligned to the recommended basket indicators, our Strategic Plan 2022 – 2027 and our Integrated Results Framework approved in December 2022.

# of laws blocked, adopted, improved for sustainable and inclusive development as a result of civil society engagement
Result: 2

CIVICUS supports civil society to advocate for positive change through technical, networking, financial and other resources. Below are the outcomes that we captured that our support contributed towards:

1. Zambia: The passing and adoption of Access to Information Law (ATI) since it was first introduced in parliament 20 years ago. On 15 December 2023, the Zambian parliament finally adopted the Access to Information Act into law, following years of public debate about the importance of such legislation.
2. Zambia: The amendment of the Penal Code. In October 2022, Zambia's Cabinet approved a review of the penal and criminal procedure codes. The Bill was then debated in Parliament before being passed in December. On 23 December 2023, President Hichilema signed the Bill, which does not have retrospective effect, into law. In February 2023, the President commuted 390 death sentences to life imprisonment. As such, there are reportedly no longer any individuals on death row in Zambia.

# of governmental policies blocked, adopted, improved for sustainable and inclusive development as a result of CSO engagement
We include our #StandAsMyWitness/any other human rights defenders that are released.
Result: 3

CIVICUS supports civil society to advocate for positive change through technical, networking, financial and other resources. Below are the outcomes that we captured that our support contributed towards:

1. Indonesia (January 2024) Prominent Indonesian human rights defenders Fatia Maulidiyanti and Haris Azhar were acquitted. The pair were charged in March 2022 for defamation. Even before the charges were laid, a focused campaign supported by CIVICUS mobilised civil society to call for the investigation be dropped and their acquittal. The campaign ended successfully when, on 8 January 2024, the East Jakarta District Court found that their actions did not amount to defamation and acquitted them of all charges.
2. (Guatamala, January 2024) Minister of Mines and Energy appointment halted as a result of civil society pushback. In response to the public denouncement during the live event, civil society mobilized promptly. Statements were issued, and there was a concerted effort to push back against the candidacy of the Minister of Energy and Mines. The collective action from civil society resulted in her resignation, signalling not only a victory for human rights advocates but also a broader indication of the new

government's commitment to advancing a human rights agenda. This episode serves as a tangible example of how strategic events, organized in a timely manner and supported by partnerships, can play a crucial role in making problems visible and driving positive action. It highlights the interconnectedness of advocacy, information dissemination, and public mobilization in the pursuit of a more just and rights-respecting society.

3. CIVICUS Alliance is a thought partner to USAID and to US philanthropy organisations committed to advancing locally led development and shifting power /resources to CS groups on the ground. The insider/outsider strategy makes our alliance a credible and legitimate interlocutor on this change agenda. Signals gathered in the last 6 months:
    - Invited to be part of the research advisory group for the publication "Limitless Possibilities
    - A Guide to Power Shifting Approaches in Philanthropy," commissioned by e Barr Foundation and Wellspring Philanthropic Fund
    - Received a core grant by Fund for Shared Insight to further its donor-influencing work on Locally Led Development
    - One of the only three civil society networks invited in the high-level meeting organized by the Council of Foundations and USAID, and 15 CEOs of Philanthropy organisations having signed the Donor Statement on Locally Led Development

# of international agreements blocked, adopted, improved for sustainable and inclusive development as a result of CSO engagement
Result: 28
Reporting 30% to IATI 8.4
Target: 1

CIVICUS works to promote civic space resolutions and mainstream civic space related issues at the Human Rights Council. This year we noted 24 outcomes of the adoption, mandates and strengthened resolutions for this reporting year. Please see https://www.civicus.org/index.php/what-we-do/advocating-for-change/civicus-at-the-un/civicus-at-the-un-human-rights-council for more information.

Agreements blocked, adopted, improve following Human Rights Council 53rd Session July 2023

1. Civil Society Space Resolution
2. Adoption of the Resolution on Belarus, which re-mandates the Special Rapporteur for a further year
3. Renewal of the mandates of the Special Rapporteur on Extrajudicial, Summary and Arbitrary and of the Working Group on Business and Human Rights for three years.
4. Adoption of the Resolution extending the mandate of the UN Special Rapporteur on Independence of Judges and Lawyers.
5. Resolution for strengthened action on Eritrea that addresses violations committed by authorities.

Agreements blocked, adopted, improve following Human Rights Council 54th Session October 2023.

1. Resolution on Cooperation with the UN, which condemns all acts of reprisals for cooperation with the UN.
2. Adoption of the Resolution on the enhancement of technical cooperation and capacity-building in the field of human rights and its focus on the Universal Periodic Review.
3. Resolution on the right to privacy in the digital age
4. Establishment of a Fact-Finding Mission on the situation in Sudan
5. Adoption of the Resolution on Afghanistan (without a vote)
6. The mandate renewal of Special Rapporteurs on the human rights situation in Burundi
7. The mandate renewal of Special Rapporteurs on the human rights situation in the Russian Federation
8. The mandate renewal of the Special Rapporteur on Cambodia

Agreements blocked, adopted, improve following Human Rights Council 55th Session April 2024

1. Adopted a Resolution on the Prevention of Genocide
2. Adopted a Resolution on Countering Disinformation
3. Renewal of the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment (following recognition of this right by the Human Rights Council in its resolution 48/13 of 2021 and the General Assembly Resolution 76/300 of 2022)
4. The extension of the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy
5. The Appointment of the new Special Rapporteur on the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and association (Gina Romero)
6. Appointment of an Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples,
7. The appointment of an Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order
8. Appointment of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence.
9. Renewal of the mandate of the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Mali and encourages the Independent Expert to work closely with the African Union and with Malian civil society.
10. Adoption of the Resolution on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) (including the extension of the mandate of Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the DPRK for a period of one year).

11. Adoption of the Resolution in Myanmar indicates the high level of attention to the global concern for the deepening human rights and humanitarian crisis as a result of the military's brutal war against the people resisting its attempted coup.
12. Resolution on technical assistance and capacity building concerning the human rights situation in Haiti and emphasis on the role civil society plays in the promotion and protection of human rights and the importance of creating and maintaining an enabling environment in which civil society can operate independently and free from insecurity.
13. Adoption of a new resolution on the human rights situation in Belarus creating a new independent investigative mechanism that will inherit the work of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) Examination.
14. Resolution on the human rights situation in Iran decides to extend the mandate of Special Rapporteur for a further period of one year in order to continue to monitor the ongoing situation of human rights
15. The resolution on the human rights situation in Syria, after the concerning silence on the country's situation at the last Council session despite the continued deterioration of the humanitarian situation, as reported by the Commission of Inquiry, and brutal repression of recent protests.

# of times that CSOs succeed in creating space for CSO demands and positions through agenda setting, influencing the debate and/or creating space to engage at national and international level. Result 50 +

CIVICUS supports civil society to make submissions and statements at UN and regional bodies. CIVICUS' main focus currently concentrates on the human rights mechanisms, most notably the Human Rights Council and its subsidiary bodies such as the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) and Special Procedures, but also on the Treaty bodies. CIVICUS also works closely with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). Please see full account of our work at https://www.civicus.org/index.php/what-we-do/advocating-for-change/civicus-at-the-un/civicus-at-the-un-human-rights-council.

Date	Title of submission / statement	UN or Regional Body receiving submission/statement
2024/06/27	HRC56: States should enhance the protection of the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and association	UN Human Rights Council 56th session
2024/06/25	Chinese Government Rejects Key Human Rights Recommendations in Latest UN Review	UN Human Rights Council 56th session

2024/06/20	Eritrea: CIVICUS urges renewed mandate for Special Rapporteur amid severe civic space violations	UN Human Rights Council 56th session
2024/06/18	Myanmar: Urgent action needed to halt the assault on civic space and human rights violations	UN Human Rights Council 56th session
2024/04/08	UN Universal Periodic Review (UPR) submissions on civil society space in Côte d'Ivoire, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Nicaragua & Qatar	UPR
2024/04/05	Resolution on technical assistance and capacity building in regard to the human rights situation in Haiti	UN Human Rights Council 55th session
2024/04/05	Resolution on the human rights situation in Belarus	UN Human Rights Council 55th session
2024/04/05	Decision on remote participation modalities for hybrid meetings	UN Human Rights Council 55th session
2024/04/05	Resolution on prevention of genocide	UN Human Rights Council 55th session
2024/04/05	Resolution on advancing human rights in South Sudan	UN Human Rights Council 55th session
2024/04/03	#HRC55: Member States should renew their attention to the human rights situation in the Philippines	UN Human Rights Council 55th session
2024/04/02	Democratic Republic of the Congo: urgent action needed to prevent further violations of civic freedoms	UN Human Rights Council 55th session
2024/03/29	Grave situation in Gaza demands assertive and decisive action	UN Human Rights Council 55th session
2024/03/20	HRC55: States should safeguard civic space and human rights amidst escalating crises	UN Human Rights Council 55th session
2024/03/19	Venezuela: UN Human Rights Council should Extend and Strengthen Fact-Finding Mission	UN Human Rights Council 55th session
2024/03/05	HRC55: Address crackdown on civic space in Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka	UN Human Rights Council 55th session
2024/03/01	Human Rights Council: ensure continuous international oversight and investigations in South Sudan	UN Human Rights Council 55th session

2024/02/27	Open Letter to the Ambassadors of Member States of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation to the UN Human Rights Council	UN Human Rights Council 55th session
2024/02/20	South Sudan: As elections loom, extend vital Human Rights Commission mandate https://www.civicus.org/index.php/media-resources/news/united-nations/geneva/6862-south-sudan-as-elections-loom-extend-vital-human-rights-commission-mandate	UN Human Rights Council 55th session
2023/11	Contribution to the High Commissioner report identifying challenges and best practices for regularly assessing civic space trends - This was undertaken between late 2023 and early 2024, through participation in consultations, it is a follow up of the Civil Society Space Resolution mentioned below	Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
2023/11/12	CIVICUS pledges to strengthen commitment towards the protection of human rights defenders	UDHR75 high-level event
2023/10/11	UN Universal Periodic Review (UPR) submissions on civil society space in Afghanistan, Cambodia, Eritrea and Viet Nam.	UPR
2023/10/11	CIVICUS urges Cambodia, Georgia, Somalia and Yemen to take tangible and consistent steps to protect civic space	UN Human Rights Council 54th session
2023/10/09	Democratic Republic of the Congo: Ending impunity for human rights violations must be a priority	UN Human Rights Council 54th session
2023/10/10	Cambodia: UN should ensure enhanced monitoring and reporting to address assault on civic and political space	UN Human Rights Council 54th session
2023/10/09	#HRCElections2023: Members of the Human Rights Council must protect and expand civic space	UN Human Rights Council 54th session
2023/09/27	Shrinking civic space in Bangladesh, the Philippines and India continues unabated	UN Human Rights Council 54th session
2023/09/26	Myanmar: UN must take action to prevent refoulement and end brutal campaigns against Rohingya	UN Human Rights Council 54th session

2023/09/22	Burundi: Despite easing of some restrictions media and civil society continue to face repression	UN Human Rights Council 54th session
2023/09/21	Ethiopia: The Human Rights Council must ensure independent monitoring continues	UN Human Rights Council 54th session
2023/09/13	#UDHR75: Global deterioration of civic space puts States' commitment to human rights in question	UN Human Rights Council 54th session
2023/09/12	Nicaragua: Systematic repression of civil society and human rights defenders continues	UN Human Rights Council 54th session
2023/09/11	Sri Lanka: Repeal draconian laws and ensure meaningful inclusion of civil society in transitional justice processes	UN Human Rights Council 54th session
2023/09/11	UN member states must show their commitment to justice and accountability for the people of Myanmar	UN Human Rights Council 54th session
2023/10/02	Burundi's Adoption of Universal Periodic Review Outcome	UN Human Rights Council 54th session [UPR Outcomes]
2023/10/03	Adoption of the UPR Outcomes – United Arab Emirates	UN Human Rights Council 54th session [UPR Outcomes]
2023/09/01	The Human Rights Council should establish an independent mechanism on Sudan	UN Human Rights Council 54th session
2023/09/06	INGOs call on States to support the renewal of the Special Rapporteur on Russia at HRC54	UN Human Rights Council 54th session
2023/08/25	Burundi: Extend the Special Rapporteur's mandate and ensure adequate funding for his monitoring and documentation work	UN Human Rights Council 54th session
2023/09/12	Human Rights Council should adopt meaningful resolution to address spiralling rights crisis in Cambodia	UN Human Rights Council 54th session
2023/10/13	Advisory services and technical assistance for Cambodia	UN Human Rights Council 54th session
2023/10/13	Enhancement of technical cooperation and capacity-building in the field of human rights	UN Human Rights Council 54th session
2023/10/13	Cooperation with the United Nations, its representatives and mechanisms in the field of human rights	UN Human Rights Council 54th session
2023/07/18	UN Universal Periodic Review (UPR) submissions on civil society space in Chad, China, Malaysia, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, and Senegal	UPR
2023/07/12	Mandate of Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions	UN Human Rights Council 53rd

2023/07/12	Resolution on Situation of Human Rights in Belarus	UN Human Rights Council 53rd session
2023/07/12	Resolution on Situation of Human Rights in Eritrea	UN Human Rights Council 53rd session
2023/07/12	Resolution on the Impact of Arms Transfers on Human Rights	UN Human Rights Council 53rd session
2023/07/14	Civil Society Space Resolution	UN Human Rights Council 53rd session
2023/07/10	Sri Lanka: civil society continues to be under attack	UN Human Rights Council - 53rd session (UPR adoption)
2023/07/10	Pakistan: alarm over attacks on human rights defenders and journalists	UN Human Rights Council - 53rd session (UPR adoption)
2023/07/07	Benin: Freedom of expression restricted	UN Human Rights Council - 53rd session (UPR adoption)
2023/07/07	Zambia: Fundamental freedoms severely curtailed	UN Human Rights Council - 53rd session
2023/07/07	El espacio civico sigue reduciendose en Peru	UN Human Rights Council - 53rd session (UPR adoption)

# of advocacy initiatives carried out by CSOs, for, by or with their membership/constituency at national or international level
Result: 6

1. #StandAsMyWitness
2. FoPA Global Consultation organised by Global Resource Hub partners, Defend Defenders with UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Peaceful Assembly and Association (FoAA).
3. Declaration +25 Project (review the international law on human rights defenders)
4. Summit for the Future/Pact for the Future
5. UNMute Initiative
6. Palestine Solidarity Lab