

Continental Shift...

in Social Accountability



Africans are making their own changes in community-level governance and budgeting. Everyday citizens are learning to speak up in local government. Municipalities are linking their spending to real needs, to fight poverty and develop stronger infrastructure for growth, trade and meeting the UN Millennium Goals.

The **Affiliated Network for Social Accountability in Africa** (ANSA-Africa) is helping to grow transparent governance skills and awareness more rapidly and effectively across the continent. ANSA-Africa provides resources that community leaders and government officials can use to improve service delivery at grassroots level:

- **Africans helping Africans:** ANSA-Africa is a dynamic network to help integrate national and regional initiatives in social accountability. People who are already helping to make governance transparent and effective now have a platform for passing on these skills.
- **Training in practical social accountability tools:** Participatory budgeting, community scorecards, government report cards, surveys.
- **Seminars, workshops and panel discussions:** Expert help in setting up and strengthening social accountability initiatives. The ANSA-Africa seminar series launches in August 2007.

- **www.ansa-africa.net:** The online connection for social accountability initiatives across the continent. Up-to-date reports and news, training materials, reference archives and links to social accountability experts.
- **Up-to-date research:** ANSA-Africa supports projects across the continent. A new scoping study will identify the reach and effectiveness of social accountability initiatives and gaps where new projects will be most likely to take off. Recent approaches have come from Togo, Egypt and Zambia to initiate new projects.

ANSA-Africa is seeking strategic funding partners to help sustain proven social accountability initiatives and widen the network into new communities. ANSA-Africa can link your financial support to projects that will establish a sustainable shift in Africa's development and governance practices.

For more information, please email: ansa@hsrc.ac.za

ANSA's network incorporates different projects to help Africans connect with their governments.

For example ...

In Maputo, Mozambique: Safety and security top the list of residents' concerns in a 2007 consultative report card survey conducted by METIER.

In Tshwane, South-Africa: More than 75% of citizens surveyed by the HSRC in rural areas outside Pretoria have told their municipality they are dissatisfied with the public transport system.

In Thika, Kenya; Dodoma, Tanzania; Nansana, Uganda; Kabwe, Zambia; and Ruwa, Zimbabwe: The UNDP and MDP-ESA have delivered a training companion on participatory budgeting to these five communities to help guide municipalities on practical spending for development.

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