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## **QUESTIONS FOR GROUP**

**Is it important to have standards?**

General Consensus was Yes

**Are the standards reasonable?**

General Consensus was Yes

**Are they easy to implement?**

**Which standards do you have issues with?**

Registering as a non profit because of time to get registered - currently 2 years

Cost of registration can be up to \$2,500

Maybe CSB could find a sponsor for registration, or help with registration costs

Cost of auditing accounts \$6,000 +

Again maybe CSB could source a company to do this cheaper

**How do we go about complying with the standards?**

**Next Steps?**

**Step 1 Mapping of the sector?**

Need a clear definition of the sector, what constitutes civil society; e.g. what are the various groupings - trade unions, NGOs, etc. etc.

Good idea to identify who is out there, so we know if there is duplication

Good idea to use IDB platform as a start, but some people found it hard to set up their account

Need some sort of incentive to get people to sign up to a platform, some sort of "buy in"

The incentive could be to register if you want to learn how to get grants/money from donors

Create events tailored for the small, medium and large CSOs to get them to buy in

Monthly calendar of events/meetings organised by CSB for this purpose to talk about relevant issues to the target groups - e.g. what donors have on their minds, how to deal with Government, how to engage volunteers etc.

There should be excessive transparency in everything we do

There should be a clear statement on nepotism and privacy of information to assure potential members that their info is safe

## **Step 2 Compliance Survey?**

To help us identify clusters of CSOs doing the same work  
Helping CSOs find their space, what SDGs they are aligned to  
Each cluster speaks a particular language, jargon  
Survey could also be used to identify needs  
To create benchmarks for achieving standards

## **Step 3 Strengthening?**

There should be an online resource center where we can download information on a wide range of topics, such as governance, board strengthening, 3Ws, incubation process, growing process, documentation, etc.  
It should be marketed to the CSO community, as well as Government and Potential Donors  
There are books on effective CSO management like “Doing Good Better”, or “Good To Be Great”  
Free online courses like edx and www.lfrc.com could also be promoted  
Click here “how to get a grant from Lyford Cay Foundation / cable cares” etc  
Agape Foundation a potential provider of services  
To help the country grow  
The information should be freely available, maybe access to some premium info if you are a member

## **Step 4 Certificate of Compliance for Donors?**

Yes we should have some sort of certification process like Network 4 Good and Guidestar  
Have a grading process for donors like 3star 2star 1star certification  
Educate donors about the certification system and what it means to get 1,2 or 3 stars

## **Opportunities**

Reporting Upwards to Government  
Create mechanisms for Youth Engagement in Civil Society such as Rotaract mechanism for Rotary Clubs  
Create an App for the whole process with local developers such as Donovan Moxey  
Also use the CSB website as a log in for members