

MEMBERS' PACKAGE 2021

ACCOUNTABLE NOW



GOVERNANCE UPDATES

New Interim Executive Director

In October we welcomed our new Interim Executive Director, Ilina Neshikj, who will be joining Accountable Now for one year. In her first blog for Accountable Now, Ilina gave us an insight into how she perceives the role of Accountable Now in the civil society sector and how she sees her role as a leader in strengthening Dynamic Accountability. Read it [here!](#)



Welcoming new Board members

There has been a lot of change in the Accountable Now Board with three new trustees joining, bringing in valued expertise and experience: Oscar Mushivochi from CBM and two independent trustees: Megan Colnar from Open Society Foundation and Dumi Gatsha from Success Capital.



Call for new Board members

With two Board members leaving, we are looking for two new member representatives to join our Board for a three-year term. [Find out more information in our Call for Board Members](#) and get in touch with recommendations at inesik@accountablenow.org.

Departure of CARE International

We regret to announce the departure of CARE International from our membership. Having given notice in August 2020 that they would be withdrawing their membership, CARE International will cease to be a member in 2021. We would like to extend our thanks to CARE for their commitment to their membership with Accountable Now over the years.

Accountable Now is moving

From January 2021, Accountable Now will be moving to a new office in Berlin. We have had many happy years of being hosted by the International Civil Society Centre, but we are looking forward to moving into our new space in the centre of Berlin, where we will work alongside a variety of organisations in a co-working office space.

Our new address as of the **01 January 2021** will be:

Accountable Now
c/o MACHWERK in der Alten Münze
Am Krögel
10179 Berlin

All details will continue to be communicated with our members at the beginning of the year.

WHAT TO EXPECT IN 2021

2020 was a difficult year for us all, and adjustments and changes will likely continue throughout the coming year. At Accountable Now we will strive to continue our work as normal and aim to make 2021 a year where we fully engage with and strengthen the membership of Accountable Now. Read below to get an idea of what you can expect next year as an Accountable Now member, and as always, do get in touch with us with any ideas, opportunities for collaboration or request for support.

Events & Collaboration

Our **Peer Advice Groups** will continue throughout 2021. We are currently hosting a PAG on Impact Measurement, where outcomes, takeaways and resources will be shared with all members. We are also looking forward to kicking off our **Safeguarding** PAG. More information will follow in the New Year, but if you would have any interest in taking part, get in touch with Hector Payo at hpayo@accountablenow.org!

Last year's **AGM** was held virtually for the first time. We nonetheless had a great couple of days catching up and connecting with all of our members. In 2021, we will be assessing the possibility of hosting the AGM in-person and at the beginning of the year, we will begin the planning for our next, collaborative AGM. We always like to include our members in the planning process and this is your opportunity to showcase your work or test your approaches with peers. If you have requests or ideas for new sessions at our AGM, get in touch with Hector at hpayo@accountablenow.org!

GET INVOLVED

Blogs

We want to hear from you! Do you have experiences from projects and programming that demonstrates how the civil society sector is innovating accountability practices? Or are you involved in a project or initiative that touches upon issues of transparency, accountability, safeguarding or stakeholder engagement? Get in touch and submit an article to us and help grow our community. Reach out to our Communications Coordinator, Bethany Keeley at bkeeley@accountablenow.org.

Webinars & Podcasts

Throughout 2021 we will continue creating our webinars and podcasts with our members. We use these as an opportunity to go into more depth on member's good practices, and as always we can't wait to see what further good practices come from your accountability reports next year.

Projects

Accountable Now is always open for participating in projects of our members. If you are part of a consortium or are planning to be part of a new project in 2021 and need a partner with expertise in CSO accountability, get in touch with our Executive Director, Ilina Neshikj at inesik@accountablenow.org.

Dynamic Accountability Community of Practice

During International Civil Society Week 2019 around 50 CSOs discussed their experiences with Dynamic Accountability and whether a new global Community of Practice (DACoP) would be a helpful platform to develop. These discussions pointed to a clear interest in further exploring the creation of a place where practitioners, academics and donors can engage, share best practices and exchange experiences on implementing new accountability practices in the civil society sector.

2020 saw the launch and continuation of the DACoP and it is growing fast! Coordinated by the Global Standard Partnership, CIVICUS and Restless Development the new platform offers a space for learning, for finding synergies and for opportunities for collaboration. If you are interested in joining the community, [please click here to sign up](#) to the platform and [subscribe to the newsletter](#)!

RESOURCES FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Reporting

Keep track of the most important documents related to your accountability reporting: namely our framework and questions. We have also developed a guiding document of reporting recommendations to help our members create consistent and insightful accountability reports. This guidance document will guide you through the requirements of Accountable Now's reporting framework and questions.

[REPORTING
FRAMEWORK](#)

[REPORTING
QUESTIONS](#)

[GUIDANCE
DOCUMENT](#)

New Independent Review Panel members

In 2020 we welcomed two new members to the Independent Review Panel: Chilufya Chileshe (WaterAid) and Snježana Bokulić (Development in Action).



Communications

As we continue to improve and widen our communications activities, we also want to ensure our Members are the first to hear about our latest news and events. See what you can do to stay up to date with our work below:



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