

Guiding Questions for the Right to Information (RTI) World Advocacy Update

Section One: Civil Society Working on RTI in Your Region (200 words)

Describe the civil society groups working on RTI in your region.

- How many groups are there, working in which countries (please give an estimate based on your knowledge and that of your networks)?
- How long has civil society been working on this issue?
- How does civil society working on RTI compare with other civil society sectors?
- Are there countries where there is no or limited civil society activity on RTI?
- Do unfunded citizen groups, students groups or social movements play an important role in the region advocating for RTI?

Section Two: SWOT Analysis (500 words)

Please identify the strengths, weaknesses/limitations, opportunities, and threats to civil society in your region working on RTI. Ideally this would be done initially through a brainstorming with several people from your organisation or networks who understand the situation in various countries in the region. Please try to provide some analysis as well (e.g. what are the main historical or political circumstances which have influenced the development of civil society working on RTI? which other sectors have been supportive, opposing?)

Section Three: Success Stories and Lessons Learned (500 words)

Please describe the key activities that have been or are being undertaken by civil society groups in your region. What are some of the success stories/major achievements and activities which have not been so successful? What lessons have you learned? Please include a particular focus on advocacy work.

Section Four: Looking Forward (300 words)

Please provide some concluding remarks about RTI civil society going forward. What might be done to improve your work? How would you like to see civil society in the next 5-10 years? How can you build on your successes and avoid failures?