

**BREAK OLD HABITS, TAKE DECISIVE ACTIONS
AROUND EFFECTIVE DEVELOPMENT
COOPERATION TOWARDS INCLUSIVE
RECOVERY**



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STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES FOR HLM3

The world needs urgent and extraordinary actions to reverse the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and the multiple crises in economy, society and climate, which disproportionately affect marginalised communities and groups, including women and girls in all their diversities

CPDE asserts that the effective development cooperation principles, aligned with human and women's rights frameworks, must be refocused, revitalised and accelerated for a better and inclusive response to urgent global concerns, and in order to achieve the *Sustainable Development Goals* and the *Agenda 2030*.

We call on all development actors to:

Ensure Democratic Ownership that

- Is aligned with the Human Rights-Based Approach and a Feminist-Based Approach
- Is driven by democratically-formulated national and regional priorities and realities on the ground
- Is aligned to and uses country systems in financing, including crisis response and COVID-19 recovery
- Guarantees predictable concessional funding that is timely and predictable
- Ensures inclusive and proportionate participation of all genders

Build Inclusive Partnerships that

- Uphold and promote an enabling environment rooted in human rights, including women's and workers' rights, and ensure the protection of civil society workers, activists and human rights defenders
- Strengthen civil society participation in development discourse, COVID-19 recovery, SDG implementation, and beyond
- Ensure the ability of CSOs to operate free from any harm and/or interference

Guarantee Transparency and Accountability by

- Securing oversight and redress mechanisms at all levels
- Offering access to prompt, reliable, and comprehensive information on ODA allocations, especially in times of crisis, to all CSOs
- Enhancing the implementation of the GPEDC monitoring framework to secure timely and comprehensive reporting on the implementation of the EDC principles

Focus on Results that

- Target the most marginalised groups and those left behind, especially women and children, rural populations and Indigenous Peoples, migrants, persons with disabilities, older persons, and persons engaged in the informal sector, unpaid care work and transformative economy
- Contribute in addressing inequalities and all forms of discrimination
- Adhere to transparent, measurable, and time-bound frameworks for assessing progress and results



*Truly aspire to **Leave No One Behind** by*

- Fulfilling and surpassing longstanding ODA commitments on quantity and quality
- Upholding solidarity in the form of grants over loans
- Institutionalising the participation or inclusion of CSOs at the national level through dedicated mechanisms or frameworks
- Providing access to essential services for the vulnerable and marginalised
- Ensuring human rights and women's rights at the core of recovery efforts
- Supporting and defending any action against armed conflicts and in favour of peace

KEY ASKS

Implementation of Effective Development Cooperation Commitments. Place the effectiveness agenda at the centre of development cooperation policies and plans, and ensure that effective development financing, equitably, at all levels, meets the urgency of the moment and contributes to leave no one behind

- Uphold the centrality of human rights and the practice of human rights-based approach and feminist approach in development cooperation
- Uphold the mandate and integrity of ODA to eradicate poverty, address inequalities and promote economic development
- Reaffirm commitment in meeting the 0.7% GNI target and avoid diverting ODA to the private sector and private sector instruments
- Refocus and revitalise the aid and development effectiveness agenda through a robust, gender transformative monitoring framework that regularly tracks progress towards the implementation of existing EDC commitments principles by all development actors
- Uphold the principles of horizontal development cooperation – including solidarity, mutuality, human rights, respect for sovereignty, non-conditionality particularly with respect to unequal conditions of partnership that often prevail even within South-South Cooperation
- Strengthen the application of and accountability for gender-responsive approaches and targeted action for women and girls in the formulation of all financial, economic, environmental and social policies
- Address underinvestment and increase accountability for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls

A CSO Enabling Environment. Invest new energy in efforts to provide an enabling environment for CSOs in light of shrinking and closing civic spaces in development, attacks on human rights defenders, increasing violence against women and girls, evolving and aggravated impacts of COVID-19, increasing disinformation and historical revisionism, rising authoritarianism, corporate capture, and widening militarism and conflicts in many countries



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- Retract restrictive and repressive laws and disabling conditions, including reversing the trend of shrinking civic space and ending all forms of militarisation and militarism, that hinder the full operations of CSOs
- Uphold all fundamental rights and freedoms including but not limited to freedom of association, of expression, and of political participation, and the rights to peaceful assembly and information
- Recognise CSO efforts in improving their effectiveness and accountability by supporting and promoting the *Istanbul Principles* and the *International Framework for CSO Development Effectiveness*
- Agree on concrete steps and generate political buy-in for joint actions to strengthen country actions for CSO Enabling Environment and partnerships, by drawing on commitments that guide how stakeholders should partner together better, including the role of trust-building measures

Private Sector Accountability. Ensure private sector entities adhere to the Kampala Principles for Private Sector Engagement and implement labour and human rights standards,¹ and promote and practice decent work, social dialogue, and adopt transparency and accountability standards

- Comply with international labour standards, apply responsible business conduct instruments² and adopt guidelines and binding regulations, underpinned by these tools and the *Kampala Principles on Private Sector Engagement*
- Refrain from any human rights violations and ensure access to adequate and timely remedies when human rights violations do take place
- Support gender-sensitive Social Enterprises and Micro Small and Medium-Size Enterprises (MSMEs), especially in developing countries for the purpose of supporting sustainable national industrialisation and agriculture toward self-reliance
- Ensure the implementation and compliance of the right to *Free, Prior, Informed Consent* of Indigenous Peoples in all projects and operations in their lands and territories

Coherent and Inclusive Responses to Crises of Conflict, Occupations, and Wars. Address the systemic causes to reverse the impacts of ongoing conflicts, to prevent an irreversible web of sustained crises, and to promote stability and just peace in conflict-affected areas

- Avoid re-channelling of ODA for humanitarian and security funding and use it to maintain basic public services in situations of conflicts and crises
- Ensure the security of peoples' rights and lives amidst actions on peace and security
- Uphold obligations under *International Humanitarian Law* and *International Human Rights Law* and adhere to the EDC and LNOB principles in the planning,

¹ Including the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

² Including the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and the Gender Dimensions therein, OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and other internationally agreed standards.



programming, and financing of the Humanitarian-Development-Peace (Triple) Nexus³

- Uphold the role of social protection and a Global Fund for Social Protection to build recovery and ensure resilience to future crises
- Apply a Feminist Development Justice model in all humanitarian, development, and peace programs for transformative change as envisaged by the *Agenda 2030*
- Actively encourage and support CSO's meaningful participation and initiatives in peacebuilding and crises-resolution, especially among refugees and IDPs, Indigenous Peoples, women, and youth who are the most affected by conflict and crises

Effectiveness of Climate Finance. Upscale and deliver on climate finance commitments in order to meet the urgent need for sustainable and effective climate response

- Realign climate finance with the EDC principles by incorporating democratic ownership, focus on results, transparency and accountability, and the inclusion of CSOs in climate-related discussions and decision-making processes
- Desist from double-counting climate finance commitments as ODA and uphold the separate mandate and integrity of both funding instruments
- Decolonise climate finance in line with the principle of *common but differentiated responsibilities (CBDR)* by upscaling commitments from developed countries, incorporating specific financing for loss and damage, and prioritising grants over loans
- Align climate resilience and response policies with the imperative for a Just Transition
- Properly fund climate-impacted climate migration, internal and external displacement, relocation and resettlement⁴
- Refrain from financing unsustainable projects that adversely affect peoples, including indigenous communities and other groups, the environment, and the world's biodiversity
- Increase access to financing and technology transfer for countries in the Global South
- Adapt a transformative and sustainable model for consumption and production

³ Deliver the Grand Bargain Agreement to allocate 25% of humanitarian financing to local organisations

⁴ The Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage (WIM Excom) does not cover this dimension in detail



CIVIL SOCIETY ASPIRATIONS FOR THE EFFECTIVENESS SUMMIT

At the end of the Summit, all actors should agree, and include in the Outcome Document, to:

- Implement the revised GPEDC Monitoring Framework, including participation in the national Action Dialogues and provision of evidence of behaviour change in response to monitoring results
- Reiterate the commitment of ODA providers to increase development finance volumes, specifically in realising the 0.7% target by 2030, including the aid levels agreed for the LDCs, and increase donors' share of concessional resources
- Pledge to practice increased accountability for investments to women's rights and gender equality by making gender budget allocations publicly available
- Actively involve CSOs in the national development planning processes, including development cooperation forums, Action Dialogues and INFFs
- Commit ODA providers in setting a clear quantitative target for CSO support and other provisions
- Call on the private sector to pay its part in inclusive recovery through just and fair taxation and contribute to nationally-owned development plans, especially to cover health systems improvement in LDCs and finance climate loss and damages
- Contribute in localising humanitarian, development and peace nexus approach in line with the Grand Bargain agreement by 2025
- Contribute in having the New Collective Quantified Goal on Climate Finance address climate adaptation, loss and damages, and public resource availability



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