

Announcement of the Small Grants Program for FY2006

The Small Grants Program helps the World Bank to promote dialogue and information dissemination among the civil society organizations. The focus of the Small Grants Program for 2006 is ***civic engagement for improved social accountability***.

World Bank office in Tirana invites you to participate in the SmGP with projects that:

- Promote greater citizen participation and discussion at the national and local level on issues related to anticorruption;
- Improve public transparency and accountability of development activities, contributing to the enabling environment for good governance;
- Promote public accountability for improved access and quality of basic services;
- Empower communities and different groups to exercise the public rights for access to information, governance monitoring and increase demand for better public services;
- Strengthen accountability mechanisms for advocacy and increased involvement of citizens and civil society to encourage improved performance of public services delivery and policy making-bodies;
- Give voice to the concerns of primary and secondary stakeholders and help that their views are factored into policy and program decisions;
- Review of legal framework for civic engagement and social accountability aiming improvements.

All local CS organizations are invited to participate. Interested organization may pick up the application form and other relevant information on the criteria and the program at the World Bank Office in Tirana. The information is also available electronically at our local website address www.worldbank.org.al.

The deadline for submitting application is February 28, 2006. The completed application form, as well as other necessary documentation should be sent by mail or submitted in a closed envelope in the following address:

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