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Looking for **English-French** speaking students for our

Workshop on Participatory Governance and Accountability

(18-23rd of October 2009 in Morschach)

**Are you interested in the topic?
Do you speak English and French?**

Then we would like to hear from you.

Background

The engagement between State and its citizens is a central issue in the Civil Society and State working area of Helvetas. But what does inclusive governance mean? What is the link with human rights? What role do civil society, private sector and state have in promoting sustainable development and social justice? And consequently, how can Helvetas contribute better to strengthen the voices of civil society organisations and responsiveness of government institutions? Topics such as participation, power-sharing and multistakeholder approaches, and accountability, transparency and access to information are important in this respect.

The focus of the workshop will be on public domestic accountability and will look at political processes, state-citizen interaction, and formal and informal accountability mechanisms. The programme includes a fieldtrip to a local Swiss community, Ballwill, where we will meet with the local government and visit local projects, to gain an understanding of the Swiss political system and how accountability mechanisms work in this context. We will further visit an agricultural school and an organisation working on local economic development, which are a type of public-private partnerships. A number of parliamentarians from the Kanton of Luzern will join us for lunch, and give us some time to discuss accountability further.

Some basic data of the workshop

Venue: Antoniushaus in Morschach, Switzerland

Period: **18-23 October 2009**. Arrival participants Sunday 18th between 10.00 – 12.00 in Morschach, departure on Friday 23rd at around 16.00.

Costs: Helvetas will cover costs of accommodation, food and transport for students willing to assist us in translation in French.

Programme: The programme includes concepts, experiences, and tools, as well as, a one day fieldtrip to Seetal on participatory governance and accountability. An outside resource person has been contracted to give expert inputs. Participants have been asked to prepare case-studies on accountability in their country, which will be used for exchange and learning.

Main language: English, with translations in French and Spanish

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