

# An Africa-wide network...

that will reach further and deeper with your partnership

**“In Ethiopia we have a local proverb: When spider webs unite, they can tie up a lion.”** Yonas Yohannes Abreham, Addis Ababa

**ANSA-Africa connects the expertise and enthusiasm of social accountability partners and stakeholders across an entire continent.**

ANSA's launch – at its first stakeholder conference in December 2006 – laid the foundation for a comprehensive continental network. ANSA's scoping project, the Africa Social Accountability Profile (ASAP) will identify and link social accountability initiatives and practitioners to the work of ANSA-Africa.

**ANSA-Africa profiles initiatives that help to achieve the UN's Millennium Development Goals.** In Malawi, for instance, a vibrant social accountability fraternity is laying the foundation for a more effective relationship with government. In Tshwane, South Africa, citizen report card surveys have been introduced to connect citizens with service providers.

**ANSA-Africa provides internationally recognized expertise.** We link African practitioners and international experts in social accountability with initiatives that can benefit from their experience. Our small grant programme opens the way for research and capacity building in key areas.

**The ANSA sourcebook will help explain when – and how – different social accountability techniques should be implemented.** Leading African practitioners and international experts will contribute to this publication.

**ANSA-Africa's web portal is updated daily** as we source news items, toolkits, research papers and reports from across Africa and the world.

A virtual library of the most recent publications on social accountability is now online: [www.ansa-africa.net](http://www.ansa-africa.net)

**Your partnership is the key to taking this progress forward.** Here's how you can extend the reach and effectiveness of this network:

**Stakeholder conferences: support in the field.** ANSA-Africa provided speakers and content for a successful conference in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in August 2007 and will do the same in Madagascar in February 2008. The next stakeholder conference, also in February 2008, in Nairobi, Kenya, will draw participants from many different countries. ■ At a budget of US\$250,000, this investment will help strengthen social accountability capacity across Africa.

**Secretariat: support at the hub.** The ANSA-Africa Secretariat works with an Executive Committee and Technical Advisory Group to provide central support, capacity building, training resources, technical assistance and communications – with as much information as possible delivered via the web portal for easy access. ■ Financial support for the Secretariat will enable ANSA-Africa to strengthen these support mechanisms, such as with full-time staff complement to visit the network and develop projects based on specific local needs.



What part of the ANSA-Africa network would you like to support? ANSA-Africa is seeking ways to work with a wider range of networks, development agencies and research institutes to improve social accountability outcomes in Africa. Please contact us on [ansa@hsrc.ac.za](mailto:ansa@hsrc.ac.za) to discuss opportunities to work together to achieve your programme goals.

ANSA-Africa is a growing network, jointly created by the World Bank and the Human Sciences Research Council of South Africa, to advocate across the continent of Africa for citizen involvement in demand-side governance initiatives – particularly in how governments spend budget at community level

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