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CPDE TRAINING ON THE GPEDC SECOND MONITORING ROUND

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ANNOUNCEMENT

The Coordination Committee members will be gathering on 21-22 March 2016 in Brussels, Belgium.

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Civil society organisations from 20 developing countries prepare for second development co-operation monitoring round

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CPDE conducted its first-ever development co-operation monitoring training in Nairobi, Kenya this 15-16 January. This activity gathered civil society organisation (CSO) representatives from twenty(20) developing countries to ensure they make a meaningful contribution to the second monitoring round recently launched by the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation (GPEDC).

Trainees are CSO monitoring focal points in their own country. They are joined by two trade union members and a roster of trainers, including Vitalice Meja and Tetet Lauron, CPDE's global monitoring focal points, and Brian Tomlinson, Chair of GPEDC's Monitoring Advisory Group.

The CPDE identified its country focal persons in 60 out of the 76 participating countries so far. "We hope our efforts will lead governments to systematically include CSOs in any evaluation of the quality of development co-operation," notes Lauron, who also leads CPDE as one of its four Co-Chairs. "We are ready, politically and technically."

CPDE starts strategic planning process with a workshop

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Members of the Coordination Committee (CC), heads of Working Groups and the members of the Global Secretariat convened last 19 to 20 January with the aim of reviewing and renewing the platform's strategy to advance effectiveness principles in development cooperation.

The strategic planning workshop, which was held in Brussels, Belgium, was facilitated by an internal consultant. It is part of a process of CPDE's reflection on its mission, goals, achievements and ways of working. This process will culminate this year as the platform advances its claim and reaffirms its mandate in forwarding development effectiveness among CSOs and other stakeholders.

UPDATES FROM REGIONS

North America Canadian perspectives on the new Sustainable Development Goals

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With 2016 comes the implementation of the new 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development adopted last September at the United Nations. At the time, the [Canadian Council for International Co-operation \(CCIC\)](#) in collaboration with the [Canadian International Development Platform \(CIDP\)](#) put together a blog series through [Huffington Post's Development Unplugged](#) to collect perspectives of Canadian experts from domestic and international organisations on the new agenda and its 17 goals. Given the popularity of the blog series, CCIC compiled these articles into an [English](#) and [French](#) publication, updating all the short essays, and including a new longer overview that ties them all together. Exclusive to the publication are four new essays providing a child, disability, indigenous and youth perspective on the SDGs, and a short guide with questions that can help University professors facilitate a class discussion on the SDGs using the publication as a resource. The publication was supported by CPDE.

As a result of our work in this area, CCIC was invited to participate in a podcast being developed by the McGill Journal of Sustainable Development Law and Policy.

Upcoming

Are CSOs fit for purpose for the new Paris Agreement and 2030 Agenda?

Last year's annual conference by the CCIC brought together domestic and international organisations to discuss questions of human rights and inequality, climate change and environmental sustainability, and gender equality and women's rights – in the context of the SDGs, the Paris climate meeting and the 20th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration. This year's May conference builds on this foundation to consider how to make Canadian civil society fit for purpose in the

North America



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context of the new 2030 Agenda and the Paris agreement – challenging Canadian CSO to consider what and how they must change their own work to meet the transformative ambition of these new agendas. We hope to actively engage the government in the design of this conference both prior and following so that the conclusions of the discussions feed into and shape the directions the government is heading.

Narrative toolkit – telling a different story about development

For the past two years, CCIC has been working with our members and their communications personnel to develop a practical toolkit for organisations that will help them redefine the narrative around international development – providing ways to better communicate with the public about the complexities of aid and development, about the enabling environment and Istanbul Principles, and about the new SDGs, among other things. We finally hope to launch this publication in April. CPDE has been instrumental in supporting this work.

Implementation of the new CSO Policy

In February 2015, the then Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development adopted the first ever CSO Partnership Policy for International Development and Humanitarian organisations. The policy outlines nine objectives that the government will realise with respect to working with CSOs, including in the areas of enabling environment, public engagement, multi-stakeholder engagement, diverse and flexible funding. The Department also committed to an annual review of the implementation of the policy. In response, in September 2015, CCIC released a Milestones document to lay out the expectation of the Council with respect to how the implementation of the policy would look like, identifying milestones that it expects the government to meet. By September 2016, the Council hopes to produce an assessment of implementation based on the milestones, just ahead of the annual review.

Enabling environment in Canada and abroad

The state of the enabling environment in Canada has been in serious decline over the past few years. In October, Canada elected a new government that is looking to reverse this trend. In the coming months, CCIC will be very active on this file, in particular considering legislation and policy that has a negative impact on the operations of charities working overseas.

Europe

European and international CSOs call for effective aid and financing for development

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CPDE, CONCORD Aidwatch with the support of Eurodad, Reality of Aid, The One Campaign and CAN Europe all joined together to organise the Civil Society Summit Europe last 16 February. The summit, themed “The future of development cooperation – who is really benefitting?” aimed to engage European and international CSOs in a discussion on the future role of aid and financing for development.

It also aimed to facilitate discussion and debate amongst civil society to take stock of our collective priorities and strategies, evolving those in line with the demands and challenges of a new financing and development era.

Through a line-up of excellent panel speakers, followed by strategically focused discussions in working groups setting, as well as an invitation towards the Summit's audience to put forward their thoughts and ideas for "new tools", "new messages" and "new actors" on the "innovation wall", the Civil Society Summit brought about a number of key messages and takeaways for the work on the future of development cooperation for the months and years to come.

Opening session of the summit focused very much on concerns related to end-of-aid-as-we-know-it agenda, need for re-activation, need for (additional) new aid instruments in a changing macro-economic framework, leveraging more finance needed in a right frame, in new places and fora, and in a new generation of rights framework. As geopolitics shift development cooperation, peace and security focus, shrinking of Civil Society space take place. All of that taken into account would suggest huge expectations towards Civil Society, in particular in their role in the SDGs implementation, sadly followed by no (core) funding to their functioning.

Setting the scene for aid quantity and quality-focused working groups' debates to follow, the audience had a chance to engage with panellists on issues related to current refugee crisis and curbing migration flows, and the Official Development Aid increasingly diverted towards meeting growing in-donor refugee costs across Europe. With that regard, it became evident that more data on funding sources and aid destination is needed, henceforth finance ministries should be involved in development aid debates as well.

Secondly, since finance is reinventing itself to survive current crises, we – as Civil Society – must work with very different and new groups to find strategies to address financing for development in a smart way. When it comes to climate finance in a development framework, it seems a lot of trouble in-between Civil Society cooperation comes from undefined "new and additional" source of funding towards climate-related global commitments. Global community needs more and better of both new and additional climate finance. Development cooperation's space must be reclaimed, so that it better serves the purpose of poverty eradication. In reality of many competing issues in development aid, coherence, effectiveness and accountability need to be considered – messages have to reach governments of the South, control-balancing Southern CSOs actors brought in to engage in development paradigm alongside donor countries debate on how to use resources. What seems to make a difference is democratic ownership, inclusive partnerships, data accessibility and mutual accountability.

Last but not least, matter of private finance (loans and leveraging, public-private partnerships) replacing aid development and cooperation was brought to the table. Growing push towards such trend was assigned to increasingly serve domestic needs and donor countries' interests – putting into question "commercialisation" and effectiveness of development policy on a grand scale.

UPDATES FROM SECTORS

Trade Unions participate in the CPDE training on the GPEDC

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A training session for various CSO focal points from the civil society organisations (CSO) platform for monitoring development cooperation was held by the CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness (CPDE) in Nairobi on 15 and 16 January

Labour



2016. The participants were CSOs that monitor the focal points in their own countries. They were joined by two trade union members and various trainers, including Vitalice Meja and Tetet Lauron, CPDE's global monitoring focal points, and Brian Tomlinson, chair of the Monitoring Advisory Group of the GPEDC (Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation).

This event allowed trade unions to immerse themselves in the activities of CPDE. This enabled them to review the documentation and to reach a better understanding of the CSO monitoring process.

Trade Unions recommend that their organisations must participate in activities of CPDE regularly, establish country-level partnerships with the CSO members of CPDE, make contact with the focal points or coordinators appointed by States and appoint a national trade union to better monitor the process.

New ITUC report exposes hidden workforce of 116 million in global supply chains of fifty companies

The global supply chains of 50 companies employ only six per cent of people in a direct employment relationship, yet rely on a hidden workforce of 94 per cent according to new research from the International Trade Union Confederation.

The ITUC has set out five recommendations for companies to address the scandal of global supply chains:

- Supply chain – know whom you contract from and publish this;
- Safe work – inspect sites, fix hazards and recognise workers' right to safety committees;
- Secure work – end short- term contracts;
- Minimum living wages – pay wages on which people can live with dignity;
- Collective bargaining – for wage share and decent wages and working conditions.

To read the full article, click [here](#).

Trade Unions at the OECD-DAC High Level Meeting in Paris, 18-19 February 2016

The trade union movement was recently represented at the High Level Meeting of the DAC (HLM) through the Trade Union Advisory Committee to the OECD (TUAC).

John Evans, General Secretary of TUAC, and Paola Simonetti, Coordinator for the Trade Union Development Cooperation Network (TUDCN), were able to convey trade union messages and priorities to the High Level Officials from DAC Member Countries and beyond, who were in attendance.

The crowded one and a half day HLM agenda covered four issues related to the DACs work, with some important decisions which will affect how ODA is measured and used, emerging from the meeting.

Click [here](#) to read full article.



Trabajo

Strengthening youth involvement in global processes for sustainable development

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The CPDE Youth sector has scaled up its global work by being involved in key developmental processes. As a way to consolidate its participation in development effectiveness, the sector has started its engagement on the preparation of the Second High Level Meeting (HLM2) in Nairobi this November. A pre-engagement strategy is being proposed to allow a consolidated program that includes pre-events for HLM2. CPDE, through the sector, will co-organise a Youth Forum during the HLM preparatory days. Key sector members were forwarded to the planning committee as a means to spearhead and protect youth interests in the ongoing preparations.

Meanwhile, the Asia and the Pacific Regions, have collaboratively organised the Youth Regional Trainer of Trainers (TOT) in Manila, Philippines in February. The event was co-organised by Pacific Youth Council (PYC) and Asia-Pacific Youth and Students Association (ASA). The ToT is part of the 2015 youth sector plan that seeks to universalise the developmental effectiveness agenda by involving youth and acquaint them with necessary knowledge that will pave way for national and regional-level implementation of youth programs. Africa conducted its TOT in 2015. Latin America region was scheduled to implement in 2015 but faced structural challenges.

In April, Africa CPDE YS members will convene among other key youth organisations for a Dialogue Exchange Program (DEP) being coordinated by CPDE youth member NAYO-AFRICA in partnership with American Friends. The program will take place in Zimbabwe to build message on key issues affecting young people in the region that include Global Goals, Peace and elections and youth participation among others.

Another CPDE YS member, Restless Development has launched the Youth Power Campaign on 18 February. The Global campaign is poised to titillate the Global Goals and allow young people to get involved, demand accountability and take positive actions towards the implementation of SDGs. More details can be found [here](#).



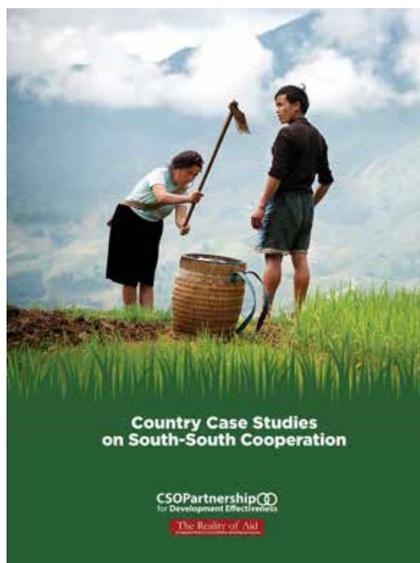
UPDATES FROM THE WORKING GROUPS

SSC Working Group holds Workshop on Measuring Effective SSDC, releases new publication

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CPDE, in cooperation with The Reality of Aid Network [chair of the South-South Cooperation Working Group (SSC WG)], held the Workshop on Measuring Effective South-South Development Cooperation (SSDC) in Manila on 28-29 January 2016. The workshop brought together policymakers from the South, development partners and civil society to develop a monitoring framework for SSC within the context of the GPEDC. Around thirty (30) participants attended the event.

This two-day Technical Workshop was organised to develop and finalise a monitoring tool for South-South Cooperation (SSC) in preparation for the second round of monitoring of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (GPEDC). The workshop was composed of sessions in three SSC issue areas: adoption of SSDC principles, monitoring progress (in terms of indicators, data collection, and management), and monitoring progress (in terms of monitoring and evaluation), then followed by the presentation of the draft framework document. There were also moving breakout groups focusing on each of the three issue areas.



After the workshop, the SSC WG held a meeting to assess the workshop, and plan for the next steps of the working group.

CPDE and The Reality of Aid also released the "Country Studies on South-South Cooperation." The compilation includes case studies on Argentina, Brazil, Cuba, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, among others. The publication was first distributed in the Workshop on Measuring Effective SSDC. The publication is already available for download at the [ROA website](#).

SSC

Post-MDG

Upcoming Activities on 2030 Development Agenda

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Asia regional forum scheduled in April

The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) is convening the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD) 2016 in Bangkok on 3 to 5 April, 2016 on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. This will serve as a preparatory event for the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) to be held in July 2016 in New York.

Representatives of civil society organisations are invited to apply to participate in the following events:

1. The Asia-Pacific Civil Society Forum on Sustainable Development; 31 March – 2 April 2016 in Bangkok
2. The Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD 2016); 3 – 5 April 2016 in Bangkok (A senior officials' meeting is tentatively scheduled in the afternoon of 2 April 2016)

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Also, the UN Global Report of the Secretary-General critical milestones towards coherent, efficient and inclusive follow-up and review at the global level has been released on 15 January 2016. The report is available in the six official languages of the UN at the [link](#):

High-level thematic debate scheduled in April

The President of the General Assembly H.E. Mogens Lykketoft will convene a High-level Thematic Debate on Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to support prompt and inclusive implementation of the 2030 Agenda. The forum is scheduled on 21 April 2016 at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

The Thematic Debate will feature a panel discussion on "Action at all levels," which will focus on national responses to implementation of the 2030 Agenda. The panel will include three stakeholder representatives: one each from civil society, the private sector, and academia.

At the request of the Office of the President of the UN General Assembly (OPGA), the UN Department of Social and Economic Affairs (UNDESA) and UN Non-Governmental Liaison Service (UN-NGLS) facilitated the selection of speakers. Travel funding will be available for the speakers selected through this process.

Applications received may be viewed [here](#).

Stakeholders may also submit written inputs to the meeting through the Office of the President of the General Assembly.

Take part in the CPDE Global Council eBulletin, submit monthly updates to Reileen Joy Dulay at secretariat@csopartnership.org and Jodel Dacara at membership@csopartnership.org.

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