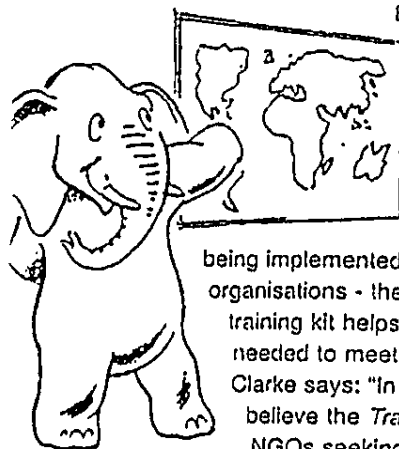


Commonwealth Foundation launches new training kit

The Commonwealth Foundation, working directly with the NGO sector, has launched a new training kit - *NGO Good Policy and Practice: Training Kit*. Complementing the very successful *Guidelines*, the new kit will help strengthen the capacity of NGOs. Don Clarke, Deputy Director of the Commonwealth Foundation says: "it will encourage higher standards, efficiency and effectiveness within the sector".

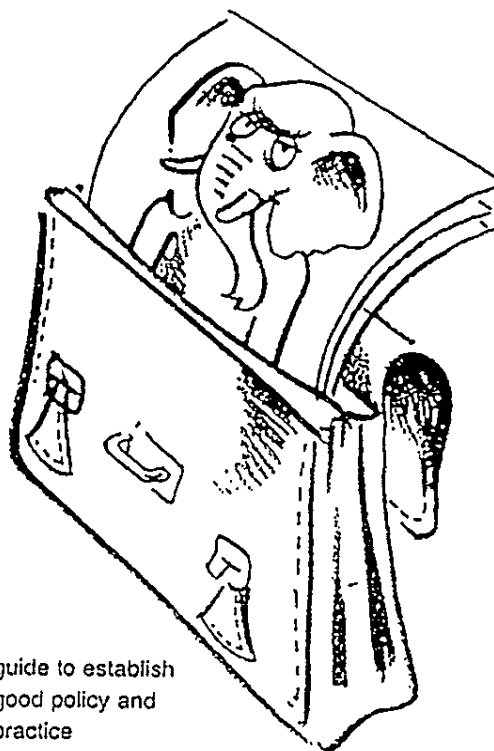


Both the *Training Kit* and the *Guidelines* are a response to the rapidly changing role of government and NGOs. In many countries, governments have redefined their role, making them the provider of an economic and policy framework. Policy itself is

being implemented, increasingly, by civil society organisations - the private sector and NGOs. This training kit helps NGOs to develop the skills needed to meet this new challenge. Again Don Clarke says: "In this rapidly changing world, we believe the *Training Kit* is an essential tool for NGOs seeking to strengthen their impact, professionalism, credibility and sustainability. Like the *Guidelines*, the *Training Kit* is a living breathing document which can be used to open doors to a greater understanding".

The kit will prove invaluable not only to NGO personnel at all levels, but also to government and international funding agencies. As an evaluation tool, it can be used as a:

- self-evaluation instrument for NGOs, governments and funders



- guide to establish good policy and practice
- source of information on NGOs.

The *Training Kit* includes a copy of the *Guidelines* and material for handouts and overhead projection slides. It is available from the Commonwealth Foundation, price £25.00. For information about discounts and bulk orders, contact;

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