

# Innovation for Change (I4C)

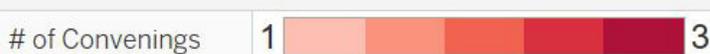
## Africa Hub

### Challenge

Even though the African continent is growing economically, human rights defenders are facing increased administrative, legal and financial constraints. Rampant corruption is leading to conflicts with civil society, impacting good governance, and shrinking the civic space.

The Africa Hub, referred to as Hub Afrique, is working on building the capacity of CSOs and alliances across the continent through regional campaigns around good governance, transparency, and accountability, and scaling up innovative solutions that contribute to protecting the space for civil society’s development and effectiveness.

### Engagements in Africa



The Africa Hub co-creates solutions and partnerships across the continent to put into practice innovations that build resilient CSOs which can protect, respond, strengthen, expand and recover civil society space across the region.

### Innovations

**Accountability and Transparency:** Created ready-made, accessible tools and strategies for regional campaigns around good governance, transparency, and accountability.

**Advocacy:** Created campaign tools and strategies to increase the response capacity of CSOs in vulnerable countries.

**Digital Security:** Raised the security awareness of network participants through digital security training and tools.

**Global Partnerships:** Brought together activists across the network and the world for CampaignCon to develop broad-based partnerships across the continent.

**Innovation Pipeline:** Used social innovation challenges to identify, pilot and scale innovative solutions that contribute to protecting the space for civil society’s development and effectiveness.

**Knowledge Sharing:** Organized regional webinars and roundtables to discuss tactics and strategies to counteract the shrinking of civic space.

**Research and Development:** Created a continent-wide map of influencing organizations working on the Hub’s priority themes.

**The Africa Hub** is one of six hubs across the Global South in the I4C network. The Helper Hub, comprised of Counterpart and CIVICUS for direct technical support, and Tides, the fiscal agent, assists the regional hubs to become self-sufficient.

## About The Hub

The Africa Hub was launched in November 2017 in Pretoria, South Africa with thirty participants from across Africa. The hub is governed by a board of directors comprised of seven members representing five African sub-regions, the diaspora and young activists. The Hub is managed by a secretariat based in Nairobi, Kenya.

## Our Focus



## Our Work

 **364** Event Participants

 **360** Members

 **13** Engagements

 **30** Countries

## Successes

### CampaignCon and Movement-Building:

Co-hosted CampaignCon 2017 in South Africa. The event convened one-hundred and twenty-five participants to explore how to mobilize and organize campaigns more effectively in the digital era.

**Civic Tech Tools:** Launched WE-Protect and WE-Account, a continent-wide influence mapping of organizations working on the Hub's priority themes

**Mobilizing Toolbox:** Organized regional webinars and roundtables to discuss tactics and strategies to counteract the shrinking of civic space; collected forty recommendations from various countries.

**Social and Digital Media Training:** Convened sixty regional media and CSOs representatives for a three-day digital media training held in Ghana, Mozambique and Mauritania to improve regional and social expertise for cause-related activities.

**Social Innovation Challenge:** Launched a social innovation challenge, and selected three innovative ideas to address transparency, accountability and natural resources management.

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