NGO COMMITTEE ON FIANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT (FfD)
ANNUAL REPORT
OCTOBER 2013 – JUNE 2014[1]

[1] This annual report does not cover a full year's activities due to a change in the by-laws on May 7th 2014.

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Our committee works closely with many United Nations bodies, but most especially with the Financing for Development Office - FfDO (Daniel Platz) and with the Non-Government Liaison Service.
- Our committee has been a member of "The Conference of NGOs in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations (CoNGO)" since it was founded.
- Our committee is a founding member of the "Global Social Economy Group (GSEG)" and continues to work with financing for development related NGOs from around the world. Matt Simonds (International Trade Union Confederation – ITUC) currently monitors the GSEG group on Google
- Our committee website is http://www.ngosonffd.org/ and contact can be made through our secretary at secretary@ngosonffd.org
- And, our executive committee has already taken the first steps to meet with the NGO Committee on Social Development and hopes that together we can also work with other development oriented NGOs in the New York area in order to make all of our efforts more effective matter and time-wise.

MEMBERSHIP STRUCTURE

- MEMBERSHIP - The NGO Committee on Financing for Development recognizes two levels of membership: "Full" (dues paying) and "Associate". We currently have 25 full member organizations and 23 associate organizations.

- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
  - Chair — Daniel LeBlanc
  - Vice Chair — Cheryl Morrissey
  - Secretary — Veronica Brand
  - Treasurer — Jean Stoner
  - Members-at-large — Celine Paramunda
    Sally Dunne[2]
- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS have been held monthly, usually one week after the regular committee meeting, from 11:00 to 1:00 unless the current situation called for a change of date or time.

- COMMITTEE MEETINGS have been held monthly, the first Wednesday of each month, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.[3] with the exception of February due to severe weather conditions.

[2] Sally Dunne was chosen, according to our by-laws, to replace and fulfill the term of the duly elected Margaret Hayward who could not conclude her term for personal reason that took her out of country.

- FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT OFFICE AND THE NON-GOVERNMENT LIAISON SERVICE – Daniel Platz has come regularly to our committee meetings to give us updates and maintain us informed. Anita Nayar and Kathryn "Katie" Tobin came to meetings whenever possible. They have now both left NGLS, and the current person-in-charge in New York, Susan Alzner had committed to help us keep informed as well.

- EDUCATION SESSION – On December 4th Mr. Victor Ovalles-Santos spoke to our committee and members of other NGO development committees on a number of issues from the perspective of the G77 and China. See ..\..\2013\EDUCATION SESSIONS\FfD Ovalles Educ Session dECEMBER 2013.docx

- NEW SCHOOL GRADUATE STUDENTS – Anna Whitson, Diana Sarabia, Marilyn Alexander, Julietta Lopez and Wafa Dahbali worked with our committee producing a document on "Aid Effectiveness", which at the same time served them as the final document for their Masters degree. Both a Power Point Presentation and the prepared document have been given to the committee to help us in our work in this area.

- SPRING MEETINGS – Three members participated in the Spring meetings of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund in Washington, DC from April 7th to 12th.

- ISSUES AND PROCESSES – Currently 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 and Doha, 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 (HLPFSD), Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Financing for Sustainable Development (ICEFSD), Land and water grab, Military spending, Open Working Group (OWG), Post 2015, Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Production and consumption, Taxation systems, World Bank, International Monetary Fund

[3] Time of the meeting was changed to 1:30-3:00 for the May meeting to allow members to participate more fully in the Open Working Group (OWG) post 2015 sustainable development process.

and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (WB, IMF and UNCTAD)

- LETTERS – Letters were written and delivered to Ambassadors Talbot (Guyana)and Pedersen (Norway) to congratulate them on being named to co-chair the planning of the 3rd Conference on Financing for Development.

- Proposed Language for Zero Draft Declaration for 65th DPI/NGO Conference was prepared and sent to the drafting committee with points we feel should be considered.

UNITED NATIONS EVENTS OF IMPORTANCE TO OUR COMMITTEE

- SECOND COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS – Resolution A/C.2/68/L.75 of December 10th 2013 is of special interest for us and the GSEG as it calls for a "Follow-up to the implementation of the outcome of the 2002 International Conference on Financing for Development and the 2008 Review Conference" (Monterrey and Doha). 6 "informals" meetings have already been held to which a number of members have assisted. "Informal informals" have begun, where a negotiated outcome to "Modalities for the Third International Conference on Financing for Development" are hoped for by end of July.[4]

- SIXTH HIGH-LEVEL DIALOGUE ON FIANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT was held on October 7th and 8th 2013. Several committee and GSEG members participated while some spoke along with GSEG member representatives.[5]

- The Special high-level meeting of ECOSOC with the World Bank, IMF, WTO and UNCTAD was held April 14th and 15th 2014. Once again many committee and GSEG members participated and several spoke.[6]

- POST 2015 PROCESS

    - OPEN WORKING GROUP (OWG) – Members have participated actively in this process, and some have had opportunity to speak and help bring committee concerns to the whole.[7]

[4] See http://www.un.org/esa/ffd/consultations/index.htm
[5] See http://www.un.org/esa/ffd/hld/HLD2013/index.htm
[6] See http://www.un.org/esa/ffd/ecosoc/springmeetings/2014/index.htm
[7] More information can be found at http://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/

- INTER-GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE OF EXPERT ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FINANCE – This committee did not plan to work or consult with civil society. However, due to much negotiating and the support of a few of the experts and the co-chairs, one-half day of each session has been reserved for civil society participation. Many members of our committee have had the opportunity of participating, speaking and even involving, in a positive manner, members of other development committees either as panelists or delivering position papers.[8]

Executive Committee
June 4th 2014

[8] More information can be found at http://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/ and at http://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/index.php?menu=1558