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Executive summary

The NGO Committee on Financing for Development, created in 2004 as a substantive committee of the Conference of NGOs in Consultative Relationship with the UN, facilitates NGO advocacy on Financing for Development at the at the United Nations in New York.

Mission and Purpose of the NGO Committee:

The NGO Committee supports the goal to “end poverty and hunger and to achieve sustainable development in its three dimensions through promoting inclusive economic growth, protecting the environment, and promoting social inclusion,” as outlined in the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and the Monterrey Consensus. It offers a venue for both new and established non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to advocate to further the commitments of the Monterrey Consensus, the Doha Declaration, and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda as well as to learn, discuss, and contribute to the plans, activities, and initiatives pertaining to financing for development discussions at the United Nations in partnership with different stakeholders within the UN system.

This year, as in the previous three years, the executive committee developed a strategic plan with Objectives and SMART Goals to track the work committed to being done at the beginning of the year. The Committee accomplished 10 out of the 17 SMART Goals, is making good progress on 7 out of the remaining 8 goals and needs more focused effort on one of the goals. The challenges we faced were purely on account of the extent to which NGO representatives are committed to multiple advocacy priorities and financing for development is just one of those priorities. FfD being a technical topic also means a steep learning curve for representatives not familiar with FfD discussions. Still, the Committee made great strides this year as in the previous years.

The Committee held 10 monthly meetings, a virtual breakfast briefing on financing for development with the UN Member States, and 4 side events. To summarize a few key accomplishments this year:

- Submitted a written response to the Inter-Agency Taskforce Report outline fourth year in a row
- Held a breakfast discussion with the UN Member States for the fifth year in a row
- Provided direct input to the FfD Forum outcome document in the drafting stages
- Drafted a consolidated advocacy statement and reflected those points in interventions made at the UN
- Continued our strong collaboration with other NGO Committees
- Strengthened membership participation at monthly meetings where in they managed the educational component of the agenda
- Conducted an annual orientation session on Financing for Development
- The Committee continues to be effective in a virtual working format honing its focus, efforts, and ability to organize targeted events.
- Working Groups held regular meetings, and made substantive contributions to the action items in front of the Committee specifically in the following areas:
 - ❖ Drafting input to the 2022 Financing for Sustainable Development Report
 - ❖ Organizing side events
 - ❖ Drafting a consolidated Advocacy Statement
- Staff member(s) from FSDO provided briefings at 7 out of the 10 monthly meetings.

Background details on the NGO Committee

1. The leadership of the NGO Committee:

- Chair - Anita Thomas, Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund (DBA Women First International Fund)
- Vice-Chair -Yvonne O'Neal, Africa Development Interchange Network
- Secretary – Martha Gallahue, United Religions Initiative
- Treasurer – Daniel LeBlanc, Vivat International
- Member-at-large – Position vacant since April 18, 2022. Graciano Gaillard, Global Foundation for Democracy and Development served in this role from June 2021-April 2022.
- Member-at-large – Quinn Wonderling, General Board of Church, and Society- United Methodist Church

2. Aims and objectives of the Committee:

- The NGO Committee aims to “confront the challenges of financing for development” by staying engaged as advocates for the Addis Ababa Action Agenda’s “action areas.” Those actions include Domestic public resources, domestic and international private business and finance, international development cooperation, international trade as an engine for development, Debt, and debt sustainability, addressing systemic issues, and Science, technology, innovation, and capacity-building.
- The NGO Committee works to strengthen consultative relationships with the Financing for Sustainable Development Office of the United Nations Secretariat. The NGO Committee reviews the work of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (ECOSOC) and various United Nations Commissions from the perspective of integrating issues related to Financing for Development into the work of these bodies.

3. Membership period: The membership cycle of the Committee is from September 1 to August 31 of the next year. Annual Membership due is \$40 payable by Zelle or by check.

4. Annual Meetings: The annual meeting of the Committee is held every June. So, the annual reports cover the period from the annual meeting of the previous year to the annual meeting of the current year. The chairperson and treasurer present an annual report and finance report respectively at every annual meeting of the Committee. Elections take place at the annual meeting every other year.

5. Monthly meetings: Monthly meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month from 1-3 pm. With the onset of COVID-19, the Committee has been meeting virtually by Zoom since January of 2019.

6. United Nations entities the Committee consults, works with, and involves in its work:

The Committee engages actively with the UN Financing for Sustainable Development Office, the International Labour Organisation New York office, and the UN Member States. At its side events, breakfast consultations, and monthly meetings, the Committee makes concerted efforts to include speakers from the UNFSDO, the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, the UN Member States, and relevant UN agencies. The Committee is a

founding member of the Addis Ababa Coordinating Group, the coordinating body of the Civil Society Financing for Development Group.

7. Major achievements of the committee for this cycle:

- Transitioning effectively into a virtual format of working with the onset of COVID-19, and continuing to meet its goals and objectives efficiently, effectively, and in a robust manner.
- Maintaining a strong relationship with the UN Financing for Sustainable Development Office.
- Publishing the report of the grant-funded grassroots project in partnership with Misesan Cara, Salesians of Ireland, and the Salesian Missions Inc to assess how effectively the commitments made under the Addis Ababa Action Agenda transition to the ground, from the lens of the Committee's three priority areas, Social Protection, Financial Inclusion, and Climate Finance.
- The above project received an innovation project award from Misesan Cara. The award included a citation and 1000 Euros. This came about as the project was entered, by our project partner, the Salesians of Ireland, for an Innovation Project Award competition conducted by Misesan Cara.
- Continuing to strengthen the Committee's joint advocacy efforts with the NGO Coalition to End Violence and Harassment in the World of Work (composed of four CoNGO Committees - NGO Committee on FfD, NGO Committee on CSW (NY), NGO Committee on Migration, and NGO Committee on Social Development in partnership with the NGO Committee to Stop Trafficking in Persons). AThomas serves as the Convener of the Coalition. This coalition is a good example of the Committee's interest and intent to collaborate across aisles and outside silos to advocate common priorities.
- Organized 4 excellent panel discussions (3 side events and 1 parallel event), annual orientation on FfD, and a breakfast session with the UN Member States to prepare for the FfD Forum
- Submitted a written response to the draft outline of the 2022 Financing for Sustainable Development Report, through the joint efforts of the three working groups.
- Reformatted the education segment of the monthly meetings to encourage the direct contribution of members to the monthly meeting, wherein members took turns to summarize articles of significance to the Committee's work. This also offered the members an opportunity to speak about the work of her/his organization and to generate an interactive discussion among the attendees.
- Adopted the Committee's consolidated advocacy statement, drafted collaboratively by the three working groups. The Committee has not developed such a statement in the past.
- Provided direct input to the 2022 FfD outcome document's zero draft, first draft, and second draft based on consultations in the Working Groups and with input from the membership.

Summary of the NGO Committee's activities from June 15, 2021- June 8, 2022

1. Elections

- The Committee held its elections on June 15, 2021, when a new executive committee was elected. The list of the executive committee members is included under background details on the first page of this report

2. Executive Committee's work

- The Chair held one-on-one meetings with each of the executive committee members, soon after the election, to discuss the scope of their respective roles and to respond to questions.
- **An annual survey** was disseminated to all members in the first week of August.
- **Annual Retreat** of the EC was held on August 19-20 virtually. With the intent to develop a road map for the Committee's work in the upcoming year, the Executive Committee:
 - **Met with**
 - Working Group Co-leads - Social Protection (Daniel LeBlanc, Thomas Pallithanam), Financial and Digital Inclusion (Anita Thomas and Teresa Kotturan), Climate Finance (Quinn Wonderling and Fred Sullivan), and Barry Herman.
 - Mariangela Parra-Lancourt, Chief, Strategic Engagement and Policy Integration Branch, United Nations Financing for Sustainable Development Office, and Sarah Decuire, Economic Affairs Officer, UN FSDO
 - **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 2021-2022 cycle of the Committee.

3. **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.

Objectives	
1	Ensure the voices of those from the grassroots and marginalized communities are heard at substantive sessions and hearings at the UN.
2	Educate membership on the substantive aspects of the Financing for Development Agenda so that they are well equipped to participate in and report on FfD substantive sessions and hearings and monitor the implementation of AAAA.
3	Influence the implementation of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda with focused priority statements. Build the capacity of members to develop and deliver these statements at FfD-specific substantive sessions and hearings.
4	Prepare for the 2022 ECOSOC FfD Follow-up.
5	Organize parallel events/side events on FfD-related topics during CSocD, IMF/WB Spring Meetings, FfD Forum, and the CSW or 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	Robust social media presence
10	Raise awareness and build action around the Committee's priority areas.
11	Participate effectively in the Addis Ababa Coordinating Group of CSOFFD Group.
12	Conduct Mission Visits
13	Continue to strengthen collaboration with the Financing for Sustainable Development Office (FSDO)

	SMART Goals	Status	Notes
1	Organize new members' briefing (as needed) and an annual orientation webinar	Accomplished	
2	Hold a breakfast session in preparation for the 2022 FfD Forum.	Accomplished	
3	Have a Member State speaker at (at least) 5 monthly meetings of the Committee.	Accomplished	Deputy PR from Haiti presented at a committee meeting. Member States joined at the annual breakfast meeting and on 3 out of 4 of the side events.
4	Organize at least four side events	Accomplished	Held a side event during the 2022 Commission on Social Development, a parallel event in

			partnership with the NGO Committee on Migration during the 67th Commission on the Status of Women, and two side events during the 2022 FfD Forum.
5	Hold at least 2 side events in co-sponsorship with Permanent Missions	1 of 2 accomplished	A CSO strategy session/ consultation on ILO C-190 was held in partnership with the Permanent Mission of Fiji and the NGO Coalition to End Violence and Harassment in the World of Work.
6	Each working group to hold at least 8 meetings during the year	Accomplished	
7	Each working to organize a side event	Accomplished	SPWG and FDIWG held side events during the FfD Forum. CFWG will hold its event during the Ocean Conference.
8	Each working to conduct an education session for the monthly meeting	Good progress	While Working Groups had not conducted any educational sessions, 10 Committee members provided educational sessions which included summarizing articles, advocacy training, and an overview of their respective organizations' work on the ground
9	Adopt the Committee's advocacy statement drafted with input from all three working groups	Accomplished	
10	Develop and implement the advocacy strategy building on the advocacy statement	In Progress	Key recommendations from the advocacy statement were included in all the written input by the Committee, interventions made on behalf of the Committee by members, and as part of the input to the 2022 FfD Forum outcome document. The intent is to develop a strategy for Mission visits and advocacy to begin in October. Yvonne O'Neal has agreed to coordinate this effort.
11	Add six new members	3 out of 6 accomplished	Zonta International, STUF United, and Temple of Understanding
12	Develop an internal blog	In progress	Anita Thomas and Rick O'Sullivan had initial discussions on this matter.

13	Provide input to the 2022 Inter-Agency Task Force Report outline	Accomplished	
14	Develop and implement a social media strategy to ensure current website, active Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn account	In progress	A social media strategy was developed by Quinn Wonderling and Graciano Gaillard. The website is kept current, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram are active, but the engagement on LinkedIn was not strong
15	Make six interventions at the UN (FfD related meetings)	3 out of 6 accomplished	2 during the FfD Forum and 1 for the ILO event on
16	Set up a Google Group for the Committee	Accomplished	
17	Nominate a speaker (grassroots preferably) to an official UN/FfD meeting	0 out of 1	FfD Forum process for nomination for speakers and those for making interventions was different this year compared to last year which made it difficult to make nominations. The Committee made every attempt to include a grassroots speaker at its side events organized during the FfD Forum and other major UN Conferences we participated in.

4. **The Monthly meetings of the EC**

- The meetings were held two to three weeks in advance of the Monthly meeting. These meetings generally lasted 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 conducted its work in between meetings over email and a WhatsApp Group was also created for ease of communication and quick decision-making.

5. **Working Groups**

- The Co-leads for the working groups are:
 - Social Protection -Daniel Le Blanc, Thomas Pallithanam
 - Financial and Digital Inclusion - Anita Thomas and Teresa Kotturan
 - Climate Finance - Quinn Wonderling and Fred Sullivan
- All three working groups conducted their meetings over the Committee's Zoom account.
- During the course of the year, working groups met and developed their respective inputs to the 2022 Financing for Sustainable Development Report (FSDR) outline. Not all members who signed up to be part of a Group attended meetings or participated

actively in the work of the group bringing added work to the working group co-leads with follow-up.

6. Social Media

- The Committee has a Twitter account, Instagram account, Facebook account, and LinkedIn account.
 - The Twitter account <https://twitter.com/NGOsonFfD> is kept reasonably active. As of 6/8/2021, the specifics are: Following: 482 followers and follows 387 Twitter account holders.
 - The Instagram handle is @tther1ch. The specifics are: 57 followers and follows 205 Instagram accounts. Since its creation on 10/29/21, 12 posts have been made.
 - Currently, there are two existing Facebook accounts for the Committee, and they need to be combined into one page. Formatting updates also need to be made to ensure the account functions effectively as a page. Updates are being posted periodically.
 - The LinkedIn account is the least effective with 17 followers.

7. Addis Ababa Coordinating Group

- AThomas continues to participate in the ACG meetings on behalf of the NGO Committee. However, the lack of clarity in the decision-making processes (ACG vs. a core group referred to frequently by the group leader in meetings) of the Group makes it difficult to meaningfully/impactfully contribute to the work of the Group.

8. Monthly Committee Meetings

The Committee took a summer recess for July and August and reconvened in September. Key updates from the monthly meetings are included below:

➤ June 15, 2021

- This was the annual meeting of the Committee where a new executive committee was elected. AThomas thanked the nominating committee, Gillian D’Souza, Teresa Kotturan (TKotturan), and Veronica Branda for their efforts to convene a strong executive committee.
- AThomas presented the Annual Report and Marvie Misolas presented the Treasurer’s report. The Annual Report received positive feedback. Levi Bautista, President of CoNGO shared his appreciation “for a very comprehensive report” and shared that he has made it known to Anita to other members of the Committee that he praises the work of the Committee. Barry Herman shared “Bravo! Wonderful report and a very successful year” and commended Anita for the thorough overview and report. Teresa Kotturan “Thank you Anita thank you Exec and thank you, everyone, for making it a wonderful year despite being in a lockdown. Kudos to everyone!
- Martha Gallahue (Gallahue) who is leading the efforts to develop a consolidated advocacy statement for the Committee, taking into consideration the priorities of

the three working groups, presented the latest version and requested feedback. Based on feedback, Gallahue will work with AThomas to present an updated statement at the next meeting.

- Philipp Erfurth, Economic Affairs Officer, UN FSDO provided a briefing on FfD matters. He thanked the Committee for its full participation at the FfD Forum with many interventions – good collaboration, mutually beneficial. He shared that the President of ECOSOC has called for the SDG Action Fair as part of the FfD process and to be made year long and not just one week. AThomas thanked him for all the support he has extended to the committee over the year and for the opportunities he facilitated for the Committee for making interventions and holding side events during the FfD Forum.

➤ **September 8, 2021**

- The executive committee provided an update on the key discussions at the annual executive committee retreat, recommendations from the annual membership survey, and proposed objectives and SMART Goals for the upcoming year. There was an extensive discussion on the proposed objective and SMART Goals for the Committee. One of the key recommendations was to gather and train grassroots speakers well ahead of time.
- Philipp Erfurth, Economic Affairs Officer, UN FSDO provided a briefing on FfD matters. Topics of discussion included priorities outlined by the President of ECOSOC H.E. Mr. Collen Vixen Kelapile, Permanent Representative of Botswana – ongoing debt issues, official development assistance, private investment, Climate Finance, global tax issues, and urgency to increase resources for developing countries.
- AThomas shared the Committee’s aspirations for the FfD Forum participation in the upcoming year to repeat slots for 12 interventions - more from the ground, prepare for a breakfast session, contribute to the IATF Report, and conduct Mission visits.
- The advocacy statement was adopted (see statement under the section on documents).
- There were twenty-seven attendees at the meeting.

➤ **October 3, 2021**

- The executive committee updates included:
 - The NGO Coalition to End Violence and Harassment in the World of Work’s advocacy consultation was held at 8 am on September 8.
 - Planning an orientation session on FfD issues for the wider NGO Community. Yvonne O’ Neal is taking a lead on organizing this session.
 - 2022 FfD Inter-Agency Taskforce Report outline and plan for submitting written feedback as in the previous years
 - The annual strategic plan which includes the Committee’s scope of work, timelines, and deliverables.
 - Advocacy priorities and steps to actualize them.
- Ms. Shari Spiegel, Chief, Policy Analysis and Development Branch, Financing for Sustainable Development Office, DESA, and Dr. Mariangela Para-Lancourt,

Chief, Strategic Engagement and Policy Integration Branch, Financing for Sustainable for Development Office, United Nations presented at the meeting. Shari Spiegel provided an overview of the IATF outline and preparatory work for the report and Mariangela Parra-Lancourt provided an overview of the follow-up to the FfDI initiative and implementation of the Secretary General's Common Agenda.

- At the recommendation of the Chair, the executive committee approved a regular agenda item (time permitting) for monthly meetings where a committee member would provide a summary of an article. The article can be proposed by a member or can be picked from one of the articles that the Chair compiles for the monthly meeting resource folder
 - The purpose of this exercise is for members to have opportunities to contribute to the monthly meetings, for attendees to learn about the member organization's work, and to stay updated on issues of importance for the Committee's work and the FfD agenda. The summarization is followed by an interactive discussion among the attendees.
 - Rick O'Sullivan summarized the article [How much will vaccine inequity cost?](#) from the Economist Intelligence Unit.
 - Daniel LeBlanc summarized the article [What We Owe Each Other](#) by Manouchehr Shafik
 - Yvonne O' Neal summarized the article [Poverty Fighters](#) by Esther Duplo and Abhijit Banerjee, MIT
- There were twenty-eight attendees at the meeting.

➤ **November 3, 2021**

- The executive committee updates included:
 - AThomas shared the link for the report and strategy document of the NGO Coalition to End Violence and Harassment' consultation on September 8 about advancing ratification of ILO-C-190. The links for these documents are included on page 16 of this report.
 - Quinn Wonderling and Graciano Gaillard developed a social media strategy at the request of the executive committee.
 - Working Groups were requested to develop the scope of work, deliverables, and timelines for their work ahead.
- Dr. Guy Metayer, Deputy Ambassador of the Permanent Mission of Haiti to the United Nations joined and shared his insights about the \$75 million grant from the International Development Association of the World Bank for the private sector jobs and economic transformation project in aid. An abridged version of Ambassador Metayer's presentation can be [accessed here](#).
- TKotturan summarized the [article](#) "The Deal We Always Wanted: A Feminist Action Framework to Reshape Our Digital Destiny" by Anita Guru-Murthy, Nandini Chami, from Friederich Ebert Stiftung Research. Teresa's summary can be [accessed here](#).
- Cynthia Mathew to share about her organization's recent work, through the Loreto Rainbow Homes, continue to keep in touch with the disadvantaged girl

children from the street whom they have educated and have moved on to pursue higher education or career. A summary of Cynthia's sharing can be [accessed here](#).

- AThomas proposed that the working groups begin the work to draft written feedback to the draft outline of the 2022 Financing for Development published in October 2020.
- There were twenty-seven attendees at the meeting.

➤ **December 8, 2021**

- Executive Committee updates
 - The Committee's annual virtual breakfast meeting, as a preparatory meeting for the 2022 FfD forum will take place on February 3, 2022, from 8:30 am - 10:00 am. A planning team is being convened.
 - ILO New York invited AThomas, in her capacity as the convener of the coalition, to share a video message to be included along with video messages by Ambassadors of the Member States that have ratified the Convention. The message was posted to Coalition's Twitter account at @ngo_ilo to the Twitter account of ILO New York and the other NGO Committee members of the Coalition.
 - Thomas Pallithanam shared that the Committee's special project won a cash award of 1000 Euros from Misesan Cara. This came about as the project was entered, by our project partner, the Salesians of Ireland, for an Innovation Project Award competition conducted by Misesan Cara. Hard copies of the report are in production and are expected to be shipped in March.
- Veronica Brand, Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary had participated in COP 26 in Glasgow and provided an insightful and very informative report. Her PowerPoint presentation can be [accessed here](#)
- There were eighteen attendees at the meeting.

➤ **January 12, 2022**

- Executive Committee updates
 - The planning team for Breakfast Meeting has been assigned [AT, Teresa K, Barry Herman, Winifred Doherty, and QW.
 - The Committee's feedback on the IATF Report was submitted on time and received a positive response from Shari Spiegel.
- Elsa Barron, the Committee's Special Project intern from the previous year provided a youth perspective from her experience attending COP26 and in the Blue Zone. Three episodes of her podcast can be [accessed here](#). Photos from the session can be [accessed here](#)
- FSDO office briefing - Nelly Rita Muriuki and Kirill Saltanov, UNFSDO joined the session to receive queries from the Committee to prepare for future FSDO briefings.
 - In addition to queries on the logistics and organization of the FfD Forum, members also requested feedback on the follow-up to the SG's Common Agenda; Canada/Jamaica Initiative; the Debt Group (headed by

Pakistan), and more clarity on the alignment between climate finance and FfD (as it was highlighted in the Financing for Sustainable Development Report draft outline).

- Quinn Wonderling summarized the [article](#) by the Stanford Social Innovation Review titled: “What ‘Cash Plus’ Programs Teach Us About Fighting Extreme Poverty” – Her summary can be [accessed here](#).
- There were twenty-four attendees at the meeting.

➤ **February 2, 2022**

- Executive Committee updates
 - AThomas provided an update on the progress of preparation for a side event during the 60th session of the Commission on Social Development. She invited members to co-sponsor the event (only organizations available to help with organizing the event can be co-sponsors). The final flyer and concept note can be accessed under the event section of this report.
 - The Committee will be partnering with the NGO Committee on Migration to hold a parallel event during the 67th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women
 - Paul Babu, Masters’ level student based in India joined the Committee as a short-term intern.
- Briefing on FfD matters – Dr. Mariangela Para Lanacourt, Chief, Strategic Engagement and Policy Integration Branch, Financing for Sustainable Development Office, UN
 - Dr. Lanacourt provided a briefing on the preparations for the FfD Forum and responses to the queries that the members had shared with Nelly Muiriki at the January meeting.
 - She acknowledged AThomas’s support and submission of questions through Nelly Muriuki and Kirill Saltanov, FSDO staff members who had attended the January meeting
- Nadja Kvasnicka-Fleischer (Zonta International) provided an overview of Zonta Intl.’s work and summarized an [article](#) titled, “Who cares for the future: Finance gender-responsive public services.” (TK had forwarded this article to AT). The summary can be [accessed here](#)
- There were twenty-four attendees at the meeting.

➤ **March 2, 2022**

- Members provided feedback on the breakfast session. They found the discussions to be valuable and insightful and appreciated the opportunity to engage directly with Member States.
- Kirill Saltanov and Nelly Rita Muriki, FSDO provided a briefing on the preparations for the FfD Forum, the side event application process, and the drafting of the outcome documents. - Executive Committee updates
- Teresa Kotturan (TK), Sisters of Charity Federation provided a presentation on "Effective advocacy and strategies for Mission" based advocacy work pertaining to Haiti, through a working group initiated by faith-based communities. Teresa was invited to share her insights from this experience to provide clarity on

advocacy processes at the UN, especially to those members who are new to the Committee.

- Arely Bellorini, World Vision International summarized the [article](#) “Rethinking Multilateralism for a Pandemic Era”. Her summary can be [accessed here](#).
- Christina Hu shared her personal experience in Ukraine during her work in the Peace Corps in Ukraine during the Orange Revolution in 2004 and about the situation of her host family who lives 2 hours outside of Kyiv. Attendees also discussed the outcome of the UNG GA Resolution on Ukraine. A Thomas will share a Google sheet where members can add the name of organizations providing support on the ground.
- There were twenty-four attendees at the meeting.

➤ **April 6, 2022**

- Executive Committee updates
 - Graciano Gaillard, Member-at-Large, will step down from the role on April 18 due to family commitments. The executive committee will consult to identify a committee member to step into the role.
 - Paul Babu, the Committee intern, will be developing a primer on Climate Finance. He will also develop a landscape analysis on Blue Bonds.
- Aldo Caliri, Senior Director of Policy and Strategy, Jubilee USA Network provided an overview of the current debt discussions and Jubilee USA’s work in this area. A transcript of Aldo’s presentation can be [accessed here](#)
- Nelly Rita Muriki, FSDO provided a briefing on the status of FfD Forum, modalities for civil society engagement, and the process for providing input to the outcome document. AT expressed gratitude for facilitating the opportunity for the Committee to provide input to the outcome document. Nelly shared that the committee’s recommendations pertaining to digital financial inclusion and social protection have made it into the outcome document. However, with regard to the climate finance input, not much could be done to include the proposed recommendations as there is strong intent to keep the language close to the Glasgow document. The three side event proposals by the NGO Committee have been approved.
- Liliane Nkuzimana, Bahai’ International Community summarized an article titled “Taxing for a New Social Contract” by Alex Cobham. The article and summary can be accessed [here](#).

➤ **May 4, 2022**

- Executive Committee updates
 - The Committee held two side events (put forth by the Social Protection Working Group and by the Financial and Digital Inclusion Working Group) (56 in attendance for both events), actively promoted these events and involvement at the FfD Forum through the Committee’s social media platforms through our social media channels, and nominated three people for making interventions, (Teresa Kotturan, Thomas Pallithanam, and Rebecca Irby (RI)). Teresa and Thomas were able to deliver their oral intervention. All three interventions can be

- The side event proposed by the Climate Finance Working Group had to be withdrawn as the Group was not able to confirm speakers at least a week in advance of the event date. AT advised Quinn and FSullivan to put it forth either for the Ocean Conference or the HLPF. QWonderling submitted the proposal to the Ocean Conference and was approved to be held.
- Advocacy efforts by the NGO Coalition to End Violence and Harassment in the World of Work (ILO C-190) will be reconvening on 12 May (after a few month's gaps due to commitments the Chairs of each of the Committees had to their respective areas of work pertaining to UN meetings -CSW, CSocD, and FfD). Currently, 12 countries have ratified the Convention.
- Anneleen Vos | Senior Policy Officer –Economic Programmes, International Rescue Committee presented the findings from recent studies (focusing on Financing in Displacement, women’s economic empowerment, and gender-based violence). She summarized the findings from 3 IRC recent reports on the impact of violence, economic empowerment, and financing (interviewed 280 refugees in 3 different countries - Kenya, Uganda, and Jordan) on displaced women. The three reports can be [accessed here](#)
- Swami Venkataraman, CFA, Associate Managing Director, presented an overview of Moody’s ESG (Environmental and Social Governance). He spoke of Moody’s rating process – the impact of climate change on sovereign ratings. He presented a slide of credit impacts on 144 countries. SV shared a quantitative analysis of governance, social and other issues. Some countries have clear guidelines as to budget management. The spreadsheet with sovereign ESG scores and the accompanying report can be [accessed here](#). Special appreciation to Cristina Hu for inviting Swami Venkataraman.
- There were thirty attendees at the meeting.

9. Engagements in UN processes

➤ Orientation on Financing for Development

- The executive committee organized an orientation session on Financing for Development titled "Revisiting Financing for Development" which was held on November 5, 2021, from 1-2:30 pm. The flyer and concept note can be [accessed here](#).
- The session was moderated by Dr. Barry Herman. AThomas provided the opening remarks and Yvonne O’ Neal provided the closing remarks. Speakers were:
 - Dr. Mariangela Parra-Lancourt, Chief, Strategic Engagement and Policy Integration Branch, United Nations Financing for Sustainable Development Office
 - Hon. Irene Ovonji-Odida, Member, FACTI Panel & AU/ECA High-Level Panel on IFFs from Africa (Mbeki Panel)
 - Mr. Roberto Bissio, Executive Director, Instituto del Tercer Mundo

- Aldo Caliori, Senior Director of Policy and Strategy Jubilee USA Network
 - YO'Neal took the lead in organizing the event. AThomas, Daniel LeBlanc, QWonderling, and MGallahue managed various aspects of the event organization and management.
- **Side event during the 60th Session of the Commission on Social Development**
 - The Committee organized a panel event titled, “Investing in Youth Capital: A Key Driver for Inclusive Sustainable and Resilient Recovery from Poverty and Hunger.” in partnership with the Salesian Mission Inc. Additional co-sponsors included the United Women First International Fund, Religions Initiative, Africa Development Interchange Network, Sisters of Charity Federation, Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary, General Board of Church and Society – United Methodist Church and Vivat International.
 - The event was held virtually on February 15, 10:00 am-11:15 am. The flyer and the concept note can be [accessed here](#). Speakers represented the Permanent Mission of Uganda to the UN, the ILO, World Food Programme, NGO, and grassroots speakers. The event had 120 registrants and around 80 attended
 - AThomas moderated the panel at the invitation of Salesian Missions Inc, initiator of the side event.
 - AThomas and TPallithanam took the lead in organizing the event. TKotturan, YO'Neal, QWonderling, JPalafox supported with event organization.
- **Parallel event during the 65th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women**
 - The event was held in partnership with the NGO Committee on Migration on March 16. The topic was “Feminist and Decolonial Approaches to Climate-Induced Migration, Loss and Damage.” The flyer and the concept note can be [accessed here](#) H.E. Ambassador Satyendra Prasad, Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Fiji to the United Nations joined the session as a speaker. AThomas had invited the Ambassador. NGO Committee on Migration invited the other five speakers. AThomas moderated the panel at the request of NGOCOM, as the person originally invited could not participate and others were not willing to step into the role due to the complicated topic. There were 108 registrants and around 70 attended the session.
 - AThomas took the lead on behalf of the Committee to help organize the event. QWonderling also attended the planning meetings.
- **Breakfast briefing on the roadmap to the FfD Forum**
 - On February 22, 2022, from 8:30 am to 10:00 am, the Committee organized a virtual breakfast briefing and interactive discussion in preparation for the 2022 FfD Forum. The event was titled “Act Now: Financing for a People and

Planet Centered Recovery, A virtual working breakfast briefing and interactive discussion in preparation for the 2022 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 Robert Keith Rae (Canada), Ambassador (DPR) Philip Ochen Andrew Odida, (Uganda), Ambassador (DPR) Guy Metayer, and Ambassador Charlotta Schlyter, CdA, (Sweden) provided remarks. In addition, Member State representatives, 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 planning team comprised AThomas, TKotturan, Winifred Doherty, BHerman, TPallithanam, and QWonderling
- There were eighty-four attendees at the meeting.

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

- The NGO coalition conducted a multistakeholder consultation and strategy session titled “STRATEGIES TO END VIOLENCE AND HARASSMENT IN THE WORLD OF WORK - PROMOTING RATIFICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION’S CONVENTION 190 A MULTI-STAKEHOLDER INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE AND STRATEGY SESSION” on September 8, 2021. AThomas moderated this session. The concept note of the session can be [accessed here](#)
- Speakers included:
 - Vice President of Liberia H. E. Dr. Jewel Howard Taylor
 - H.E. Dr. Satyendra Prasad, Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Fiji to the UN
 - H.E. Ms. María del Carmen Squeff, Ambassador, Permanent Mission of Argentina to the UN
 - H.E. Ms. Joan Cedano Ambassador, DPR, Permanent Mission of Dominican Republic to the UN
 - Manuela Tomei, Director, WorkQuality Department, International Labour Organization.
- The report from the session can be [accessed here](#)
- The strategy document from the session can be [accessed here](#)

➤ **Contribution to the 2022 Financing for Sustainable Development Report**

- The Committee submitted a stakeholder contribution to the preparation of the 2022 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 21, 2022.

- 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](#)

➤ **2022 FfD Forum**

- Two NGO representatives from the NGO Committee made interventions during the 2022 ECOSOC FfD Follow-up Forum. These included Teresa Kotturan (Sisters of Charity Federation). Thomas Pallithanam (Salesian Missions Inc) made interventions on behalf of the Committee at the FfD Forum.
- The Committee also organized two side events during the FfD Forum

➤ **Side event during the 2022 Financing for Development Forum**

- The Committee organized two side events during the 2022 FfD Forum. Both events had around sixty participants.

1. Financing for Universal and Crisis-Responsive Social Protection and Decent Jobs: Proposals of 2021 UN Inter-Agency Working Group on April 26 from 8:00 am- 9:30 am. The event flyer and concept note [can be accessed here](#).

- AThomas served as the lead organizer, Special appreciation to Amber Barth (ILO), Barry Herman, Arelys Bellorini Jason Manrique, TKotturan, QWonderling, TPallithanam, and DLeBlanc for co-sponsorship and support with organizing the event.
- AThomas provided welcome remarks. Dr. Barry Herman moderated the session. Speakers were:
 - H.E. Mr. Philippe Kridelka Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Belgium to the UN
 - Mr. Helmut Schwarzer, Senior Social Security Specialist for the Americas, Social Protection Department, ILO Geneva
 - Mr. David Stewart, Chief of Child Poverty and Social Protection, UNICEF
 - Dr. Santosh Mehrotra, Research Fellow, IZA Institute of Labour Economics, Bonn, Germany
 - Ms. Tikhala Itaye, Director, Global Movement Building, Women in Global Health
 - Mr. Yilbel José Acosta Parra, Red Salesinana de Casas, Don Bosco Network

2. Exploring Digital Finance's Real Promises and Challenges for Development April 27 from 8 am -9:30 am. The concept note and event flyer can be [accessed here](#).

- AThomas serves as the lead organizer and moderator of the session. Special appreciation to Rick O' Sullivan, Janet Palafox, Lilianne Nkunuzimana, TKotturan, YO' Neal, and Fred Sullivan for co-sponsorship and support in organizing the event.
- Speakers were:
 - Dr. Purva Khera, Economist, International Monetary Fund

- Mr. Johannes Ehrentraud, Senior Advisor, Financial Stability Institute, Bank for International Settlements
- Ms. Sofie Blakstad, CEO of hiveonline and author of Fintech Revolution: Universal Inclusion in the New Financial Ecosystem
- Ms. Anneleen Vos, Senior Economic Policy Officer, International Rescue Committee
- Mr. Prabhat Labh, CEO, Grameen Foundation India
- Ms. Mercy Buku, Program Leader, Toronto Center

➤ **The Chair represented the Committee in the following venues:**

- Delivered a statement at the World Day of Social interactive discussion organized by ILO New York on February 21. The video recording and statement [can be accessed here](#).
- Speaker at the Zonta International advocacy series on February 25
- During the 16 days of activism, ILO released a composite of individual videos where Ambassadors of some of the countries that have ratified the ILO C-190 and AT on behalf of the ILO Coalition to End Violence and Harassment in the World of Work had contributed. The consolidated video can be [accessed here](#)
- Presented to the NGO Committee to Stop Trafficking in Persons on the linkage between trafficking and Financing for Development
- Speaker and rapporteur for Panel 1 of the CoNGO Summit held on October 25, 2021.
- Speaker at the World Information Transfer September 15, 2021, education session on Financing for Development. Her PowerPoint slides can be [accessed here](#)
- Speaker (on behalf of the NGO Coalition to End Violence and Harassment in the World of Work) at the Meeting on Ending Violence and Harassment at Work held under the auspices of the Group of Friends for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and Girls, held on June 29, 2022. Her presentation, PowerPoint slides and the concept note of the event can be [accessed here](#).

10. The Executive 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:

- a) Martha Gallahue for her long-term support of the Committee's efforts through her work as Chair of the Nominating Committee in 2019, taking lead on developing a consolidated advocacy statement with input from the Working Groups, and for serving as the Secretary of the Committee for the 2021-2022 cycle.
- b) Marvie Misolas, who moved back to the Philippines in February. We are grateful to her for establishing the Climate Finance Working Group, serving as its lead for two and serving as treasurer of the Committee for two years
- c) Graciano Gaillard for his contributions as Member-at-Large on two consecutive executive committees and for the support GFDD extended to the Committee by offering its conference room for some of the executive committee meetings.

- d) Misesan Cara for the innovation award for the Special Project and for the 1000 Euros given as part of the award.
- e) Mariangela Para-Lancourt and Nelly Muiriki for their support of the Committee's efforts and for facilitating opportunities for the Committee to engage on FfD matters
- f) Philipp Erfurth, FSDO for his support of the Committee's work in early 2021
- g) Beate Andres, Amber Barth, and Mathieu Cognac at the ILO Office in New York for the partnership and opportunities extended to the Committee.

11. Links for key documents, statements, and reports

- a) Special Project Report - Grassroots Around the Globe Examining community access to Social Protection Financial and Digital Inclusion and Climate Finance - Pre and Post Pandemic can be accessed [here](#).
- b) Report from the Strategy and Consultation session organized by the NGO Coalition to End Violence and Harassment can be accessed [here](#)
- c) A strategy document built off the recommendations from the above report (item b) can be accessed [here](#)
- d) Report of the Financing for development in the era of COVID-19 and beyond: Consultation with NGOs and Civil Society organizations organized at the invitation of the International Labour Organization was posted to the ILO website and can be accessed [here](#)
- e) The NGO Committee on FfD's submission to the 2022 Financing for Development – Inter-Agency Taskforce Report can be accessed [here](#).
- f) Statements presented by the members of the NGO Committee on FfD at the 2022 ECOSOC Financing for Development Forum follow-up can be accessed [here](#)

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

A treasurer's report was submitted by Daniel Le Blanc, Treasurer, on behalf of the Executive Committee of the NGO Committee on Financing for Development

Timeline of submissions:

The Annual Report, including the treasurer's report, was presented at the Committee's Annual Meeting held on June 8, 2022

Membership approved the Annual Report, including the treasurer's report, at the Committee's monthly meeting held on September 16, 2022.

The Annual Report was submitted to the Conference of NGOs on October 14, 2022.

Addendum

Links to annual reports from the previous years

- The annual report of the Committee for the period – June 3, 2020 – June 15, 2021, can be [accessed here](#)
- The annual report of the Committee for the period – June 5, 2019 – June 3, 2020 can be [accessed here](#).
- The annual report of the Committee for the period June 6, 2018 – May 31, 2019 can be [accessed here](#).
- All prior reports can be accessed on the Committee’s website at [this link](#)

Membership of the Committee

- The Committee’s membership list can be accessed on its website at [this link](#).