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- -launched in 2004
- -around 50 national associations from several countries
- -Working Group on LTA:
 - •VANI India
 - •NFN Nepal
 - JACO Japan
 - •CEMEFI Mexico
 - Imagine Canada

- NCVO England
- ADA-NGO Jamaica
- Alianza ONG Dominican R
- ANCB –Afghanistan
- •CODE-NGO



Self-Regulation

*For Legitimacy, Transparency and Accountability:

Need to balance different forms of CSO regulation: (a) government, (b) independent body and (c) self-regulation

*note: Self-regulation at 2 levels – organizational/internal and sector-wide

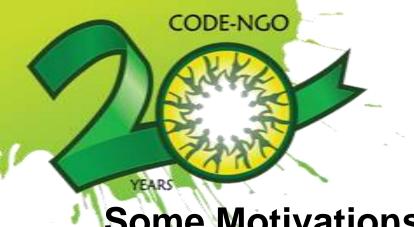


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*343 self-regulatory initiatives

(309 – national level): mapped by One World Trust -http://oneworldtrust.org/csoproject/

- -codes of conduct
- -certification schemes
- -working groups
- -information schemes
- -others
 - >>and many more initiatives unmapped



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Some Motivations:

- -to raise standards across the sector
- -to build public trust
- -to attract funding
- -to enable the sector to share good practice and learn from each other
- -to pre-empt government regulation



Trends and Common Issues

- 1) Recognition that CSOs need to apply the same standards of transparency and accountability that they ask of government and private businesses
- Most see the importance of regulation, especially self-regulation, in increasing the LTA of NAs and CSOs
- Self-regulation is often difficult because of the diversity of CSOs in a country
 - -thus, the need to ensure proportionality



Differences

 In one country, the emphasis for LTA is not on regulation/self-regulation BUT on ensuring that the NA's work delivers real and positive change in the lives of its members/ constituents

 Different political environments: some governments are sceptical of/ antagonistic towards CSOs while others partner with CSOs



Gaps and Next Steps

- 1) Information on self-regulatory initiatives in other AGNA countries
 - >>and assessment of regulatory and selfregulatory initiatives by AGNA members
 - -in OWT Data Base: of 22 countries in 2011 AGM of AGNA
 - >3 countries have zero initiative in DB
 - >9 have only 1-2; 4 have only 3-4
 - >only 2 countries have more than 10 initiatives



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 Information on good practices of AGNA members in handling issues of proportionality (plus downward accountability and political legitimacy)

 Maximized utilization of the LTA toolkit and other resources in the LTA Center of CIVICUS