**NGO Committee on Financing for Development**

**General Themes for Advocacy for 2016-2017**

**I. FfD is a *moral* issue as well as an economic one.**

A. We should be a voice of conscience at the UN, constantly reminding policymakers of all the reasons that financing for development must be a top priority.

B. Development is a human right.

C, The rights of people and the planet must come before unjust private profit.

D. The world has plenty of money to eradicate poverty, but spending choices have to change.

E. Building political will and strong grassroots support for budget reallocation is essential, especially in national capitals.

F. The 2030 Agenda and SDGs mean nothing if they aren’t financed well.

**II. Reform of International Financing Institutions and Economic Forums is Long Overdue.**

A. All people and states must be fully and fairly represented at global economic forums.

B. The UN has the credibility to oversee reform of international financial institutions.

C. Systemic reform was not accomplished under the MDGs.

D. There must full transparency and accountability for all global economic forums and public/private partnerships.

**III. Economic Policies that Contribute to Poverty and Inequality Must Be Changed.**

A. Illicit financial flows can and must be stopped.

B. External debt remains unconscionably high for too many states.

C. International tax and trade policies overwhelmingly favor the rich

D. A Social Protection Floor is needed.

E. Civil Society has valuable and special experience with Means of Implementation that should be considered by policymakers.