



NGO COMMITTEE ON FINANCING
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Mrs. Dominique Bichara
Special Representative to the United Nations
One Dag Hammarskjold Plaza
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Dear Mrs. Bichara,

The undersigned organizations, belonging to the NGO Committee on Financing for Development, the Global Social Economy Group (GSEG) and NGOs actively engaged with financing for development, are writing to request the active engagement of the Bretton Woods Institutions at the highest political and managerial level in the follow-up process to the Financing for Development agenda at the United Nations, at both the ECOSOC and General Assembly levels.

The ongoing consequences of the recent financial crisis, and continued concerns about food and climate crises, and their negative effects on people living in poverty and on the least developed countries, continue to present a challenge to all stakeholders in the Financing for Development process. A coherent and collaborative approach to solving such challenges is, therefore, of the essence.

UN member states, which also largely constitute the membership of the Bretton Woods Institutions, stipulated, in Economic and Social Council Resolution E/2009/30, a two-day meeting between ECOSOC, BWI, WTO and UNCTAD to be held five weeks prior to the spring meetings in Washington. Resolution E/2010/26 reaffirmed the length, timing and modalities of the meeting. We applaud these decisions as very positive developments. It is important to ensure that the two days of this meeting which, regrettably, happens only once a year, are utilized to maximum advantage.

As NGOs, we appreciated the space that last year's meeting offered for dialogue about critical issues facing all of us. Many of us heard similar remarks coming from officials in both the UN and the Bretton Woods Institutions. We are looking forward to the engagement of the Bretton Woods Institutions at the highest level at the upcoming ECOSOC follow-up meetings scheduled for March.

We certainly hope to benefit from the meeting and to engage in dialogue with you during these days.

With kindest regards,



Kevin Dance

Chair, NGO Committee on Financing for Development

The following organizations have endorsed this statement:

Company of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul
Rural Area Development Programme, RADP, Kathmandu, Nepal
HELIO International
International Federation of Business and Professional Women
Feminist Task Force of the Global Call to Action against Poverty
Sisters of Charity Federation
SERVICIOS ECUMENICOS PARA RECONSTRUCCION Y RECONCILIACION (SERR), USA
AGRICULTURAL MISSIONS, USA
Eurostep
UBUNTU-World Forum of Civil Society Network
CRBM, Italy
Forum for Stable Currencies, UK
IATP
VIVAT International
Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID)
Passionists International
Social Watch
INHURED International, Nepal
Third World Network (TWN)
Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd
Africa Network for Environment and Economic Justice, (ANEEJ)
UNANIMA International
Africa Development Interchange Network (ADIN), Cameroon

Social Justice in Global Development
Foreign Policy in Focus
Maryknoll Sisters of St. Dominic
Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers
11.11.11 Coordination of the Flemish North South Movement, Belgium
Forum for Stable Currencies, UK
World Democratic Government project association – WDGpa
The Norwegian Forum for Environment and Development
KULU - Women and Development, Denmark
The Arab NGO Network for Development (ANND) Beirut, Lebanon
Southern and Eastern African Trade Information and Negotiations Institute (SEATINI)
WEED - World Economy, Ecology & Development Assoc. Berlin, Germany
Debt and Development Coalition, Ireland
The Bretton Woods Project
Dominican Leadership Conference
Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era (DAWN)
EURODAD
IBON, Philippines
CAFOD
International Catholic Organizations (ICO)
SIGLO XX111, El Salvador
Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate (OMI)
Third World Network, Africa
United Methodist Church, General Board of Church and Society
Christian Aid
SEATINI (South Africa)
Marianists International
CIDSE
Loretto Community
SOCIAL WATCH
ATTAC-SWITZERLAND
Kehys - the Finnish NGDO Platform to the EU
Tax Justice Network TJN

cc. H.E. Mr. Lazarous Kapambwe, President, Economic and Social Council
Mr. Robert B. Zoellick, President of the World Bank Group
M. Dominique Strauss-Kahn, IMF Managing Director
Mr. Alex Trepelkov, Director, Financing for Development Office