

## *Concept Note*

### Side-event

#### **Advancing the Monterrey Consensus: CSO recommendations for the Addis Ababa Accord and the future of Financing for Development**

##### **Co-organisers: Addis Ababa CSO Coordinating Group and Women's Working Group on FFD**

Convinced of the transformative potential of the Monterrey Consensus to deliver on the international community's vision of a fully inclusive and equitable global economic system, civil society has been deeply committed to its follow-up and implementation in the financing for development agenda. On the road to the Third Addis Ababa Conference on Financing for Development, it has therefore engaged from the outset, providing detailed analysis and inputs.

In its inputs civil society has called for the Addis Ababa Conference to advance, rather than regress from the Monterrey Consensus and the Doha Declaration for Development. A first essential requirement to advance this agenda is for the Addis Ababa Conference to present an accurate and proper diagnostic of the current reality of the net transfer of financial resources from developing countries to developed ones and the continued imbalances of a global economic system that traps a large majority of the world at the lower end of the value chain with all its social, economic and environmental consequences. Civil society has also emphasized the need for the Addis Ababa Conference to be clear in its aspirations to fulfill the right to development and the socio-economic transformation of developing countries. It has stressed that the success of the Conference will be determined by the agreements reached on removing the systemic and structural impediments to socio-economic transformation, including the necessary policy space necessary for countries to make democratic choices, on the road to a fully inclusive and equitable global economic system at the service of people and planet. It has stressed that at this critical time states cannot abrogate their responsibility and commitment to the global partnership, shifting it to private actors.

In the immediate run-up to the Addis Ababa Conference, representatives of civil society from all over the world will gather in a Civil Society Forum to examine the extent to which its inputs and aspirations are being reflected in the final stages of the Conference's preparation. The Forum will offer the space for common discussion and sharing of civil society's views on what a successful outcome of the Addis Ababa Conference should look like. The Forum's deliberations will culminate in a final declaration with civil society's expectations and recommendations towards the Conference and its follow-up.

Alongside the opportunity to address the plenary on the basis of the Civil Society Declaration, civil society intends to discuss the outcomes of the Forum and the declaration at a side-event during the Conference.

The objective of the side-event will be to present our views, concerns, and recommendations and engage in a dialogue with governments, UN and other official stakeholders on our expectations of the Conference, its follow-up and linkages to the Post-2015 agenda and SDGs and negotiations on the Climate Change Convention.

**Practical**

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