



**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**THE NGO COMMITTEE ON FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT**  
**June 3, 2020- June 15, 2021**

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## **Executive Committee**

### ➤ **The Executive Committee (EC) members are:**

- Chair - Anita Thomas, Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund (VGIF)
- Vice-Chair -Thomas Pallithanam, Salesian Missions Inc.
- Secretary - Joseph Klock, New Humanity of the Focolare Movement
- Treasurer - Marvelous Lomerio Misolas, Maryknoll Sisters of St. Dominic, Inc.
- Member-at-large – Graciano Gaillard, Global Foundation for Democracy and Development
- Member-at-large – Cynthia Mathew. Institute of Blessed Virgin Mary

### ➤ **Key action items** of the EC from June 4, 2020 – June 15, 2021

- **The Annual Survey** was disseminated to all members on August 17 with a deadline for feedback by August 28.
- **Annual Retreat** of the EC was held on August 14,18, and September 4, respectively. The meetings were held over three days to accommodate those executive committee members who could not return to the United States from their travels due to COVID-19 related travel restrictions and were located in different time zones. With the intent to develop a road map for the Committee' work in the upcoming year, the Executive Committee:
  - **Met with:**
    - Working Group leads (see list below) and Martha Gallahue coordinated the efforts to develop a consolidated advocacy statement.
    - Alberto Padova and Philipp Erfurth from the Financing for Sustainable Development Office
    - Stefano Pratto and Pooja Rangaprasad from the CSOFFD Group
  - **Reviewed** Committee-wide survey feedback and assessed the activities of the previous year.
  - **Developed** Objectives and Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-based (SMART)Goals for the 2020-2021 cycle of the Committee.
  - **Objectives and SMART Goals**- The EC developed objectives and SMART Goals for the 2020-2021 cycle. While cognizant of the challenges to accomplish objectives and SMART Goals as envisaged, the EC developed these measures to ensure the Committee had a roadmap for its work and with the view to tracking its performance. While some goals had to be adjusted midway, the approach was helpful to plan ahead.

<b>Objectives</b>	
1	Influence the implementation of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda with focused priority statements.
2	Ensure all activities of the Committee are informed by the post-COVID -19 perspective.
3	Educate and empower members to participate effectively in FfD substantive sessions and hearings.
4	Prepare for the 2020 ECOSOC FfD Follow-up
5	Organize parallel events/side events on FfD-related topics during CSocD, IMF/WB Spring Meetings, FfD Forum, and the HLPF
6	Collaborate with other NGO Committees
7	Invite NGOs outside the FfD realm to get engaged in the work of the Committee.
8	Robust and effective Working Groups
9	Raise awareness and build action around the Committee's priority areas.
10	Participate effectively in the coordinating group of CSOFfD Group to advance the Committee's advocacy agenda.
11	Strengthen collaboration with the FfD office

	<b>SMART Goals</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Notes</b>
1	Hold two breakfast sessions in preparation for the 2020 FfD Forum.	Accomplished	A second breakfast meeting consultation with CSOs was held at the invitation of the ILO
2	Have a Member State speaker at (at least) 5 monthly meetings of the Committee	One of five accomplished	A representative from Nepal presented
3	Organize at least four side events	Accomplished	Held a side event during the July 2020 HLPF and three side events during the 2021 FfD Forum
4	Hold at least 2 side events in co-sponsorship with Permanent Missions	One of two accomplished	Permanent Missions of Jamaica and Costa Rica co-sponsored the Committee's side event organized during the FfD Forum at the initiative of the Climate Finance Working Group
5	Each working group to hold at least 8 meetings during the year	Accomplished	
6	Each Working Group to develop its thematic statement	Accomplished	
7	Develop a joint advocacy statement pulling in from the above thematic statement	Accomplished	
8	Update the by-laws of the Committee and develop working rules	Accomplished	
9	Add six new members	4 out of six completed. 1 pending.	Man Up Campaign, World Vision, Startnoo and Listen Give Initiative, (and pending request from the Inclusivity Project)
10	Develop a newsletter	To be completed	Initiated discussed but decided to put on hold
11	Finalize website, create a new Facebook account and LinkedIn account	Accomplished	
12	Provide input to the 2021 Inter-Agency Task Force Report outline	Accomplished	
13	Develop an advocacy strategy	To be developed	
14	Make at least one intervention at the UN (FfD related meetings)	Accomplished	Six interventions during the FfD Forum and two during the Development Cooperation Forum
15	Nominate a speaker/s for an official UN FfD UN-related meeting	Accomplished	Speaker nominated and opening video for the CSO SG consultation

- **The Monthly meetings of the EC** were held on a monthly basis two to three working in advance of the Monthly meeting. These meetings generally lasted at a minimum of one hour and fifteen minutes. The Chair set up and maintained meeting folders for the executive committee in a Google folder with editing privileges given to all executive committee members. The executive committee also conducted its work in between meetings over email. In addition, the Chair met with executive committee members on an individual basis to discuss action items pertaining to their work areas and address any concerns.
- The EC made the following **key decisions** (see details below) that helped advance the work of the Committee.
  - Continue to participate in the CSO FfD Group
  - Continue to lead on the ILO C-190 initiative
  - Continue the substantive work of the Committee through its three working groups.
  - Working Group meetings to be held outside regular monthly meeting times.
  - Collaborate on a special project survey in partnership with Salesian Missions Inc. and with interested members of the Committee to assess the impact of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and the Paris Agreement
  - Update the Committee’s by-laws and develop working rules for the effective functioning of the Committee.
  - As in the past, Monthly meetings will continue to be held on the first Wednesday of the month, but at the request of the membership, the duration of the meeting was scaled down from two and a half hours to two hours.

### **Working Groups**

- The scope of the Financial Inclusion Working Group was expanded to include Digital Inclusion. The Working Group was renamed as Financial and Digital Inclusion Working Group. The leads for the working groups are as follows:
  - Social Protection- Barry Herman, Thomas Pallithanam
  - Financial and Digital Inclusion (co-leads – Anita Thomas and Teresa Kotturan)
  - Climate Finance – (Lead - Marvie Misolas) (Note: Quinn Wonderland stepped down from her role as co-lead in November of 2020, but continued as a member of the Working Group)
- All three working groups conducted their meetings over Zoom. The first two working groups used the Committee’s Zoom account for these meetings.
- During the course of the year, working groups met and developed their respective inputs to the 2021 Financing for Sustainable Development Report (FSDR) outline. While some inactive members in the Group, most members actively contributed to developing the working group’s advocacy position statements, provide substantive

support to concept notes for meetings and consultations that the Committee organized, and helped organize side events.

### **Addis Ababa Coordinating Group**

- AThomas continues to participate in the ACG meetings on behalf of the NGO Committee.

### **Monthly Committee Meetings**

The Committee held a meeting in July 2020, took a summer break for the month of August and reconvened in September, and held monthly meetings till June 2021. All Committee meetings were held over Zoom. The Committee maintains detailed minutes of all its meetings which are posted to the shared monthly meeting folder. The treasurer provided a report at all Committee meetings and the report is also posted to the monthly meeting folder. A few key updates are included below:

#### **➤ July 1, 2020**

- Dr. Lester Salamon, Emeritus Professor and Director of the Center for Civil Society Studies, Johns Hopkins University presented to the Committee on the topic "Philanthropication thru Privatization: Tapping Non-Traditional Assets for People-Oriented Local Development Finance".
- Philipp Erfurth, Economic Affairs Officer, FSDO provided a briefing on FfD matters.
- The meeting had 27 attendees.

#### **➤ September 9, 2020**

- The executive committee provided updates on the key recommendations from the membership survey and proposed an action plan (based on discussions at the executive committee retreat) for the upcoming year.
- Attendees agreed by Zoom poll to continue with the three working groups and to conduct the working group meetings over Zoom outside regular monthly meetings.
- Philipp Erfurth, Economic Affairs Officer, FSDO provided a briefing on FfD matters.
- Elsa Barron from the University of Notre Dame joined as the new intern to support the implementation of stages 2, 3, and 4 of the special project. Stage 1 was completed by the first intern, Godsee Joy also from the University of Notre Dame.
- The meeting had 22 attendees.

#### **➤ October 7, 2020**

- The Financial Inclusion Working Group proposed to expand the focus of the working group to include digital inclusion and to rename the working group

as Financial and Digital Inclusion Working Group. This change by approved through a Zoom poll at the meeting.

- Philipp Erfurth, Economic Affairs Officer, FSDO provided a briefing on FfD matters. A report on the special project was provided.
- The meeting had 21 attendees.

➤ **November 4, 2020 –**

- Suvanga Parajuli, Second Secretary, Permanent Mission of Nepal to the United Nations provided a briefing on the work of the Second Committee of the UN General Assembly.
- Philipp Erfurth, Economic Affairs Officer, FSDO provided a briefing on FfD matters.
- Thomas Pallithanam provided an update on the Special Project.
- Levi Bautista, President of CoNGO provided an update on CoNGO activities.
- AThomas was invited by the UN Secretariat (at the recommendation of Alberto Padova from UNFSDO) to a planning committee to plan for a civil society dialogue as a follow up to the High-Level Event on Financing for Development. See more information in the section titled “Engagement in UN Processes”.
- NGO Coalition to End Violence and Harassment in the World of Work – The Coalition has submitted its advocacy letter endorsed by 1155 NGOs to the UN Member States.
- There were 21 attendees at the meeting.

➤ **December 2, 2020**

- All three Working Group started work on their respective inputs to the FSDR Outline.
- It was decided that any call for endorsement by the CSOFFD Group, as much as possible, should be approved by the Committee as a whole. On a case-by-case basis, especially when there is a quick turnaround time, the executive committee may take the decision to endorse or not to endorse the letter.
- Sarah Decuire, Economic Affairs Officer, FSDO provided a briefing on FfD matters.
- Ann Vaughan, Mercy Corps, Head, Influence and Advocacy Workstream, Zurich Flood Resilience Alliance, a consortium of 9 organizations, e.g., Red Cross, Concern Worldwide, Plan International, etc., and Zurich insurance provided a briefing on the Zurich Flood Resilience Alliance.
- There were 30 attendees at the meeting.

➤ **January 6, 2021 –**

- Philip Erfurth, Economic Affairs Officer, FSDO provided a briefing on FfD matters, and Resina Katofono, Economic Affairs Officer, Policy Analysis and

Development provided a briefing on the Financing for Sustainable Development Report focusing specifically on social protection with particular reference to the priorities and inputs of the NGO Committee on FfD' submission to the IATF report outline.

- Breakout discussions were held to plan for the annual breakfast meeting to discuss the roadmap to the 2021 FfD Forum. There were 28 attendees at the meeting.
- There were 24 attendees at the meeting.

➤ **February 3, 2021 –**

- The special project survey received over 1000 responses.
- The annual breakfast consultation organized by the Committee as a preparatory meeting for the 2021 FfD Forum was held on January 15 from 8:30 am – 10 am. There were 84 participants at the meeting including representatives of the Member States, UN agencies, NGOs, and CSOs) The report of the meeting can be accessed [here](#).
- Philip Erfurth, Economic Affairs Officer, FSDO provided a briefing on FfD matters.
- Martina Dorigo, Programme Analyst, Adaptation Fund provided a briefing on the work of the Adaptation Fund.
- There were 17 attendees at the February monthly meeting.

➤ **March 6, 2021**

- AThomas provided an update on consultation being organized at the invitation of the ILO for which the Committee will serve as the lead organizer. Background and additional information on the consultation are included in the section below titled "Engagement in UN Processes."
- Philip Erfurth, Economic Affairs Officer, FSDO provided a briefing on FfD matters.
- Anneleen Vos, Senior Policy Officer – Economic Programmes, International Rescue Committee and Prof Dr. Hans-Martin Zademach, Katholische Universität Eichstätt-Ingolstadt in Germany provided a briefing on the International Rescue Committee report "COVID-19 and Refugees' Economic Opportunities, Financial Services and Digital Inclusion."
- Elsa Barron provided a briefing on the progress of the special project survey.
- Joe Klock and A Thomas provided updates on the revisions to the various sections of the Committee's by-laws.
- Graciano Gaillard has created a LinkedIn account for the Committee.
- There were 28 attendees at the meeting.



➤ **April 7, 2021**

- A three-member nominating committee composed of Gillian D'Souza (Chair), Teresa Kotturan, and Veronica Branda was appointed.
- There were 28 attendees at the meeting.
- The Committee decided to hold three side events during the 2021 FfD Forum.
- Philip Erfurth, Economic Affairs Officer, FSDO provided a briefing on FfD matters.
- Anjali Rangaswami, Economic Affairs Officer, FSDO and Greg Barret, Economic Affairs Officer, FSDO briefing on the Development Cooperation Forum
- AThomas is follow up on opportunities for NGO interventions during the FfD Forum and the Development Cooperation Forum that were raised at the meeting.

➤ **May 5, 2021**

- The report for the ILO CSO consultation is being finalized.
- The amended by-laws were posted to the meeting folder. It was decided to approve the by-laws through the Doodle poll once the 14-day criteria for notice were met.
- Philip Erfurth, Economic Affairs Officer, FSDO provided a briefing on FfD matters.
- NGO Coalition to End Violence and Harassment is in conversation with the ILO Office in New York to organize a joint event.
- The Committee was invited by the UN Financing for Sustainable Development Office to propose names of ECOSOC or FfD Forum accredited NGOs to make interventions during the 2021 FfD Forum. Five NGO representatives from the Committee made interventions.
- The Committee was invited by the UN DCF office to propose the names of ECOSOC accredited NGO representatives to make interventions during the 2021 DCF Forum.
- AThomas served as focal point /resource person for the online platform access (as guided by UNFSDO) and provided substantive input and guidance for drafting interventions.

**Online presence**

- Website: The Committee's website - <http://www.ngosonffd.org/> is kept updated. AThomas maintains the website as an alternate executive committee member with website management skills is not available.

## **Social Media**

- The Twitter account <https://twitter.com/NGOsonFfd/> is kept reasonably active. As of 6/15/2021, the specifics are: Following: 316, Followers: 390
- The Facebook account <https://www.facebook.com/ngosonffd.ffd.3> As of 6/15/2021, the account has 51 likes.
- The Committee's LinkedIn account is under NGO Committee on Financing for Development. It has 11 followers.

## **Special Project Survey**

- The Committee initiated a special project focusing on a grassroots level survey in 2019 in partnership with the Salesian Missions of Ireland (through Salesian Missions Inc) and funded by Misesan Cara.
- The purpose of the project was to assess how effectively the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and the Paris Agreement are translating to the ground through the lens of the Committee's priority areas – Social Protection, Financial, and Digital Inclusion, and Climate Finance
- A Thomas served as the Project Manager on behalf of the NGO Committee and Thomas Pallithanam served as the liaison to Salesian Mission of Ireland (on behalf of the Salesian Missions Inc) and Misesan Cara and managed the reimbursements.
- Two students from Notre Dame University were recruited as interns to conduct the survey. Godsee Joy joined in June 2020 and stayed on till September 2020 to manage stage 1 of the project. Elsa Barron joined in September 2020 and managed stages 2 and 3 of the project. Each student also had worked with a professor from Notre Dame University as their guide for the project.
- A Thomas and T Pallithanam met with the project interns for an hour on a weekly basis from June 2020 to June 2021. All meetings were conducted on the Committee's Zoom account. Godsee spent a total of 230 hours on the project which included weekly meeting with AThomas and TPallithanam, meetings with her guide at the University, conducting research for the background document, consultations with working groups, providing updates at monthly meetings, and assisting with organizing a workshop and a side event. The total number of hours spent by Elsa Barron on the project as of June 14, 2021, are 331.25 hours, which included weekly meetings with AThomas and TPallithanam, meetings with her guide at the University, preparatory work for developing and disseminating the survey, coordination with partner organizations, providing updates at the monthly committee meetings and assisting with organizing workshops and side events.
- Nine members of the NGO Committee participated in this Project in collaboration with their partner organization in the field in 8 countries.
- Each participating organization signed an agreement that clarified their responsibilities and reimbursement policies and process.
- Two information sessions, a workshop, and a side event (where all organizational partners including partners on the ground shared their perspectives) focusing on the findings from the survey were organized as part of the project.
- More detail on the project, its findings, process followed, and survey methodology will be included in the Project survey report that is being finalized.

## **Engagements in UN processes**

### **➤ Civil Society Meeting, Financing for Development in the Era of COVID-19 AND Beyond**

- This meeting, convened by the United Nations, was held on Monday, 2 November 2020 from 9:00 am – 11:30 am. Stefano Pratto from the CSO FfD Group and Ingo Ritz from the Global Coalition Against Poverty and AThomas from the NGO Committee on FfD were invited to participate on the planning committee along with staff members from the UN Secretariat.
- To strategize on the program for the meeting, AThomas convened a Zoom discussion with interested Committee members, and with the intent of collaborating across isles with like-minded NGO Committees, a few NGO Committee Chairs were also invited. In addition to around 10 Committee members, the President of CoNGO, Chair of the NGO Committee on Migration, Chair of NGOCSW New York, and Co-Chair of NGO Committee on Social Development attended the meeting. A key recommendation from the group was to ensure testimonials from the ground are included.
- Key accomplishments from this effort for the Committee included:
  - Intervention on behalf of the NGO Committee delivered by Helen Saldanha, Vivat International
  - A testimonial video from Peru (by New School) as the opening video for the event, a second video on social protection developed by Frederich Ebert Stiftung, a speaker for the topic of Social Protection as recommended by AThomas on behalf of the NGO Committee were included in the program.

### **➤ Breakfast briefing on the roadmap to the FfD Forum**

- On January 15, 2021, from 8:30 am to 10:00 am, the Committee organized a virtual breakfast briefing and interactive discussion in preparation for the 2021 FfD Forum. The event was titled “The Recovery We Want: For People and Planet A virtual working breakfast briefing and interactive discussion in preparation for the 2021 FfD Forum”.
- Speakers for the opening discussion included Mr. Navid Hanif, Director, UNFSDO, Ms. Shari Spiegel, Chief, Policy Analysis and Development Branch, Ms. Beate Andrees, Special Representative and Director of the ILO Office for the UN, Mr. Robert Powell, Special Representative to the UN, IMF, and Mr. Audrey Liounis, Senior External Affairs Officer, The World Bank.
- Ambassador Munir Akram (ECOSOC President), Ambassador Robert Keith Rae (Canada), Ambassador Courtney E. Rattrey (Jamaica), Ambassador Rodrigo A. Carazo (Costa Rica), and Ambassador Magnus Lenartsson (Sweden) provided remarks. In addition, Member State and UN agency staff members, NGOs, and CSOs participated in the meeting.
- The concept note of the briefing and interactive discussion [can be accessed here](#)
- The summary notes from the meeting [can be accessed here](#)
- There were 84 attendees at the meeting.

➤ **Consultation with NGOs and Civil Society Organizations held under the auspices of the International Labour Organization (ILO)**

- The NY office of the International Labour Organization approached AThomas inviting the NGO Committee to convene a consultation with NGOs and CSOs to propose policy measures in relation to Cluster 2: socio-economic response: social protection, gender, youth, health, education, and human rights, for Financing for development in the era of COVID-19 and beyond. ILO serves as the lead for Cluster 3.
- AThomas convened a planning team for this meeting composed of Committee members which included Barry Herman, Winifred Doherty, Gillian D’Souza, and Thomas Pallithanam. In addition, Ingo Ritz, GCAP had approached the ILO indicating interest to collaborate on this effort and also joined this planning Group.
- The concept note for the meeting [can be accessed here](#).
- The consultation, held on March 11 from 8:00 am – 10:15 am, was very successful with 100 participants including NGOs, CSO, and UN agency staff members as speakers and breakout room resource persons.
- The final report has been submitted to the ILO. The report will be posted to the Committee’s website.

➤ **NGO Coalition to Stop Violence and Harassment in the World of Work (ILO C-190)**

- Background on the creation of the coalition and its composition was included in the June 5, 2019 – June 3, 2020, Annual Report of the NGO Committee and [can be accessed here](#) (page 8 of the report).
- AThomas was nominated as the Convener for the Coalition.
- The group is currently collaborating with the Group of Friends to combat Violence Against Women and Girls and the ILO to organize an Ambassadorial level event on June 29 as part of the ILO Action Week.
- The Coalition is also planning a follow-up consultation with NGOs who endorsed the advocacy letter (signed by 1155 NGOs and submitted to the Member States) to advance advocacy for ratification at the country level.

➤ **Contribution to the 2021 Financing for Sustainable Development Report**

- The Committee submitted a stakeholder contribution to the preparation of the 2021 Financing for Sustainable Development Report (Also referred to as the Inter-Agency Taskforce Report). This contribution was prepared in response to the draft outline of the IATF Report dated October 14, 2020.
- This submission was crafted with extensive consultation within the three working groups of the Committee. The submission has been

posted to the UN Financing for Sustainable Development Report website and [can be accessed here](#).

➤ **2021 FfD Forum**

- Five NGO representatives from the NGO Committee made interventions during the 2021 ECOSO FfD Follow-up Forum. These included AThomas (Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund), Thomas Pallithanam (Salesian Missions Inc), Eva Hanfstaengl (Social Justice Global Development), Fred Sullivan (Manup Campaign), and Martha Gallahue (United Religions Initiative) made interventions on behalf of the Committee at the FfD Forum.
- The Committee also organized 3 side events during the FfD Forum (see more detail under the section titled Side Events organized)

➤ **2021 Development Cooperation Forum**

- Two NGO representatives from the Committee made interventions during the 2021 DCF. This is the first time the Committee has facilitated NGO interventions at the DCF.
- The interventions were made by Daniel LeBlanc (Vivat International) and Gail M. Carter (Manup Campaign) made interventions on behalf of the Committee during the Development Cooperation Forum held on May 6th and 7. Daniel made his intervention on the 6th in the session “Strengthening Health Systems in Vulnerable Countries” held from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Gail made her intervention on the 7th in the session from 9.00 am to 11.00 am.

**Side events organized by the Committee during the 2020-2021 cycle**

➤ **Side event during the High-Level Political Forum 2020**

- The Committee organized a panel event titled “Overcoming systemic vulnerabilities and financing challenges for a fairer and sustainable future-intentional collaborative actions to address hunger, unemployment, and healthcare in the context of COVID-19” during the 2020 High-Level Political Forum HLPF on June 14 from 8:00 am – 9:30 am.
- The speakers included Dr. Viswas Mehta, Chief Secretary of Health, State of Kerala, India, Dr. Chantal Line Carpentier, Chief New York Office of the Secretary-General, UNCTAD, Mois Ballo, Senior External Affairs Officer, UN Food Programme, Ziada Nabembezi Zalwango, Co-Founder and Programs Director at ZACHEDO, Uganda, Harsh Mander, Director, Center for Equity Studies, India and George Menampambil, International Coordinator, Covid-19 Solidarity Network of Salesians of Don Bosco, Rome, Italy. AThomas served as the moderator of the event.
- The event flyer can be accessed here: [HLPF Side Event](#)
- The event had 100 attendees.

➤ **Side event during the 2021 Financing for Development Forum**

- The Committee organized three side events during the 2021 FfD Forum.
  - Digital and Financial Inclusion: Pathways to promote an inclusive post-COVID-19 socio-economic recovery on April 12 from 1:15 pm – 2:45 pm. The event flyer and concept note [can be accessed here](#)
  - Financing Nature-Based solutions is a path to holistic and equitable recovery from pandemic on April 14 from 1:15 pm – 2:45 pm. The event flyer [can be accessed here](#). The concept note [can be accessed here](#).
  - Grassroots Community-based research findings: “Asks” to Strengthen Social Protection, Digital and Financial Inclusion, and Climate Finance in a Post-COVID-19 Era. The event flyer and concept note [can be accessed here](#)

**Appreciation:**

The Committee extends its deep appreciation and thanks to Committee members who will not be rejoining us next year and to those who have made valuable contributions to advance the work of the Committee:

- Jean Paul Pezzi for his long-term commitment to the Committee’s work.
- Joe Klock for his valuable contributions as Secretary of the Committee and for ensuring that the minutes of the Committee's meetings were thorough, accurate, and developed in a timely manner. As a founding member of the Committee, New Humanity has been a long-term member of the Committee since its inception. Joe’s presence and contributions will be deeply missed.
- Godsee Joy, the Committee’s special project intern for stage one, for setting the ground for the special project and for valuable contributions to advance the work of the Committee.
- Elsa Barron, the Committee's special project intern for stages two and three, who will be leaving us by the end of June, for developing and conducting the survey, for ensuring the special project met its expectations and deliverables and for her valuable contributions to advancing the work of the Committee. Our best wishes to her in the next chapter of her career.
- The nominating Committee members - Gillian D’Souza, Teresa Kotturan, and Veronica Brand- for their thorough hard work in assembling a slate for the 2021-2022 executive committee.

- Martha Gallahue for coordinating the efforts to develop a consolidated advocacy statement.
- The Working Group leads for developing effective work strategies and meeting the deliverables for their respective Groups.

Our deep appreciation and thanks also go to our external partners:

- UNFSDO and especially to Philip Erfurth, FSDO for his valuable briefings, and for the ongoing support extended to the Committee to participate effectively in the UN FfD processes.
- Salesian Missions of Ireland and Misean Cara for partnering with the Committee on the Special Project.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Executive Committee of the NGO Committee on Financing for Development by Anita Thomas, Chair, NGO Committee on Financing for Development

June 16, 2021