

**Policy analysis, engagement and advocacy capacity building workshop
4-5 April, 2007, Johannesburg, South Africa**

The Southern African Regional Poverty Network (SARPN) and Overseas Development Institute (ODI) will be hosting a *Policy analysis, engagement and advocacy capacity building workshop* from the 4th to 5th April 2007 in South Africa. The workshop is targeted for national and regional level researchers, policy makers and policy influencers drawn from civil society, government, local and international NGOs.

Project Description/ Rationale

ODI is implementing a Civil Society Partnership Programme (CSPP) as a Programme Partnership Agreement with the UK's Department for International Development (DFID). This is within ODI's wider approach to building bridges between research and policy. SARPN is a partner in the ODI network. SARPN seeks to strengthen the participation and influence of civil society in national and regional policy processes. This is achieved through facilitating platforms and information dissemination to build the capacity of civil society to effectively engage.

Workshop objectives

Main objective of the workshop is share knowledge and information for civil society in southern Africa to better link its advocacy activities to research.

Specific objectives:

At the end of the 2 day workshop participants will have a: -

- clear understanding of the RAPID framework and how it can enhance Southern Africa CSOs objectives
- general understanding of practical tools that could be used to enhance policy influencing in different contexts and around different policy themes.
- clear direction on what needs to happen between ODI and SARPN to put into practice (a) and (b)

Outputs

The following are expected from the workshop:

- Specific 'value-add' ways of collaboration between SARPN, ODI, civil society and policy makers will be established.
- workshop report

Facilitation

The capacity building workshop will be facilitated by ODI experts with extensive and diverse experience working in policy analysis, policy mapping, advocacy and engagement, and capacity building for policy engagement in Africa and globally.

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