



Learning Initiative on Citizen Participation  
and Local Governance

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LogoLink is a global network of practitioners from civil society organisations, research institutions and governments working to deepen democracy through greater citizen participation in local governance. LogoLink encourages learning from field-based innovations and expressions of democracy which contribute to social justice.

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## LogoLink News and Resources

### Global News

#### The latest on the LogoLink research programme on Resources, Citizen Engagement and Democratic Local Governance (ReCitE)

ReCitE is a LogoLink research initiative which aims to deepen knowledge around spaces for participatory processes in fiscal decisions and to strengthen civil society groups' ability to influence and participate in such spaces. In the last few weeks, LogoLink partners in all the regions have been busy gathering information on the field for the case studies, which will be presented at an international LogoLink conference planned for December 2004 in Porto Alegre, Brazil. A Topic Pack and other material will also be prepared for the occasion. *For more information, visit <http://www.ids.ac.uk/logolink/index.htm> or contact [LogoLink@ids.ac.uk](mailto:LogoLink@ids.ac.uk)*

#### Workshop on local governance and participatory planning in Bosnia

Rose Nierras and John Gaventa, from the LogoLink coordinating group at IDS, were invited by UNDP to hold a workshop for the Rights-Based Municipal Planning and Assessment Project in Bosnia-Herzegovina on 3-8 May 2002. The aim of the workshop was primarily to help 20 Bosnian staff develop ideas and a conceptual background on participatory local governance, and to use the assessments they have been carrying out to launch a more participatory planning process linking UNDP, the Office of High Commission for Human Rights (OHCHR) and local municipalities in a new way. The workshop participants were very enthusiastic and interested to learn about concepts and approaches to participation and local governance mainly drawn from the LogoLink work. It was a very important learning experience for LogoLink, especially in terms of participatory approaches in post-conflict and reconstruction processes. For more information, contact [LogoLink@ids.ac.uk](mailto:LogoLink@ids.ac.uk)

#### Workshop on Participatory Planning in South Africa

The South Africa Good Governance Learning Network (GGLN) is organising their first learning event on May 18-21 at the Ndlambe Municipality/Port Alfred, to be hosted by Afesis Corplan, one of the GGLN members. LogoLink, that is building links with this network, is sharing materials with them, providing some advice on how to structure their discussions, and suggesting some participants from the LogoLink network. The theme of the event will be integrated development planning (IDP), an initiative started in South Africa in 1998 that called for the integration of economic and social planning processes. The GGLN is currently anchored by the Foundation for Contemporary Research in Capetown. *For more information, visit their website at <http://www.fcr.org.za/> or write to [info@fcr.org.za](mailto:info@fcr.org.za)*

## Regional News

### LogoLink South Asia

#### **Translation of the South Asian Report on Legal Frameworks for Citizen Participation**

The South Asia Regional Report on Legal Framework for Citizen Participation is an unique study in its nature as it has made an in-depth analysis of the frameworks of the Local self-governing institutions in the South Asian Region with more emphasis on policy and practices from one nation to another and will be much use in the region as it sets models to analyse and adopt. Its dissemination among practitioners, researchers and planners in the region is crucial. The report is currently available only in English which is very useful to reach institutions. However, it will be soon translated into Hindi and into Bengali and Nepalese so that it can be disseminated more widely and be more suitable to local needs. *The English version is available online on the LogoLink website at <http://www.ids.ac.uk/logolink/resources/legalframeregional.htm>*

For more information on LogoLink South Asia activities, contact PRIA at [lsg@pria.org](mailto:lsg@pria.org)

### LogoLink South East Asia

#### **Elections in The Philippines**

On 10 May 2004, more than 40 million Filipino voters trooped to polling stations nationwide to elect the country's new leadership. One distinguishing feature of Philippine elections is that voters choose among names of individual candidates, from the presidency down to municipal councilors. In such a system of institutionalized "popularity contests", it is no surprise that the key to winning elections is the mastery of personality politics over party programs. Yet at the city and municipal levels, the decentralized operation of local governments is increasingly pushing candidates to highlight performance over fame. A series of election stories on Manila's component cities provides insights on the growing significance of local governance as an election issue. *Download them at [http://www.ipd.ph/elections/resources/makati\\_politics.htm](http://www.ipd.ph/elections/resources/makati_politics.htm)  
[http://www.ipd.ph/elections/resources/quezon\\_politics.htm](http://www.ipd.ph/elections/resources/quezon_politics.htm)*

#### **IPD Political Brief on urban governance**

The latest issue of the IPD's Political Brief publication is a special edition entitled "Embracing Urban Governance" by Gladstone A. Cuarteros. Addressed to civil society actors in the Philippines and beyond, Cuarteros explores governance challenges that arise in the context of increasing urbanization. He identifies key areas for intervention in democratizing cities' resources and decision-making processes. *To order copies, email [logolinksea@ipd.org.ph](mailto:logolinksea@ipd.org.ph).*

For more information on LogoLink South East Asia activities, contact IPD at [logolinksea@ipd.org.ph](mailto:logolinksea@ipd.org.ph)

### LogoLink Latin America

#### **First Round Table Dialogue Series: Participation in Innovation Experiences of local government**

On April 26 2004, LogoLink Latin America organized the first round table dialogue series on "Participation in Innovation Experiences of Local Government", which was held at Eldorado Boulevard Hotel in São Paulo, Brazil. This learning event promoted a dialogue between practitioners from innovative local governments, civil society representatives, academics and researchers to discuss new forms of participation, responsiveness, accountability and also alternatives of deepen democracy. Experiences have been selected from the Innovations in Government Award Program (Gestão Pública e Cidadania), a Ford Foundation initiative based at Getulio Vargas Foundation. Professors Peter Spink (FGV) and Zander Navarro (UFRGS/IDS) have also taken part in these discussions.

#### **Presence of LogoLink Latin America at the seminar "Inequality, Participation and Democracy"**

Jose Carlos Vaz from Instituto Pólis, LogoLink Latin America coordinator, participated at the seminar: "Inequality, Participation and Democracy" held at Centro Brasileiro de Análise e Planejamento (CEBRAP) and promoted by the Development Research Centre on Citizenship, Participation and Accountability in São Paulo, Brazil. He presented the LogoLink Latin America programme and pointed out some key issues of Social Participation and Research Networks with Prof. John Gaventa (IDS) and Prof. Peter Spink (FGV).

For more information on LogoLink Latin America activities, contact POLIS at [logolink@polis.org.br](mailto:logolink@polis.org.br)

## Resources

LogoLink is constantly developing its online searchable resource centre. Resources focus on various aspects of citizens' participation in local governance from a wide spectrum of organisations and institutions. Different types of documents are available, including reports, policy and research papers, case studies, training manuals and tools. *If you want to include documents produced by your organisation or any other key resources, send electronic copies to [LogoLink@ids.ac.uk](mailto:LogoLink@ids.ac.uk) or hardcopies to Paola Brambilla, LogoLink, Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, BN1 9RE, UK.*

Existing resources on participation in local governance can be accessed through the Participation Resource Centre online at <http://www.ids.ac.uk/ids/particip/information/readrm.html>

**New Democratic Spaces. IDS Bulletin Vol 35, No 2. Edited by Andrea Cornwall and Vera Schattan P. Coelho. April 2004. ISSN 0265 5012. £14.95**

Across the world, as new democratic experiments meet with and transform older forms of governance, political space for public engagement in governance appears to be widening. A renewed concern with rights, power and difference in debates about participation in development has focused greater attention on the institutions at the interface between publics, providers and policy-makers. Through a series of case studies from a range of political and cultural contexts, contributors to this Bulletin explore the interfaces between different forms of public engagement. Their studies engage with questions about representation, inclusion and voice, about the political efficacy of citizen engagement as well as the viability of these new arenas as political institutions. *To receive copies, email the IDS bookshop at [Publications@ids.ac.uk](mailto:Publications@ids.ac.uk)*

## Other Resources and Features

### Sources and Resources

#### The municipality. A challenge for men's and women's equal opportunities

This document is the final product of the research project 'leadership, women and local governments in Mexico' carried out by Grupo Interdisciplinario sobre Mujer, Trabajo y Pobreza and funded by Instituto Nacional de las Mujeres and UNDP. Edited by Dalia B. Bassols y Alejandra Massolo, it synthesises the main challenges that have to be overcome in order to make gender equality a reality. It denounces any type of violence inhibiting women's participation and presents various examples of advancement of opportunities which have taken place in the country and which should be replicated, such as municipal plans for equal opportunities, successful practices recognised worldwide, legal frameworks around quota systems at national and local levels, and the experience of women mayors. Its original title is 'El municipio. Un reto para la igualdad de oportunidades entre hombres y mujeres' and is only available in Spanish at [http://cedoc.inmujeres.gob.mx/documentos\\_download/100480.pdf](http://cedoc.inmujeres.gob.mx/documentos_download/100480.pdf)

### Useful Links

#### Afesis-corplan

This South African development NGO, is researching what forms of citizen participation exist at local government level, outside of the regulated, or most commonly occurring forms. While in South Africa ward committees are, in practice, the preferred option for promoting public participation, their effectiveness and efficiency is inconsistent and lacking. Hence the research sets out to establish what, if any, forms of participation exist at local government level outside of ward committees. This is done with a view to identifying how alternate forms of participation, can be used to inform a best-practise model of effective citizen participation. Afesis-Corplan welcome feedback on their programme, suggestions on useful resources and case studies and experience sharing. *Contact* Portia Poulsen at [Portia@corplan.wn.apc.org](mailto:Portia@corplan.wn.apc.org) or at Afesis-Corplan, 9 Wynne street, Southernwood, East London 5200, South Africa, Tel: +27 (43) 743 3830

### Latest issues of Newsletters recently published

#### MZIZI, the E-Bulletin of the Participation Group at IDS – Second Edition

The Participation Group at the Institute of Development Studies, Sussex (UK) is a team of practitioners and researchers, who work with colleagues around the world to reduce poverty and promote social justice through participatory approaches to development and citizen action. This Bulletin aims to provide a regular update of the Group's current activities, new publications and other news and events. *To subscribe, write to [participation@ids.ac.uk](mailto:participation@ids.ac.uk). For more information on the participation Group's work, visit <http://www.ids.ac.uk/ids/particip/>*

#### Community Based Planning Newsletter no. 3

This newsletter is edited and published by a group of Southern African organisations working in partnership. Its aim is to update those in South Africa who are interested in community-based planning and management or who have attended the various workshops on this topic, and to keep them updated with the emerging work on this topic in South Africa. *For addition to the subscription list please contact Ian Goldman at [goldman@khanya-mrc.co.za](mailto:goldman@khanya-mrc.co.za). For more information on the programme, visit their website at [www.khanya-mrc.co.za/cbp.htm](http://www.khanya-mrc.co.za/cbp.htm)*

### Events

Access the events list in the LogoLink website for current information on training and courses, workshops and conferences, online initiatives, etc. (<http://www.eldis.org/logolink/events/index.htm>)

*Do you have any event you want us to know about? Use the online form on the LogoLink website to submit events for inclusion in this list (<http://www.eldis.org/logolink/events/index.htm>) or write to [LogoLink@ids.ac.uk](mailto:LogoLink@ids.ac.uk) Events included in the Logolink database will also be automatically submitted to appear on the events lists of the The Development Research Centre on Citizenship, Participation and Accountability website and on the Participation Group at IDS website.*

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We would like to thank all our subscribers who contributed to this issue by sending us information on their programmes and organisations. Unfortunately, we are not always able to feature all the contributions we receive because of consideration to limited space.

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