



**A REPORT OF THE NGO COMMITTEE ON FINANCING FOR
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Executive summary

The NGO Committee on Financing for Development (NGO Committee), 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 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.

As in the previous four years, the executive committee developed a strategic plan with Objectives and SMART Goals and measured its progress against these Goals. A summary of its activities for the current membership cycle is included below:

- Elected a new slate of executive committee members at its annual meeting held on July 7, 2023.
- Held nine monthly meetings which included invited speakers as well as education sessions conducted by members.
- Organized ten substantive sessions (side events, orientation sessions, parallel events, and consultation).
- Held a virtual breakfast consultation with the UN Member States for the seventh consecutive year in preparation for the FfD Forum.
- Conducted an annual orientation session on Financing for Development.
- Conducted two Mission visits. Additional visits are being organized.
- Submitted a written response to the Financing for Sustainable Development Report (FSDR) for the sixth consecutive year.
- Provided direct input to the FfD Forum outcome document in the drafting stages.
- Delivered six interventions at the 2024 FfD Forum.
- Updated the consolidated advocacy statement and reflected those points in interventions made at the UN by members, presentations by the Chair, and visits with Permanent Missions.
- Continued strong collaboration with other NGO Committees.
- Working Groups held regular meetings and provided support for drafting input to the 2024 FSDR, organizing side events, updating the advocacy statement, and participating in Mission visits.
- Staff member(s) from FSDO provided briefings at 8 out of the nine monthly meetings.

Background details on the NGO Committee

A new Executive Committee (EC) was elected at the Committee's Annual Meeting held on July 7, 2023.

1. The leadership of the NGO Committee:

- Chair - Anita Thomas, Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund (DBA Women First International Fund)
- Vice-Chair -- Janet Palafox, Institute of Blessed Virgin Mary Loretto
- Secretary – Marides Santos, Vivat International (nominated and elected at the September meeting as this position was not filled at the annual meeting)
- Treasurer – Christina Hu, STUF United
- Member-at-large – Jimmy Walters, Sisters of Charity Federation
- Members-at-large - Unfilled

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 next year. Annual Membership due is \$40 payable by Zelle or by check.

4. Annual Meetings: The Committee has been holding its annual meetings in June or July at which the Chair presents an annual report and the treasurer presents the annual financial report.

5. Monthly meetings: Monthly meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month from 1-3 pm, except in cases of unavoidable conflicts for more than fifty percent of the EC members.

6. United Nations (and civil society) 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. In 2024, the Committee began engaging with UNHCR's New York office and UNICEF. The Committee, as a founding member of the Addis Ababa Coordinating Group, the coordinating body of the Civil Society

Financing for Development Mechanism (previously Group), continues to participate in its work. The Committee engages actively in CoNGO initiatives and makes substantive contributions to CoNGO programs when invited to do so.

7. Additional details on the Committee's activities during this membership cycle are as follows:

- Held ten monthly meetings so far, seven of them in a hybrid (virtual and in-person) format and three in a fully virtual format. The in-person components of the hybrid meetings were held either at the Bahai International Community Conference Room or at the World Vision conference room.
- Maintained a strong relationship with the UN Financing for Sustainable Development Office.
- Continued 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 (co-organized in some cases) 8 excellent panel discussions (5 side events and three parallel events), annual orientation on FfD, and annual virtual breakfast briefing and consultation with the UN Member States. The panel discussions were held on the sidelines of the ECOSOC Partnership Forum, the Commission on Social Development, the Commission on the Status of Women, and the ECOSOC FfD Forum Follow-up.
- Submitted a written response to the draft outline of the 2024 Financing for Sustainable Development Report, for the sixth consecutive year, through the joint efforts of the three working groups. The submission is posted to the UNDESA website and can be accessed [here](#).
- Updated the Committee's advocacy priorities. The advocacy priorities can be accessed [here](#)
- Provided direct input to the 2024 FfD Forum outcome document through channels that the Committee already established through its Mission visits and virtual consultations.
- The Chair represented the Committee at 10 external events (speaker, moderator, guest, and contributor)
- The Chair served on the advisory group for the ECOSOC Partnership Form. She was nominated by the Conference of NGOs (& the President of CoNGO) to serve in this role.
- Several members conducted monthly education sessions during the monthly meetings, wherein they summarized and facilitated discussions on articles and reports of significance to the Committee's work. This also offered the members an opportunity to speak about the work of her/his organization.

Summary of the NGO Committee's activities from July 8, 2023- May 23, 2024

1. Executive Committee's work

The monthly meetings of the EC were held on the third Tuesday of the month from 3:00-4:00 pm via Zoom but were adjusted on occasions due to schedule conflicts for members. The Chair developed the agenda and maintained Google meeting folders for the EC meetings with editing privileges given to all EC members. The secretary drafted the minutes and action items of the meetings. The EC conducted its work in between meetings over email and WhatsApp Group. The Chair also held one-on-one meetings with the executive members at the beginning of the membership and during the year if needed, to provide guidance, discuss the scope of their respective roles, and respond to questions.

An annual evaluation will be disseminated to all members before the annual meeting to be held on July 18. The purpose of the survey is to receive membership feedback on the Committee's activities, to be reviewed by the EC at its annual retreat.

The annual Retreat of the EC will be held in person on August 30 from 10 am -4:00 pm in a hybrid format. The purpose of the retreat is to develop a road map for the Committee's work in the upcoming membership cycle.

2. Objectives and SMART Goals

As in the previous year, the Chair drafted a strategic plan for the Committee which was reviewed by the executive committee and approved at the October 4 meeting of the NGO Committee. The strategic plan can be accessed [at this link](#). The plan lists fifteen objectives and nineteen SMART Goals for the 2023-2024 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. The EC also invited working group leads to develop a strategy and SMART Goals for their work ahead.

NGO Committee on FfD objectives for 2023-2024

1	Ensure due consideration is given to the principles of leaving no one behind and eradication of poverty as well as how they will help move the needle on the larger FfD agenda and the Committee's advocacy priorities, as the Committee develops its activities.
2	Educate the 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	Promote 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	Ensure voices from the grassroots and marginalized communities are heard on FfD matters at the United Nations
5	Prepare for the 2024 ECOSOC FfD Follow-up and IMF World Annual and Spring Meetings.
6.	Advocate for a 4 th FfD Conference ensuring adequate preparation for a substantive follow-up and with a clear advocacy strategy for the Committee while engaging in these efforts.
7	Organize parallel events/side events on FfD-related topics during the ECOSOC Partnership Forum, CSoCD, CSW, FfD and Forum. Additional events may also be held, such as during IMF/WB meetings or at a conference where a working group sees synergy with the topic of the conference.
8	Collaborate with other NGO Committees
9	Invite NGOs outside the FfD realm to get engaged in the work of the Committee.
10	Ensure the Working Groups function in a robust, effective, and efficient manner.
11	Ensure a robust social media presence
12	Ensure the Committee functions in an organized and efficient manner across all areas
13	Raise awareness about and build action around the Committee's priority areas.
14	Participate effectively in the coordinating group of CSOFfD Mechanism to advance the Committee's advocacy agenda.
15	Conduct Mission Visits.
16	Strengthen collaboration with the FfD office.

SMART GOALS



1	Develop a process for meeting objective 1. .
2.	Organize new members' briefings by the executive committee (as needed) and an annual orientation webinar
3	Hold <i>two</i> breakfast sessions in preparation for the 2024 FfD Forum.
4	Have a Member State speaker at (at least) <i>three</i> monthly meetings of the Committee
5	Organize at least <i>four</i> side events
6	Hold at least <i>two</i> side events in co-sponsorship with Permanent Missions
7.	Include the voices of the grassroots and marginalized communities in Committee-organized side events and parallel events and advocate to include those voices in FfD-specific and related substantive sessions and hearings at the UN.
8	Each working group to develop an annual strategic plan
9	Each working group is to hold at least <i>eight</i> meetings during the year
10	Each working group to help organize <i>one</i> side event

11	Each Working Group to conduct an education session on their priority issue for the monthly meeting
12.	Organize education sessions on each of the pillars of AAAA
13	Develop and implement the advocacy strategy (including the advocacy efforts pertaining to the Fourth FfD conference) building on the advocacy statement
14	Add six new members
15	Develop internal and external blogs
16	Develop and implement a social media strategy to ensure current website, active Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn account
17	Provide input into the Inter-Agency Taskforce Report
18	Make 6 or more oral interventions at UN meetings
19	Nominate a speaker (grassroots preferably) to an official UN meeting
20	Co-organize an event with the UN FSDO
21	Develop a strategy to do a follow-up study in countries where the special project was conducted

22	Develop a Mission visit strategy and conduct year-round Mission visits to at least 8 Permanent Missions
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23	Put in place a coordinated process to finalize and upload all Committee meeting reports to the website and videos to the YouTube channel.
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3. **Working Groups**

The NGO Committee has three working Groups focusing on Social Protection, Financial and Digital Inclusion, and Climate Finance. The scope of work of each of the working groups can be accessed on the Committee's website at [this link](#).

The Co-leads for the working groups were:

- Social Protection -Marides Santos and Anne Deepak
- Financial and Digital Inclusion - Anita Thomas and Linda Sama
- Climate Finance - Christina Hu and Veronica Brand

All three working groups conducted their meetings over the Committee's Zoom account.

During the course of the year, working groups focused on developing their respective inputs to the 2024 Financing for Sustainable Development Report (FSDR) outline, preparing for a side event during the FfD Forum, and supporting Committee-wide efforts such as Mission visits.

Reports from the three working groups are included below:

- **Social Protection Working Group :**

The Social Protection Working Group (SPWG) plays a vital role within the NGO Committee on Financing for Development. Its mission is to champion the commitment to “Leave No One Behind” (LNOB) as we work together to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) outlined in Agenda 2030. LNOB serves as the overarching aim, emphasizing inclusivity and equity. The Addis Ababa Action Agenda (AAAA), informed by previous Financing for Development conferences and the Paris Climate Agreement, provides the policy framework for implementing Agenda 2030. Within the AAAA, countries have embraced a new social compact, focusing on supporting vulnerable populations through social protection systems, including social protection floors.

The SPWG's core activities include monthly meetings, ad hoc sessions for event planning, and drafting written statements. During these gatherings, the group reviews essential U.N. documents, relevant articles, and databases. Notably, the SPWG contributed input to the Committee's 2024 FSDR submission to the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) on Financing for Development. This year, the SPWG organized a side event at the FfD Forum titled “Global Accelerator on Jobs and Social Protection for Just Transitions and its Implementation.” Additionally, they engaged with FfD committee members in Washington, D.C., supported interventions at the FfD Forum, and highlighted how worker cooperatives can enhance social protection during the Committee's monthly meeting. Looking ahead, the SPWG aims to expand its membership and collaborate with other committees and NGOs. A priority area involves advocating for a deeper understanding of the impact of austerity measures and debt

on social protection programs. Furthermore, the group is co-organizing a side event during the Summit of the Future in September.

By championing social protection, the SPWG contributes significantly to the broader goal of leaving no one behind in our pursuit of sustainable development.

- **Financial and Digital Inclusion Working Group:**

The Financial and Digital Inclusion Working Group (F&DIWG) is an essential component of the NGO FfD Committee and is critical in advocating for the well-being of marginalized and vulnerable communities facing deep disparities in access to inclusive finance and digital financial products and services. Focused on leaving no one behind in a highly digitized age and acknowledging that access to financial products and services is a human right, this Working Group sets priorities for educating stakeholders on inclusion strategies that would promise transparent, safe, accessible, and affordable digital financial services for people living in poverty, especially women who suffer the greatest poverty deficits as a consequence of financial and digital exclusion. Committee members are continuously educated on emerging issues to facilitate their active participation in relevant FfD sessions and to grow their capacity to address these issues in written priority statements.

To meet its strategic goals, the F&DIWG meets at least once a month, with additional ad hoc meetings for event planning, and preparing written statements or proposals. Monthly meetings included reviews of key U.N. documents as well as articles and databases relevant to its work. Among its activities this year, the Working Group drafted an input for the Committee's submission to the 2024 FSDR of the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) on Financing for Development; assisted in planning for the Committee's side event at the 2024 ECOSOC Partnership Forum ("Shaping a Resilient Future for People and the Planet"); organized a side event for the 2024 ECOSOC Financing for Development Forum Follow-up. ("Investing in Safe and Inclusive Digital Public Infrastructure"); supported with two interventions at the FfD Forum; submitted a proposal for the IMF/World Bank Spring 2024 meetings and joined other FfD committee members at the meetings in Washington, D.C.; developed and circulated a survey to NGO Committee on FfD member organization's engagement on financial inclusion. The FDIWG is currently drafting a proposal for submission to Financial Inclusion Week, to be held in October of this year. Expanding membership and liaising with other committees and NGOs is a key goal for the upcoming year, to broaden the working group's reach and areas of expertise.

- **Climate Finance Working Group:**

The Climate Finance Working Group (CFWG) is made up of members from the NGO Committee on Financing for Development. CFWG meets monthly to discuss climate finance priorities on behalf of the NGO Committee on Financing for Development and hosts an annual side event at the United Nations Financing for Development Forum. The Working Group contributed to the Committee's input to the 2024 Financing for Sustainable Report. It also updated the annual climate-specific advocacy priorities of the Committee.

Most recently, with COP28 agreeing to establish a loss and damage fund for vulnerable countries, CFWG also renewed its focus on the topic. CFWG organized the "Reframing

Climate Finance: Navigating Loss and Damage” panel discussion as a side event at the 2024 ECOSOC Financing for Development Forum Follow-up.

4. Social Media

The Committee has a Twitter account, Instagram account, Facebook account, and LinkedIn account. Twitter

5. Addis Ababa Coordinating Group (ACG)

ACG is the coordinating body of the Civil Society Financing for Development Mechanism. AThomas represents the Committee on the ACG. She participates in the coordination meeting. She participated in the strategy meeting of the Group held in Nairobi, Kenya in February 2024

6. Monthly Committee Meetings

The Committee took a summer recess in August and reconvened in September. The meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month from 1-3 pm in a hybrid format, virtually via Zoom and in-person at the Bahai International Community Conference Room or the World Vision Conference Room or held virtually via Zoom, when a meeting room was unavailable. AThomas set the agenda for the monthly meetings in consultation with the EC, compiled resource materials (articles and reports of relevance to FfD) and posted them to the monthly meeting folder, invited speakers for the meeting, and identified members of the Committee to conduct educational sessions on substantive topics related to Financing for Development. At every meeting, MSantos presented the minutes of the previous meeting, and CHu presented a treasurer’s report. Key updates from the monthly meetings are included below:

➤ **July 7, 2023**

- This was the annual meeting of the Committee.
- The agenda for the meeting can be accessed [here](#).
- AThomas presented the Annual Report and Daniel LeBlanc presented the Treasurer’s report. The Annual Report received positive feedback.
- Dr. Mariangela Parra Lancourt, Chief, Strategic Engagement and Policy Integration Branch, Financing for Sustainable Development Office provided an overview of the FfD agenda for the upcoming year.
- A new EC (as listed at the beginning of this report) was elected.
- There were twenty-four attendees at the meeting.

➤ **September 6, 2023**

- The agenda for the meeting can be accessed [here](#)
- The annual report and treasurer’s report presented on July 7 was approved.
- The EC shared updates from the EC retreat, recommendations from the annual membership survey, and proposed objectives and SMART Goals for the upcoming year. The meeting focused on reviewing the annual strategic plan and SMART Goals
- There were twenty attendees at the meeting.

➤ **October 4, 2023**

- The agenda for the meeting can be accessed [here](#).
- Dr. Mariangela Parra Lancourt, Chief, Strategic Engagement and Policy Integration Branch, Financing for Sustainable Development Office provided a briefing.

- Anjoulie Woodhead, Jubilee USA conducted an educational session on the Secretary General Report on the Promotion of inclusive and effective international tax cooperation at the United Nations and the General Assembly Resolution adopted in December 2022. The documents can be accessed [here](#)
 - The Committee approved its strategic plan for the year.
 - There were eighteen attendees at the meeting.
- **November 2, 2023**
- The agenda for the meeting can be accessed [here](#).
 - Dr. Mariangela Parra Lancourt, Chief, Strategic Engagement and Policy Integration Branch, Financing for Sustainable Development Office provided a briefing.
 - Ivan Lorenci of Sikh Human Rights Group shared insights on [Open-Ended Working Group on Transnational Corporations](#)
 - Rick Sullivan summarized and analysed the [Report](#) of the Special Rapporteur on the Role of Business in Realizing the Right to Development
 - There were eighteen attendees at the meeting.
- **December 6, 2023**
- The agenda for the meeting can be accessed [here](#).
 - Oliver Schwank, Chief, Policy Analysis, FSDO/DESA provided a briefing on the preparations for the drafting of the 2024 Financing for Sustainable Development Report.
 - Rick Sullivan provided a summary and key recommendations of the [Report](#) of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of climate change.
 - A farewell was given to Cynthia Mathew as she was returning to India where she will continue her practice as a lawyer to advance the rights of the Indigenous people, especially the Dalit communities. Cynthia has been a pillar for the Committee. She was a member of the EC and the ILOC 190 Coalition.
- **January 10, 2024**
- The agenda for the meeting can be accessed [here](#).
 - Dr. Mariangela Para Lancourt, UNFSDO provided a briefing on the preparation for the 2024 FfD Forum
 - Sheharbano Ali, representative of All Pakistan Women Association (APWA) and a new member of the Committee presented on the work of APWA.
 - Rick Sullivan provide a summary and key recommendations of the [Report](#) on extreme poverty and human rights.
 - There were twenty-four attendees at the meeting.
- **February 7, 2024**
- The agenda for the meeting can be accessed [here](#).
 - AThomas presented an addition to the operational guidelines, which is an addendum to the Committee's by-laws. This addition is to provide clarity to

members and the working groups on the Committee's processes and guidelines for events organized under the Committee's banner during UN meetings.

- Anne Deepak and Sophia Caporusso, representatives of the International Federation of Social Workers and a new member of the Committee presented on the work of IFSW.
- Zeb Kreiter, Economic Affairs Officer, FSDO provided a briefing on the FSDR and the preparations for the FfD Forum
- Rebecca Irby reviewed the article [Russia, Ukraine, and Global Food Security: A One-Year Assessment](#)
- AThomas provided an update on the preparations for the virtual breakfast consultation with Member States and UN agencies to be held on February 16
- There were eighteen attendees at the meeting.

➤ **March 6, 2024**

- The agenda for the meeting can be accessed [here](#).
- AThomas provided a report on:
 - The annual virtual breakfast meeting of the Committee held on
 - Her participation at the strategy meeting of the Civil Society Financing for Development Mechanism strategy meeting held in Nairobi, Kenya
- MSantos in her capacity as the Committee's liaison to the NGO Committee on Social Development share that a working group preparing for next year's World Social Summit has been created.
- Paul Divakar, Convener, Global Forum of Communities Discriminated on Work and Descent; Executive Director, Inclusivity Project and a new member of the Committee provided an overview of the organization's work and interlinkages to Financing for Development.
- Zeb Kreiter, Economic Affairs Office, FSDO provided a briefing on the preparations for the FfD Forum
- JPalafox who is coordinating Mission Visits for the Committee presented the Mission Visits Strategy
- There were nineteen attendees at the meeting.

➤ **April 3, 2024**

- Agenda for the meeting can be accessed [here](#).
- AThomas reported on the two events organized by the Committee during CSW, one on ILO Convention 190 and the second event, on migrant remittances, conducted in collaboration with the NGO Committee on Migration.
- Mr. Rodolfo Reta Haddad, delegate for the 2nd and 3rd Committees for the Permanent Mission of Mexico provided a briefing on Friends of Monterrey Retreat and Mexico's perspective on the FfD Forum.
- Zeb Kreiter, Economic Affairs Office, FSDO provided a briefing on the preparations for the FfD Forum.

➤ **May 3, 2024**

- The agenda for the meeting can be accessed [here](#).

- AThomas reported on the two side events and a parallel event that the Committee held during the FfD Forum, and the six interventions delivered by the Committee Members during the official segment.
- Ms. Orria Goni Delzangles, Global Chief, Public Finance and Local Governance, UNICEF Financing for the Social Sectors, and the broader engagement through key initiatives such as the Integrated National Financing Framework.
- Zeb Kreiter, Economic Affairs Officer, FSDO joined for a debrief of the FfD Forum and provided updates on the prep com for the 4TH FfD Conference to be held in Spain in 2025.
- There were twenty-four attendees at the meeting.

➤ **June 1, 2024**

- The agenda for the meeting can be accessed [here](#)
- AThomas updated the group that she submitted a 15-page Interim Report of the Committee's activities to the board of CoNGO, which is a requirement for all CoNGO Committees.
- Ms. Vanessa Bransburg, Worker Cooperatives helping advance social protection in the United States -Co-Executive Director, Operations and Programs, Democracy at Work Institute discussed their work promoting worker cooperatives. She explained how cooperatives can provide social protections and higher wages for marginalized workers in low-paying industries. Her presentation can be accessed [here](#).
- Dr. Mariangela Parra Lancourt, Chief, Strategic Engagement and Policy Integration Branch, Financing for Sustainable Development Office provided updates on the preparations in the lead-up to the Prep Comm in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and the roadmap for the FfD conference.
- Committee Members extended their gratitude appreciation to Sr. Winifred Doherty for her long-term contributions to the Committee. She returned on June 30, 2024.
- There were twenty-two attendees at the meeting.

7. Written and oral inputs to UN processes

➤ **Contribution to the 2024 Financing for Sustainable Development Report**

- The Committee submitted a stakeholder contribution to the preparation of the 2024 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 25, 2023.
- The submission has been posted to the UN Financing for Sustainable Development Report website and can be accessed [here](#).

➤ **Interventions made by members at the 2024 ECOSOC FfD Forum Follow-up.**

- Six members of the Committee- made interventions at the Forum. The interventions can be accessed [here](#).

8. Events (Side events, parallel events & consultations) organized or co-sponsored by the Committee

- a) **Workshop for civil society organizations on the Economic and Financial Policy challenges at the UN:** The EC organized an orientation session on Financing for Development titled " From Commitments to Action: A Roadmap for Financing for Development" which was held on November 16, 2023, from 8:30 am- 10 am via Zoom. Dr. Barry Herman moderated the session. AThomas provided the opening remarks and Janet Palafox provided the closing remarks. The flyer and concept note can be accessed [here](#). **The recording of the session uploaded to the Committee's YouTube channel can be accessed [here](#).**

The Speakers were:

- Dr. Mariangela Parra-Lancourt, Chief, Strategic Engagement and Policy Integration Branch, Financing for Sustainable Development Office, United Nations
 - Ms. Cynthia Samuel-Olonjuwon, Special Representative to the UN and Director of the ILO Office for the United Nations (TBC)
 - Ms. Barbara Adams, Chair, Board of the Global Policy Forum
 - Mr. Aldo Caliarì, Senior Director of Policy and Campaigns, Jubilee USA Network
- b) **Side event during the UN Partnership Forum:** On January 30 via Zoom from 8:15 am – 9:30 am, the Committee held a panel discussion titled " Shaping a Resilient Future for People and the Planet: Transforming Landscapes, Lives, and Livelihoods through Multi-stakeholder Partnerships". The flyer listing the speakers and the link for the concept note can be accessed [here](#). The recording of the session is to be uploaded to the Committee's YouTube channel.
- c) **Official Program of the UN Partnership Forum:** On January 30, 2024, the Committee jointly organized. with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Special Advisor to the UN Secretary-General on Public-Private Partnerships, Islamic Social Financing, Local Authorities Major Group, Women's Major Group, and Business and Industry Major Group. the official program segment titled "SDG Action Segment Goal 1; No Poverty". The session was held from 3-4 pm in the ECOSOC Chamber, UN Headquarters. The session link can be accessed [here](#).
- d) **Side event during the 62nd Session of the UN Commission for Social Development (CSocD62):** On February 14, 3:00-4:15 pm EDT, the Committee co-sponsored a side event titled "Navigating the Post-Pandemic Economy: Alternatives to Austerity and Pathways to Sustainable Development?" organized by the Sikh Human Rights Group, a member of the Committee.
- e) **Annual virtual breakfast consultation on the roadmap to the FfD Forum:** On February 16, 2024, via Zoom from 8:30 am – 10:00 am, the Committee organized a virtual breakfast briefing and interactive discussion titled "Polarization to Multilateralism: Can Financing for Development Mend a Fractured World?". The event was by invitation and had ninety-five attendees. The concept note, program, the list of confirmed Member State attendees and additional details can be accessed [here](#). A recording of the opening segment can be accessed [here](#).
- f) **Harassment in the World of Work Session of the Commission on the Status of Women:** On March 13, 2024, via Zoom from 8:30 am to 10:15 am, the Committee along

with the four other NGO Committee members of the NGO Coalition to End Violence and Harassment in the World of Work, organized a panel discussion on the topic “Accelerating Gender Equality through systemic change in the world of work”. The flyer which provides the link for the concept note can be accessed [here](#).

The speakers were:

- Mr. Rakesh Patry, Director General, International and Intergovernmental
- Labour Affairs, Employment and Social Development Canada
- Ms. Wendy Chun-Hoon, Director, Women’s Bureau, U.S. Department of Labor
- Hon. Neema Lugangira, Member of Parliament of Tanzania
- Ms. Valentina Beghini, Legal Specialist on Violence, Harassment and Non-Discrimination, Gender, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, ILO
- Ms. Roya Garayeva, Vice-Chair of the ITUC-Women’s Committee and representative of ITUC affiliate AHK in Azerbaijan
- Ms. Samia Zahid, Chairperson, APWA Punjab, Pakistan

AThomas moderated the session. The video of the session is to be uploaded to the Committee’s YouTube channel.

- g) **Parallel event two during the 68th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women:** On March 14, 2024, via Zoom from 12:30 – 2:00 pm, the Committee organized a panel event titled “Financing gender equality for women workers in migrant and marginalized communities” in partnership with the NGO Committee on Migration. The concept note can be accessed [here](#). The video of the session is to be uploaded to the Committee’s YouTube channel.

- h) **Parallel event during the 2024 ECOSOC Financing for Development Forum Follow-up:**

On April 22, 1:15-2:30 pm EST, in a hybrid format (via Zoom and in-person at the World Vision International conference room), the Committee organized a side event titled “Global Accelerator on Jobs and Social Protection for Just Transitions and its Implementation”. BHermon moderated the session. AThomas provided the opening and closing remarks. The Social Protection working group of the Committee helped with the organizing of the event. The flyer providing the link for the concept note can be accessed [here](#).

The speakers were:

- Valérie Schmitt, Deputy Director, Social Protection Department, ILO
- Dr. Wamuyu Mahinda, Founding Partner, Collaborative Value Partners – Africa
- Paul Divakar Namala, Executive Director, The Inclusivity Project

- i) **Side event one during the 2024 Financing for Development Forum:**

On April 23, from 1:15 -2:30 pm, the Committee held a side event titled “Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC): Financial Inclusion’s Silver Bullet or Crypto-nite?”, in a hybrid format, in-person at the Bahai International Community Conference Room and via Zoom. The Financial and Digital Inclusion working group of the Committee along with a few additional members of the Committee helped with the organizing of the event. The flyer for the session providing the link for the concept note can be accessed [here](#). The video of the session is to be uploaded to the Committee’s YouTube channel.

The speakers were:

- Ms. Karen de Brouwer, Director for Financing for Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Mexico
- Mr. Tommaso Mancini-Griffoli, Division Chief of the Payments, Currencies, and Infrastructure division, International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- Mr. Jose Aurazo, Visiting Economist, Bank of International Settlements
- Ms. Nanjira Sambuli, Fellow, Technology and International Affairs, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
- Ms. Efe Ukala, Founder, ImpactHER

AThomas moderated the session. The video of the session is to be uploaded to the Committee's YouTube channel.

j) **Side event two during the 2024 Financing for Development Forum:**

On April 24, from 1:15 -2:30 pm, the Committee held a side event titled "Reframing Climate Finance: Navigating Loss and Damage?", in a hybrid format, in-person at the Bahai International Community Conference Room and via Zoom. The Climate Finance Working Group of the Committee helped with the organizing of the event. The flyer for the session providing the link for the concept note can be accessed [here](#). The video recording of the session can be accessed

The speakers were:

- Mr. Filimone Ralogaivau, Acting Director, Climate Change Division, Office of The Prime Minister
- Mr. John Gilroy, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Ireland to the United Nations
- Mr. Derrick Rowan John, Guyana Community Chairman, National Toshaos Council/Guyana
- Ms. Lani Kamauu Yamasaki, Kahu, Adjunct Professor at the University of Hawai'i and

The Pacific Regional Indigenous Doctors Congress

Rebecca Irby, and Elsa Barron moderated the session. AThomas provided opening remarks and Veronica Brand provided closing comments.

9. Representation by Chairperson at external events

The Chair represented the Committee at the following external events:

- Speaker at UN GA side event co-organized by the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Development, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in New York and the United Nations Development Program on the topic " Inclusive and Sustainable Development: Role of Business The session was held on October 12 from 1:15-2:30 pm in Conference Room E, UNHQ. The concept can be accessed [here](#).
- Made an intervention on December 13, 2023, at the virtual consultation in preparation for the Summit of the Future. The purpose of the session organized by Germany and Namibia, the co-facilitators of the Summit of the Future, was for participants to share their expectations for the Summit and offer concrete

suggestions. As a follow-up AThomas drafted and submitted the written input on behalf of the Committee which can be accessed [here](#).

- Speaker at Frederick Ebert Stiftung's (FES) Fall academy – "Future of Development Finance" along with Oliver Schwank, Chief, Policy Analysis, FSDO/DESA. The event was held on November 9, 12:00-1:30pm at the FES office. The Fall Academy cohort comprised fourteen young leaders representing fifteen countries across four continents.
- Member of the [multi-stakeholder advisory group](#) for the UN Partnership Forum held on January 30 at UN Headquarters. Conference of NGOs (President of CoNGO Liberato Bautista) had nominated AThomas to the ECOSOC President to serve in this capacity. In this role she participated in the prep calls for the Forum and helped organize Segment 1 on SDG Goal 1, served as the rapporteur for session and delivered the session summary at the closing event of the Forum.
- Speaker at side event titled "Navigating the Post-Pandemic Economy: Alternatives to Austerity and Pathways to Sustainable Development?" held on February 14, 3:00-4:15 pm EDT during the 62nd Session of the Commission on Social Development. The session was organized by the Sikh Human Rights Group and the NGO Committee on FfD was a co-sponsor of the session.
- Speaker at CoNGO 75th anniversary commemoration and Fifth Global Thematic Webinar focused on UN-NGO Relations. This fifth global thematic webinar organized by CoNGO as part 75th anniversary commemoration was held on October 27 from 1:30 – 6:30 pm in a hybrid format.
- Represented the Committee at strategy meeting of the Addis Ababa Coordinating Group held in Nairobi, Kenya in February 2024
- Moderator of the Thematic Session I, "Structural Social Barriers and Transformative Policies to Social Progress" at the Civil Society Forum held during the 62nd Commission on Social Development. The session organized by the NGO Committee on Social Development and FES was held on February 9, 2024, from 10:00 am -11:30 am ET in conference room 4, UNHQ.
- Moderator a high-level side event, co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Canada to the UN and World Vision International, held during the 2024 ECOSOC FfD Forum. The session titled "Putting Children First for Sustainable Development: The Return on Investment from Official Development Assistance targeting children." was held from 8:00-9:30 am the Church Centre for the United Nations.

10. Membership list

The current list of members of the Committee can be accessed [here](#).

11. Appreciation and thanks

The Committee extends it deep appreciation and thanks to:

- Sr. Winifred Doherty for her long-term and extensive contribution to advancing Social Protection and the Committee's work. She supported the Committee in many of its key activities by serving on the Nominating Committee for the 2023 election of executive committee members, serving on the Committee's annual virtual breakfast meeting

planning group, securing Member State participation at its substantive meetings, live tweeting at the Committee's side events and consultations, and delivering statements on behalf of the Committee. We wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

- UNFSDO and especially to Mariangela Para-Lancourt and Zebulun Kreiter, FSDO for their valuable briefings, and for the ongoing support extended to the Committee to participate effectively in the UN FfD processes.

12. Financial status

The Committee holds its bank account at Chase Manhattan Bank. As of July 1, 2024, the Committee has a balance of \$ \$5,156.24 in its bank account.

Annual Report respectfully submitted at the Annual Meeting of the Committee dated July 18, 2024, by Anita Thomas, Chairperson, on behalf of the Executive Committee of the NGO Committee on Financing for Development.

The treasures report is attached to this report and presented at the Annual Meeting by Christina Hu, Treasurer of the NGO Committee on FfD

Timeline of submissions:

The Annual Report will be submitted to Mr. Liberato Bautista, President of CoNGO after it is approved at the September Monthly meeting of the NGO Committee on FfD.