

Second Drafting Session on Third FfD Conference

Civil society interventions on Data Monitoring and Follow-up

Statement delivered by Ms. Jeannet Lingan, Head of Policy and Advocacy Publish What You Fund and Society for International Development

Thank you very much Mr. co-facilitator. I am part of Publish What You Fund, the global campaign for aid transparency and I am today speaking on behalf of the wider FfD Civil Society Group.

We would like to start commending your efforts to strengthen the data, follow up and monitoring of the Financing for Development outcome at Adis Ababa.

Better data on all development finance flows – public and private, domestic and international – is essential for building a complete picture of the resources available for sustainable development, and to mobilise and monitor these resources effectively at national and international levels. It is also important to note that data does not deliver transformational change on its own. It has to be used by all stakeholders including national and local governments and civil society which should be supported in terms of participation and capacity.

In this regard, we would like to make specific suggestions to strengthen paragraph 115, 116 and 117.

We suggest to include in paragraph 115: ‘We will seek to improve the availability of sufficiently disaggregated financing data, including data disaggregated by gender, disability, age, and other characteristics- so we make sure no one is left behind- as well as data on other means of implementation, and to strengthen the capacity of our national statistical offices and national information management systems’.

We also suggest paragraph 115 can integrate a commitment to promote and build capacity for data use by all actors engaged in sustainable development efforts, including national and sub-national decision-makers and civil society. Targeted support will be needed for this effort.”

We further suggest to merge paragraph 116 and 117 to make transparency commitments more operational and useful for follow-up, monitoring and mutual accountability efforts.

Therefore we suggest the following text:

“We recognize that greater transparency is essential for monitoring financing for development commitments. We commit to publishing timely, comprehensive and forward-looking information on all our development activities in a common, open, electronic format based on strengthening existing global open data standards such as the International Aid

Transparency Initiative (IATI). All other development actors should be encouraged to follow this lead.”

Thank you very much for giving civil society the opportunity to contribute to the process.

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Statement delivered by Ms. Emilia Reyes, Program Director, Gender Responsive Public Policies & Budgets, Equidad de Género

Good evening. My name is Emilia Reyes, from Gender Equity, Mexico, and I speak on behalf of the Women's Working Group on Financing for Development and the CSO FfD group.

Due to the importance of the Financing for Development, the implementation of the commitments made in Addis Ababa will need a strong follow up mechanism. Otherwise these discussions will not progress beyond rhetoric. To fulfill the required ambition, the existing annual ECOSOC Bretton Woods dialogues are not sufficiently equipped to monitor the Addis Outcome nor to propose new action oriented initiatives. We therefore call for the establishment of an intergovernmental space. This space should also follow the FfD modalities and include all stakeholders for an on-going dialogue, such as financial institutions as well as civil society, private sector and other relevant bodies. This will help to periodically review implementation of the Addis, Doha and Monterrey outcomes for more far-reaching decisions and measures. Accountability on all commitments is crucial, with a due emphasis on commitments of developed countries as well, so that the review of implementation is not only focusing towards national implementation.

It is also crucial to promote periodic Ministerial meetings under a yearly basis under that body. An Inter-Agency Task Force - as proposed in the Zero Draft, paragraph 123 – to report annually on progress is a good opportunity to develop further the linkages between the different platforms related to the full implementation of FfD, but an intergovernmental forum is the proper space to allocate the monitoring and follow-up. A negotiated outcome should be turned to the General Assembly, and needs to aim to contribute to strengthen the work of the High Level Political Forum, in a parallel and complementary dialogue.

Thank you.