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Programme

Forus General Assembly



13 -17 May
Gaborone
Botswana



	Day 1 Monday 13 May	Day 2 Tuesday 14 May	Day 3 Wednesday 15 May	Day 4 Thursday 16 May	Day 5 Friday 17 May
09:00 – 10:30	Opening session Welcome Opening addresses Forus - 15 years of collective solidarity	Welcome to day 2 Group discussions - Navigating Challenges and Shaping Solutions . Pushing back when civic space is shrinking: Countering negative rhetoric against civil society & practicing collective solidarity . Local power: What holds us back and how to break the deadlock? . Digitalization, AI et al: risks and opportunities . Inclusive leadership: breaking barriers and promoting diversity in CSO leadership	Welcome to day 3 Working Group meetings / Priorities and strategies . Agenda2030 / SDGs . Financing for Sustainable Development . Enabling Environment / Civic space . Communications and Campaigning <i>(Language distribution will be determined according to participants' registrations for the groups)</i>	Welcome to day 4 Statutory plenary session . Activity report and accounts for the years 2021 to 2023 . Work plan and provisional budget for the years 2024 to 2026 .Election of the Forus Council .Extraordinary statutory session: changes to the Forus statutes .Approval of the updated list of Forus members .Presentation of the process for the next Forus strategy (2026-2030)	Welcome to day 5 Lightning talk Panel discussion: Foresight thinking & the future of development Open discussion
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee/Tea break	Coffee/Tea break	Coffee/Tea break	Coffee/Tea break	Coffee/Tea break
11:00 – 12:30	Panel discussion: civic power, navigating election environments & the struggle against shrinking civic space in challenging political environments.	Group discussions - (continued) Lightning talk <i>Report back from the break-out groups and open discussion (in plenary)</i>	Working Group meetings / Priorities and strategies (continued) Lightning talk	Lightning talk Network life – How to strengthen the Forus family? Mapping challenges & Discussing ways to improve collaboration and engagement	Closing session Wrapping up and summary of agreements/next steps Closing remarks
12:30- 13:30	Lunch	Lunch - starts at 13:00	Lunch - starts at 13:00	Lunch	Lunch

13:30 – 14:30	Marketplace / Poster session Free Time Optional relaxation activity	Marketplace / Poster session Free Time Optional relaxation activity	Marketplace / Poster session Meeting with local CSOs	Marketplace / Poster session Free Time Optional relaxation activity	
14:30 - 16:00	Celebrating the Forus family – the path until now & the road ahead Quiz – Getting to know the Forus family Forus 2021-2025 strategy: the path until now Looking ahead May-Dec 2024 and beyond / Presentation of main Forus work strands, projects & priorities	Managing CSO networks Fishbowl: sharing accounts of challenges and approaches to leading a network	EXCURSION Dinner	Lightning talk Network life – How to strengthen the Forus family? (continued) Mapping challenges & Discussing ways to improve collaboration and engagement	Regional meetings
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee/Tea break	Coffee/Tea break		Coffee/Tea break	Coffee/Tea break
16:30 – 18:00	Lightning talk Celebrating the Forus family – the path until now & the road ahead (continued) Looking ahead May-Dec 2024 and beyond / Presentation of main Forus work strands, projects & priorities (continued)	Managing CSO networks (continued) Panel discussion: strengthening capacity, network management & leadership in turbulent times		OPEN SLOT TO BE DETERMINED BASED ON EMERGING PRIORITIES FOR DISCUSSION	Free Time / Departures
18:00 – 19:30	Free Time	Free Time		Free Time	Free Time
19:30 –	Welcome dinner	Dinner		Dinner	Drinks/reception + music (playlist built with Forus members)

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