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UNU Panel Discussion

Global Citizenship in Action?

Civil Society and Accountable Global Governance

10:30am to 12:30pm, Wednesday, 05 November 2008

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium (DHLA), UN Headquarters, New York

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The United Nations University (UNU) is organizing a panel discussion titled “*Global Citizenship in Action? Civil Society and Accountable Governance.*” The discussion will focus on the topic of global citizenship while discussing aspects of the Civil Society and Accountable Global Governance project. It will be organized on 5 November 2008, from 10:30am to 12:30pm at the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium (DHLA) at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

The discussion will examine the popular thought that civil society can fill accountability gaps at the UN and other global agencies. Several policy-makers and activists around the world believe that a lack of civil society engagement of Global institutions reduces their accountability towards the affected people. So, can global governance in form of active global citizenship prove more effective? This UNU event is an attempt to find answer(s) to such questions.

The event will have an open debate on the findings and recommendations of the Civil Society and Accountable Global Governance project (CS-AGG). The project had 15 researchers from 5 continents who examined whether, in what ways, and to what extents citizen groups have made 13 global regulatory agencies answer to their public constituents.

Speakers for this event will be; Prof. Jan Aart Scholte, University of Warwick and the LSE – summary of the general conclusions of the project; Prof. Kerstin Martens, University of Bremen - assessment of the global governance record of the United Nations; Prof. Alnoor Ebrahim, the Harvard Business School – evaluation of governance experiences of the World Bank; and Dr. Nata Duvvury and Carolyn Long; they will present their research on the Global Fund to Fight HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, done at the Washington based International Center for Research on Women (ICRW). Later, Salil Shetty – Director of the UN Millennium Development Goals Campaign, will kick off the Q&A session.

UNU’s objective behind this event is to focus on its mandate of generating knowledge on issues of global importance through discussions conducted by expert speakers. Also, the UNU-New York office organizes such events to promote ideas from experts from around the world on the UN platform.

All media are invited to attend. To register and for more information on the event please visit our website <http://www.ony.unu.edu> (If you have any queries, please contact: Mr. Durlabh Maharishi on tel: 212-963-6387 or email: durlabh@ony.unu.edu)

The event is co-sponsored by Centre for the Study of Globalization and Regionalization (CSGR) - University of Warwick, the Ford foundation, SIDA - Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency and the United Nations University.