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## **CSOs gather for showcase, policy conference on development cooperation**

**26 February 2019, BEIRUT, Lebanon** – Civil society organization (CSO) members of the CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness (CPDE) platform have gathered in Beirut, Lebanon, to showcase their work and participate in a policy conference on effective development cooperation.

CPDE is an open, global platform of CSOs working on and advocating for universalising effective development cooperation. Together with the Arab NGO Network for Development (ANND) and with the support of the European Commission and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA), it organised the back-to-back events CSO Marketplace and Policy Conference 2019.

“The CSO Marketplace is a space for CPDE constituencies and members to promote their organisations, their policy and communications products, and advocacies to fellow CSOs, other stakeholders, and people’s organisations, as well as the general public,” shares CPDE Co-Chair Monica Novillo.

Meanwhile, the Policy Conference tackles the issues of corporate capture of development cooperation and closing and shrinking spaces, particularly in relation to impacts at country level and experiences of different sectors and regions. The conference’s theme is “Upholding accountability, building solidarity for effective people-centred development”.

“Through the CSO Marketplace and Policy Conference, CPDE also provides an opportunity for CSOs to learn about innovations and best practices in promoting effective development cooperation (EDC), share research studies, reports, and other publications about EDC, build consensus on issues affecting CSOs working on EDC, develop advocacy strategies, and forge new partnerships and alliances,” added CPDE Co-Chair Beverly Longid.

Participating in the activities are CPDE members from six regions (Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, Middle East and North Africa, and the Pacific) and eight sectors (Faith-based Organizations, Labour, Rural, International CSOs, Indigenous Peoples, Youth, and Migrants).

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