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Workshop on CSO Accountability: Mechanisms for Improvement

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Increasingly accountability has received attention as a key issue in the relationships between CSOs, governments, donors, and beneficiaries. Traditionally, accountability relationships between these different stakeholders have been examined in isolation. This workshop aims to take a more holistic and integrated approach to examining these relationships, and analyzes ways to improve accountability throughout this web of stakeholder relationships. We will look at the regulatory mechanisms currently in place, and examine their strengths and limitations.

Morning Sessions: CSO Accountability to Donors and Beneficiaries – Towards a More Symbiotic Relationship – Facilitated by Dr Paul Okumu

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| 09h40 – 10h40 | CSO Accountability to Beneficiaries: Strengthening Community Voice |
| 10h40 – 11h00 | Coffee break |
| 11h00 – 12h00 | Accountability and the CSO Donor Relationship: A Complex Balancing Act |
| 12h00 – 12h40 | Group discussions |
| 12h40 – 13h40 | Lunch |

Afternoon Session: Government regulation vs. Self-regulation Facilitated by Ms Angela Scott

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| 13h40 – 14h40 | Government regulation: Trends in Government Oversight of CSOs in Africa |
| 14h30 – 14h40 | Short break |
| 14h40 – 15h30 | Self-regulation: Successes and Limitations |
| 15h30 – 15h50 | Coffee break |
| 15h50 – 16h40 | Group discussions |