

# Scanning the Horizon – The International Civil Society Centre

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# The International Civil Society Centre

- **Mission:** Strengthen the impact and resilience of ICSOs to support people to change their world for the better
- **Shareholders:** 14 ICSOs who work across human rights, humanitarian, development, and social justice issues
- **Pillars:**



CONVENING



COLLABORATION



FUTURES AND  
INNOVATION





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# Who We Are:

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## Shareholders



## Core Supports



# The Futures and Innovation Pillar at International Civil Society Centre

## SCANNING THE HORIZON

Sector Guide #2:

## digital. dialogues

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## civil society innovation and populism in a digital era



INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SOCIETY CENTRE

INNOVATION REPORT

2019

We seek out the latest innovations and analyse how they can help ICSSOs achieve greater impact; while scanning for future developments that could determine civil society's relevance.





# Scanning the Horizon Community

- Scanning the Horizon is the **only collaborative trend scouting** and analysis platform in the civil society sector.
- Members include leading ICSOs, national CSO umbrella organisations, philanthropy and development consultancies.
- Focus on thematic areas, currently on Mis and disinformation. Will focus this year on AI



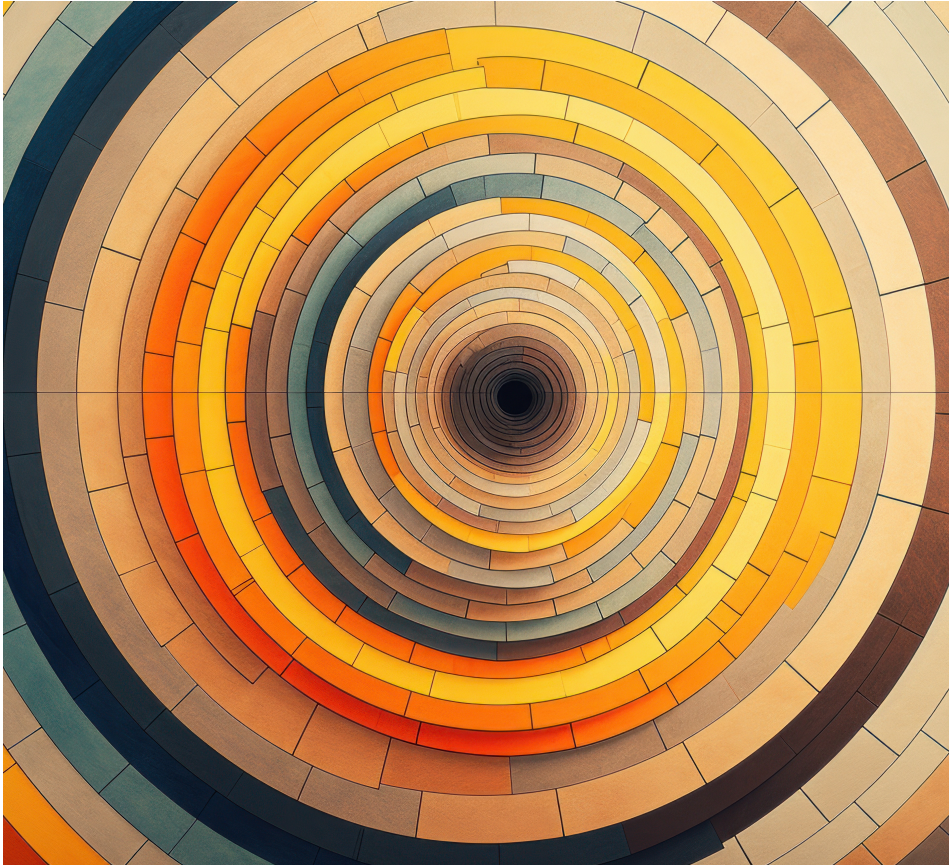
# Our learning on short term vs long term vision

*“Civil society is good at crisis response but there is a **gap in understanding and acting on the longer-term trends** causing the crises.”*

- Important to complement reactive responses with anticipatory and proactive mechanisms and practice articulating alternative futures
- Challenge remains in our VUCA world



# Taking a participatory approach to futures



- Localisation, shifting the power and voice to local communities
- Participatory approach gives a space for more diverse inputs and encourages more 'out of the box' ideas
- Enables more inclusive and transformative futures to emerge
- Always challenge our assumptions in our future work, especially when dealing with complex global issues





*“To change the future, we need to change the story. Not just the story itself and who it is about, but also, who imagines the story and who gets to tell it. These new stories must have the power to break the spell of the old ones”.*





# Thank You....

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