

Civil Society Meeting
Financing for Development in the Era of COVID-19 and Beyond
Monday, 2 November 2020, 9:00-11:30AM

DRAFT PROGRAMME - VERSION 7 (Revised on 28 October 2020)

Opening Segment (25 min – depending on final list of speakers)

- Opening Statement by the UN Secretary General
- Remarks by the President of ECOSOC (to be confirmed)
- Remarks by Permanent Representatives of Canada and Jamaica (to be confirmed)
- Presentation of Financing for Development Initiative by Special Envoy, Mr. Mahmoud Mohieldin
- Opening civil society speaker (rationale & content of the Open Letter to Heads of State; Call for an International Economic Reconstruction & System Reform Summit under the aegis of the United Nations and the systemic reforms such a Summit could tackle)
 - *Lidy Nacpil, Coordinator, Asia-Pacific People's Movement on Debt & Development (APMDD)*

Interlude 1 – Song from DWA Rally or testimonial (live or video) (3 min)

Dialogue 1 –A New Global Economic Consensus to advance the 2030 Agenda (45 min)

The first dialogue will focus on strategies proposed by civil society to strengthen the role of the United Nations in establishing a new global economic consensus to advance the agendas of human rights, gender equality, climate and sustainable development. Focus on what the UN Systems (intended both as intergovernmental and operational/development system) could do to keep the momentum generated by the HLE process. Listed speakers will have 3 min for their interventions, followed by general debates (2 min for each intervention).

- Introduction by Moderator (programme, house rules for open dialogue, opening remarks to echo the call for systemic reforms and Summit) (5 min)
 - *Patricia Miranda, Global Advocacy Director, Red Latinoamericana por Justicia Económica y Social (LATINDADD)*
- Speaker 1 - A new feminist economy (speaker to address how the UN process can strengthen a feminist reform of the global economy, connecting with the Beijing +25 process)
 - *Bhumika Muchhala, Women's Working Group on FfD*
- Speaker 2 – Reconnecting UN processes on human rights & economic governance (speaker to address ways to strengthen the connection between the FfD process, the 2030 Agenda and the HR Council process -> focus on the centrality of rights holders and duty bearers responsibilities)
 - *Kate Donald, Director of Human Rights in Sustainable Development, Center for Economic & Social Rights (CESR)*
- Speaker 3 – The UN role in promoting a Just Transition (speaker to address workers' rights and livelihoods, including challenges faced by migrant workers & their remittances, in the context of the shift towards sustainable production to tackle climate change and protect biodiversity)
 - *David Boys, Deputy Secretary General, Public Services International (PSI)*
- Speaker 4 – Relaunching a vibrant UN process on Trade & Development (speaker to address the pivotal phase for trade multilateralism and the need to reaffirm the UN process, from the renewal of the UNCTAD mandate, the importance of the TRIPS waiver, and beyond)
 - *Tetteh Hormeku, Head of Programmes, Third World Network Africa*

- Speaker 5 – Strengthening the normative dimensions of the UN STI process (speaker to address the urgent need for new consensus on technology justice & governance in the multilateral system)
 - *Elenita Daño, Co-Executive Director, ETC Group*
- Open Dialogue with interventions from the floor (2 min interventions)
 - *Pre-scheduled intervention by the Stakeholder Group of Persons with Disabilities*

Interlude 2 – Song from DWA Rally or testimonial (live or video) (3 min)

Dialogue 2 – Menu of Options for Development Financing: Need to Focus on Strengthening Fiscal & Policy Space for Socio-Economic Transformation (45 min)

The second dialogue will focus on civil society's responses and proposals with respect to the Menu of Options, highlighting the elements of the menu that civil society supports and stressing the need for clear criteria on which elements on the menu the UN should focus on in order to strengthen fiscal & policy space for socio-economic transformation of developing countries. Listed speakers will have 3 min for their interventions, followed by general debates (2 min for each intervention).

- Introduction by Moderator (programme, house rules for open dialogue, opening remarks on systemic reforms to create fiscal space while also reversing worrying trends on ODA) (5 min)
 - *Jean Letitia Saldanha, Director, European Network on Debt and Development (EURODAD)*
- Speaker 1 - Debt - Handing over of the Open Letter of the GWA on Debt (speaker to address the key demands of the Global Week of Action on Debt Cancellation, stressing the central role of the UN role in tackling the crisis, including process suggestions on how the UN could respond)
 - *Farooq Tariq, General Secretary, Pakistan Kissan Rabita Committee*
- Speaker 2 - Illicit Financial Flows (speaker to address the key and long-lasting demands by civil society, including some process suggestions on how the UN tax process can shift gear)
 - *Caroline Othim, Policy Coordinator for Africa, Global Alliance for Tax Justice (GATJ)*
- Speaker 3 - Intersection of Debt & IFF with Food, Health and Education (speaker to provide a human face perspective on the implications of the shrinking fiscal space provided by IFF and debt unsustainability, also in the context of multidimensional inequalities)
 - *Rebecca Malay, Co-Chair, Global Call to Action Against Poverty (GCAP)*
- Speaker 4 – Global Liquidity & Financial Regulation (speaker to reiterate the call for the issuance of SDRs, address challenges with credit rating agencies and highlight element of a UN process to assess the developmental impact of financialization)
 - *Artemisa Montes Sylvan, Executive Director, Mexican Observatory on Crises (OMEC)*
- Speaker 5 – Fiscal Consolidation/Austerity and Privatization of Public Services (speaker to raise concerns with the push for fiscal consolidation/austerity and report key messages from the meeting with UN Special Rapporteurs, with suggestions on how continue the process within UN)
 - *Magdalena Sepulveda, Executive Director, Global Initiative for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (GI-ESCR)*
- Speaker 6 – Need for a special focus on Social Protection (speaker to address the UN role to strengthen social protection including floors)
 - *Pending response from Global Coalition on Social Protection Floors (Nicola Wiebe of Bread for the World is trying to confirm a speaker from the Global South)*
- Open Dialogue with interventions from the floor (2 min interventions)

Interlude 3 – Song from DWA Rally or testimonial (live or video) (3 min)

Closing Segment (15 min)

- Closing civil society speaker – Next steps -> Reiterate call for Summit, highlight key systemic reforms & process issues and introduce preparatory process for the January meeting.
 - *Beverly Longid, Co-Chair, CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness (CPDE)*
 - *Possible speaker from Oxfam International (pending confirmation)*
- Concluding remarks by UN Deputy Secretary General