Request for input to the thematic areas of the 2010 CSI comparative volume

The CIVICUS Civil Society Index team has begun preparations for the 2010 publication of two global volumes based on the findings of the data generated from the 2008-2010 implementation phase of the project.

One of these volumes will offer comparative analysis of the state of civil society at a regional and thematic level. Informed by the preliminary findings of the project thus far, CIVICUS is currently determining the topics, themes and areas which will be selected for closer analysis of the final CSI data.

As an important part of this process, we are pleased to invite suggestions, contributions, comments and input from national Civil Society Index partners and all other interested parties. Specifically, we welcome suggestions on the following:

- Suggested topics of either a regional and/or thematic focus;
- Suggested focus areas that are closely related to the data that the CSI has been generating, and ideally related to a specific indicator or sub-dimension of the indicator matrix;

To accompany your contributions or suggestions, please include any names of possible experts who could contribute to writing about your suggested topics or areas of focus, including information about the potential contributor, her/his background and, where possible, contact details.

Please submit your suggestions to index@civicus.org by Monday 8th February 2010 at the latest.

The CIVICUS CSI team, in conjunction with its research partners, will then review the submitted suggestions along with the preliminary CSI findings in order to determine the final focus areas and topics for the comparative volume for this phase of the CSI. Information about the chosen topics will be posted on the Civil Society Index blog in the coming months at http://civilsocietyindex.wordpress.com.

Thank you in advance for your contributions, opinions and comments!

The CSI Team