CIVIL SOCIETY ENGAGEMENT CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

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MODALITIES

How crucial it is for change, for trust

Broad: not just NGOs but universities, students, companies, associations of any kind, including religious groups

- Using information
- Participation
- Activism
- Social Accountability
- Monitoring Service Delivery
- Strategic Litigation
- Using Data
CHALLENGES (SOME ARE NEW, SOME ARE OLD)

➤ Implosion: systems used against themselves (Ex. lies for the sake of freedom of speech)

➤ Limited civic space across the world

➤ Conflict and violence

➤ Inconsistency: hard to play by rules no one holds on to

➤ Unemployment

➤ For citizens, engagement takes a huge effort

➤ Resistance from people who normally would benefit the most
MODALITIES (CONTINUED . . .)

ALL    TRANSFORMATIONAL    NOTHING
OPPORTUNITIES – GOOD PRACTICES

➤ In the room!

➤ Selected - targeted to specific interested groups

➤ Collaboration- partnerships (journalists, citizens, academia, SMEs)

➤ Local municipalities as an area of great potential (Al Bawsala in Tunisia- Municipality Observatory http://baladia.marsad.tn/)

➤ Focus on positives too! Change-makers need support

➤ Smart use of technology ( CSO run public contracts’ platform https://www.todosloscontratos.mx/)

➤ The power of small steps
Thank you!

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