

Draft Concept Note

Side event during the Third International Conference on Financing for Development (FfD3)

Financing Development Justice: How can FfD3 deliver for rights and sustainability?

13 July 2015, 3.30 pm – 6.00 pm

Hotel Intercontinental, Meeting 3

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Will FfD3 advance the realization of human rights and development justice or will it further push the world into inequality and unsustainability? This side event will look into challenges in mobilizing adequate resources, particularly public finance; protecting public welfare in engaging with the private sector; and monitoring and follow-up mechanisms to foster accountability to people, especially the poor.

Development justice is an alternative framework for development broadly embraced by civil society in Asia and the Pacific. It means the common good takes precedence over elite interests, with the needs and rights of all women and men realized, and the environment and lives of future generations are not sacrificed to benefit only the few.

Objectives

The event will discuss views and recommendations on financing for development from the lens of development justice and human rights. It will look at the latest/final version of the Addis Accord to assess if the financing path envisioned will indeed produce real change and end the exploitation and dispossession of the world's poor.

Content

The panelists will discuss and present recommendations on:

- 1) Ways to overcome challenges in mobilizing adequate resources, particularly public finance (both domestic and international);
- 2) Ensuring the protection of public welfare, especially access to basic social services, in engaging private sector actors for sustainable development; and
- 3) How monitoring and follow-up mechanisms agreed at FfD3 can foster accountability to the poor and marginalized populations of the world.

Through the concrete recommendations, the event hopes to constructively contribute to the FfD3 debates on overcoming systemic imbalances and mobilizing sustainable development financing.

Potential speakers will include representatives from:

- RCEM's constituency and other CSOs and experts
- Governments and multilateral institutions, e.g., Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP); New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD)

Organizers

Organizers of this event include a variety of actors:

- **IBON International** is a non-government organization that engages in capacity development for human rights and democracy around the world. It strengthens links between local campaigns and advocacies to international initiatives and brings

development issues from the international arena in a way that peoples' organizations and social movements can engage with at country level.

- **Asia Pacific Regional CSO Engagement Mechanism (RCEM)** is a mechanism that aims to enable stronger cross constituency coordination and ensure that voices of all sub-regions of Asia Pacific are heard in intergovernmental processes.
- International networks and organizations such as **Asia Pacific Research Network (APRN), Third World Network (TWN), Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development (APWLD), Reality of Aid Africa Network, Asian-Pacific Resource & Research Centre for Women (ARROW), Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO), Finnish Service Centre for Development Cooperation-KEPA**
- **New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD)** is an Africa Union strategic framework for pan-African socio-economic development that aims to provide an overarching vision and policy framework for Africa in the 21st century.