

NGO COMMITTEE ON FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT ANNUAL REPORT JUNE 2016 - JUNE 2017

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

- AT AND WITH THE UNITED NATIONS (UN) Our committee works closely with many United Nations bodies, but most especially with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), the Financing for Development Office (FfDO), and with the Non-Government Liaison Service (NGLS).
- CoNGO Since its inception, our committee has been a substantive committee of "The Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations" (CoNGO).

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- Our committee brochure has given us the opportunity to make us better known amongst other NGO committees, especially in the area of development and financing, with UN agencies, UN Member States as well as participants at the World Bank (WB) / International Monetary Fund (IMF) Spring Meetings with Civil Society.
- Our committee website is <u>http://www.ngosonffd.org/</u> and contact can be made through e-mail at_ <u>ngosonffdsecretary@gmail.com</u>.
- > GSEG and ACG Our committee is a founding member of the "Global Social Economy Group" (GSEG) and as such works with financing for development related NGOs large and small from around the world. There are currently more than 800 member organizations and 995 individuals along with others still wishing to join these efforts. Participating organizations include movements, networks, federations and coalitions among various constituencies (both those formally recognized within the current structure of the Major Groups, such as NGOs, Women, Children and Youth, and Trade Unions, Other Stakeholders (OS) and others as well as regional and thematic groupings. To facilitate coordination, an Addis Ababa Civil Society Coordinating Group (ACG) was formed, composed of 21 representatives of GSEG member organizations. It was decided that the ACG should continue to lead in the Addis Ababa follow-up processes and FfD related issues in the 2030 Agenda as well as FfD related matters in the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF). A Rapid Response Group (RRG) has also been set up. Our committee chair is one of the 21. Most of the Group's preparations are advanced by subgroups corresponding to the FfD thematic pillars or by designated task teams created for a specific occasion (i.e. drafting team, communication team). Further information can be found at https://csoforffd.wordpress.com/
- COORDINATING EFFORTS We have co-sponsored several initiatives with the NGO Committee on Social Development in recognition of the synergistic relationship between social development and financing for development. The two committees intend to continue this collaboration with each other and will report on the work accomplished and planned at the others' committee meetings. Similar efforts are being considered with other development oriented NGOs working at the UN.

MEMBERSHIP STRUCTURE

- MEMBERSHIP The NGO Committee on Financing for Development recognizes two levels of membership: "Full" (dues paying) and "Associate". We currently have 23 full member organizations and 35 associate organizations. The last few months have seen an increase of participation and effort. Others have recently indicated their desire to join our committee.
- ▶ EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (Term ending June

20	017) o Chair	Daniel LeBlanc
0	Vice Chair	Cheryl Morrissey
0	Secretary	Veronica Brand
0	Treasurer	Anita Thomas
0	Member-at-large	Teresa Kotturan
0	Member-at-large	Marc Jourdan

- NOTE: The Executive Committee as indicated above will conclude its mandate just after this report is presented and approved. Elections will then be held to confirm a new Executive Committee.
- EXTENDED EXECUTIVE SESSION was held in August 2016. Part of the time was spent reviewing the 2015-2016 year and planning strategies for the current year.
- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS have been held monthly, usually two weeks after the regular committee meeting and two weeks prior to the next.
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- FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT OFFICE (FfDO) AND THE NON-GOVERNMENT LIAISON SERVICE (NGLS) - Mr. Daniel Platz of the FfDO (Economics Affairs Officer, Multi-stakeholder and Outreach Branch) has come regularly to our committee meetings to give us updates and keep us informed, for many years. In the last year, however, Anjali Rangaswami, Economic Affairs Officer with the FfD Forum unit who is the Focal Point for Civil Society and the Private Sector has been our liaison person with the FfD Office. Daniel Platz is no longer able to be present at each of our meetings but has accepted to come from time to time.
- WORKING GROUPS (WGs) During the current year three WGs were formed as well as a Joint Events team (two members representing our Committee and two representing the NGO

Committee on Social Development to add to the effectiveness of our committee efforts. The WGs are each composed of several committee members. They are the "Advocacy WG", the "Education WG" and the "Writing WG". Early in 2017, a decision was made in committee to effect a change, reducing the WGs to 3 by merging the Advocacy and Writing WGs into one now called the Advocacy and Writing WG and formally changing the Events Team to the Events WG.

- EDUCATION SESSION Sessions were held at each of our regular committee meetings. These often took one of two forms, or both:
 - O Some special education sessions were held to help us prepare especially around the theme of Social Protection. We thank especially Gemma Adaba and Winifred Doherty, amongst others.
 - In the last year Teresa Kotturan prepared a short presentation (pertinent video, Power Point presentation, or other) with time allotted for questions and comments. These have been well prepared and appreciated.
 - o A short presentation by one of our Working Groups, with time allotted for questions and comments.
- EDUCATION MATERIALS ACRONYMS A 15 pages updated document was distributed to members who requested it to help those newest to the committee decipher acronyms commonly used around the UN. The Education WG is currently revising and adding to this material.
- SOCIAL MEDIA grew out of an interest in outreach thanks to the support of Cecilie Kern who willingly continued the work begun by others. We have a web page (<u>http://www.ngosonffd.org/</u>) blog (<u>https://ngosonffd.wordpress.com/</u>), a Facebook page (<u>https://www.facebook.com/NGOsonFfD</u>) and a Twitter account (<u>https://twitter.com/NGOsonFfD/</u>).
- ► INTERNS
 - Philippine Tercinier and Samy Dahou university students from France have spent a semester doing a

program with Brooklyn College. Our Committee was happy to receive them as interns. They are currently studying some of the Sustainable Development Goals as related to two Developing African countries.

> SIDE EVENTS

- On Wednesday, July 13th, 2016 the first side event of the current year was co-organized and sponsored by several MGO Committees and NGOs together. The title and theme describe well the intent. "Strengthening SDG Implementation in Africa: Perspectives from the Government of Sierra Leone and Civil Society and Launch of Report on Grassroots Economies: A Way Forward in Leaving No one Behind in the Implementation of SDGS - Evidence from the Ground". More details can be found on the flyer.
- Our Committee and the Social Development Committee prepared and co-sponsored an event to be held on February 9th, 2017. Sadly, the event was not held as anticipated during the 55th Session of the Commission on Social Development due to the closure of all transport in the New York city area and the United Nations due to a heavy snow storm. In any case, all information regarding the planned event can be seen by clicking on the link to the flyer.
- On March 13th of this year our Committee in collaboration with the Committee on Social Development realized an event at the Church Center during the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) titles "Financial Inclusion as a tool for the empowerment of women and poverty eradication". More detail and information on the flyer and concept note.
- On April 18th of this year our Committee in collaboration with the Committee on Social Development realized an event at the Civil Society Policy Forum of the World Bank (WB) and International Monetary Fund (IMF) Spring Meetings. This event was very well attended and there was a great deal of interaction on the theme, "Impact Investing as a toll for Social Development". More information on the flyer and concept note.

On Monday 22 May of this year, our Committee as a founding member of the Civil Society Financing for Development (FfD) Group (including the Women's Working
 Group on FfD), held a side event in Conference Room B of the United Nations (UN) from 1:15 to 2:30 p.m.

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- On Tuesday 23 May of this year, our Committee as a founding member of the Civil Society Financing for Development (FfD) Group (including the Women's Working Group on FfD), held a side event in Conference Room 7 of the United Nations (UN) from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. entitled "Pushing the boundaries of Official Development Assistance: challenges and opportunities".
- On Wednesday 24 May of this year, our Committee as a founding member, organized along with the NGO
 Committee on Social Development (CSocD) and the
 Civil Society Financing for Development (FfD) Group (including the Women's Working Group on FfD), a side event in Conference Room B of the United Nations (UN) from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. entitled "Public-private interfaces".
- On Wednesday 24 May evening of this year our Committee as a founding member of the Civil Society Financing for Development (FfD) Group (including the Women's Working Group on FfD), held a side event in Conference Room 12 of the United Nations (UN) from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. entitled "Women's Rights and Gender Equality in Development Finance".
- o On Thursday 25 May of this year our Committee as a founding member of the Civil Society Financing for
- Development (FfD) Group (including the Women's Working Group on FfD), held a side event in Conference Room B of the United Nations (UN) from 1:15 to 2:30 p.m. entitled "Critical and emerging issues in FfD: Opportunities for a multiyear planning framework".

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➤ OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

 Many of our members also participate actively in other NGO committees and working groups around the UN and as such are good ambassadors between committees.

> MEMBER PARTICIPATION IN WORLD BANK GROUP SPRING SESSIONS

• Eight members of our committee participated actively in these week-long sessions. This was found to be an excellent opportunity to make our committee known and to network with other members of civil society working the theme of financing for development in Washington and around the world.

ISSUES AND PROCESSES - Members have agreed to follow one or more issue and/or process as related to the work of our committee and occasionally report on these: Aid effectiveness, Climate change and finance, Debt cancelation, Economic and Social Council, Annual Ministerial Review and the Development Cooperation Forum (ECOSOC, AMR and DCF), Extractive industries, Financial and economic crises, Financing for Sustainable Development process, Follow-up process to Monterrey, Doha and Addis Ababa, Interagency Task Force, Food and energy crises, Global Compact (GC), Global economic governance (GEG), High level panel on financing for development, High level political forum on sustainable development (HLPF), Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Financing for Sustainable Development (ICEFSD), Land and water grab, Military spending, Open Working Group (OWG), Post 2015, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Agenda 2030, Production and consumption, Taxation systems, World Bank (WB), International Monetary Fund (IMF), World Trade Organization (WTO) and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

➤ QUESTIONS SENT TO OUR MEMBERS' NETWORKS. This was done in collaboration with the Grassroots Subcommittee of the NGO Committee on Social Development to give an additional voice at the UN for the grassroots regarding sustainable development - We are seeking to hear from members of our organizations at the grass roots to better represent the reality and considerations of those most affected by decisions made > by member states at the UN, especially those living in extreme poverty, that is, to give an additional voice at the UN for the grassroots regarding sustainable development

UNITED NATIONS EVENTS OF IMPORTANCE TO OUR COMMITTEE

- MEMBERS PARTICIPATED IN FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT RELATED EVENTS AND REPORTED ON MATTERS ARISING AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS FROM JULY 2016 TO JUNE 2017
- ▶ HIGH LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM AND THE 2030 AGENDA
 - Many of our members participate actively in these, and some have had opportunity to speak and help bring committee concerns to the whole. This has taken on a financing for development of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Means of Implementation (MOIs).

FINANCIAL REPORT - We are grateful to our treasurer for her invaluable contribution in assuring the good functioning of our committee from a financial perspective. Following is the report (see following pages):

- Committee finance report
- Membership report

Executive Committee June 07, 2017



NGO Committee on Financing for

Development COMMITTEE FINANCE REPORT

Treasurer Anita Thomas

Reporting from (month/year) June 2016-2017

Date of Month Ended Line # Income Amount Expense Amount payment 1 Interest 0.03 30-Jun-16 Paid Bestvaluecopy.com for brochure printing \$144.65 3/2/2017 Payment to Daniel LeBlanc for food and refreshment for retreat \$50.00 3/1/2017 2 Interest 0.03 31-Jul-16 Payment to Cecilie Kern for website hosting billing period starting 08/09/2016 \$59.85 3/1/2017 Interest 0.03 3 31-Aug-16 Payment to Cecilie Kern for website hosting billing period starting11/09/2016 \$21.57 3/1/2017 4 Interest 0.03 30-Sep-16 5 Interest+ Membership dues 150.03 31-Oct-16 Payment to Cecilie Kern for website hosting billing period starting02/09/2017 \$59.85 3/1/2017 Payment to Anita Thomas for event registration for CSW61 total fee is \$210, balance 0.03 \$105.00 6 Interest 30-Nov-16 \$105 paid by CSOCD) 3/1/2017 Payment to Anita Thomas for purchase of speakers from Staples (balance remaining to 7 Interest 0.03 31-Dec-16 \$3.73 be paid \$20.33) 3/1/2017 8 Interest 0.03 31-Jan-17 Total expenses paid as of 5/29/2017 (add lines 1-7) \$444.65 Membership dues \$350.00 28-Feb-17 9 Total remaining expenses to be paid as of 5/29/2017 10 31-Mar-17 Balance payment due to Anita Thomas for purchase of speakers from Staples \$20.33 11 30-Apr-17 Payment due to Cheryl Morrissey for reception expenses for Jean Stoner (receipt Membership dues \$45.01 12 \$50.00 31-May-17 provided in May) 13 30-Jun-17 Payment due to Cecile Kern for website hosting for period starting 05/10/2017 \$21.57 \$86.91 Total 14 TOTAL INCOME (add lines1-9) \$550.24 15 16 Beginning Balance (May 2016) \$3,425.97 Income (see line 15) \$550.24 17 Total Income (lines16+17) \$3,976.21 18 19 Total expenses (see line 8) \$444.65 NGOFFD Balance in bank(line 18 - line 19) \$3.531.56 20

22. Committee Funds are deposited in: 1. Anita Thomas 2. Veronica Brand **Chase Manhattan Bank** (Bank Name) 3. Daniel LeBlanc 1 United Nations Plaza Front, New York, NY 10017 (Complete Address) Finance records are in the home of: Anita Thomas 21 NGO Committee on Financing for Development Account Name 36 Armour Road, Princeton, NJ 08540 Address: Bank Account was opened by the Secretary Veronica Brand 22

22 Bank Account was opened by the Secretary Veronica Brand Daniel LeBlanc's SS No. was given for EIN No. purposes. The address for NGOFFD is given as Daniel LeBlanc's office address

25 Signature of person preparing report:

ANITA THOMAS

Date: 5/30/2017

Paid members:	2016-2017	2016-2017			
Organization	Representative(s)	E-mail	Amount	Check#/Cash	
Baha'i International Community	Serik Tokbolat		\$25	2400	
2 Catholic Near East Welfare Association	Christopher Kennedy	cpkennedy311@gmail.com	\$25	Cash	
Company of the Daughters of Charity	Catherine Prendergast & Margaret O'Dwyer	<u>srmargret@hotmail.com</u>	\$25	1405	
4 Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd	Winifred Doherty/Cecilie Kern	gsijpoffice@gmail.com	\$25	1276	
5 Global Development Advocate	Alan Kalish		\$25	1488	
6 Global Foundation for Democracy and Development	Marc Jourdan	mjourdan@globalfoundatiodd.org	\$25	3665	
7 Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Loreto Generalate	Cecilia O'Dwyer	ibvmunngo@gmail.com	\$25	163	
8 International Federation of Business and Professional Women	Marilyn Hensle-Hirsch	mhenslehirsch@gmail.com	\$25	260	
9 International Presentation Association	Jocelyn Quijano	JQuijanopbvm@gmail.com	\$25	138	
10 Medical Mission Sisters	Celine Paramundayil	celine@mmsmission.net	\$25	Cash	
11 Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate	Daniel LeBlanc	dlkomifi@yahoo.com	\$25	cash	
12 New Humanity of the Focolare Movement	Joseph Klock	joe.klock@new-humanity.org	\$25	781	
13 Passionists International	Mirek Lesiecki		\$25	341	
14 Pax Christi International	Cheryl Morrissey	cmorrissey3@optonline.net	\$25	3755	
15 Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary	Veronica Brand	vbrandrshm@gmail.com	\$25	1376	
16 Sisters of Charity Federation	Teresa Kotturan/Faith Colligan	scfederationunngo@gmail.com, 1faithdc@gmail.com	\$25	3044	
17 Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur	Amarachi Grace Ezeonu	gracesnd@hotmail.com	\$25	cash	
18 Social Justice in Global Development	Barry Herman	hermanb@newschool.edu	\$25	Cash	
19 Soroptimist International	Marie D'Amato-Rizzo	mdamatoriz@aol.com	\$25	5521	
20 UNANIMA International	Massoni/Barbara Spiers	irmanoeli@yahoo.com.br, bspears@snjmuson.org	\$25	1618	
21 Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund	Anita Thomas	a4thomas2005@yahoo.com	\$25	348	
22 VIVAT International	Daniel LeBlanc	dlkomifi@yahoo.com	\$25	cash	
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Confirmed to pay by email, but have not paid yet.

1 Loretto Community	Beth Blissman	bblissman@lorettocommunity.org		
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