

Global PFD Meeting 21-23 March 2017
EU's leading role in the implementation of the Agenda 2030:
The New European Consensus on Development

Title of session: The European Consensus on Development, a more credible and effective response to more complex and interconnected challenges

Objective(s):

We live in turbulent times: xenophobia and populism, climate change, conflicts and inequalities all threaten development gains made in recent years. In donor countries, development aid is increasingly under pressure, which in its turn could harm the people who need it the most. Yet, global trends also indicate that people today are living longer, safer and freer lives. The new European Consensus on Development and the EU Global Strategy aim to respond to the challenges, promoting progress and delivering inclusive sustainable development for all.

Institutions, Civil Society Organisations (CSO), Local Authorities (LA) and the private sector work together in making the 2030 Agenda a reality, building on each actor's specific added value and strengths. This session will allow a direct dialogue amongst CSO, LA and private sector represented at the PFD and EU institutional representatives currently negotiating a new Consensus. The dialogue will build on each stakeholders' position on the general direction of EU development policy and how the Consensus (and the EU Global Strategy) could address global/local challenges. The exchanges will focus around:

- WHAT: general direction of EU development policy, EU development policy overhaul, stakeholders' positions on the future of development policy
- and
- HOW: priorities of speakers in terms of Peace/People/Prosperity/Planet and the means of implementation

Expected Results:

- PFD constituencies share their concerns and recommendations on the the new Consensus and its future implementation
- European institutions increase their understanding of the key role of CSO and LA in implementing and localising the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
- In the wake of EU development policy overhaul, reinforce the advocacy component of the PFD as a space for CSOs and LAs to engage in direct policy dialogue with EU institutions

Methodology:

This session will last 2 hours. It will consist of a moderated panel debate and discussion in plenary.

Examples of key questions (speakers to choose):

- An EU Global Strategy has been published. A New European Consensus on Development is in the making, based on a Commission proposal and currently under discussion among the institutions. How do they reflect the Europe CSOs, LAs and private sector want to see as a global actor?
- How does the New Consensus on Development support the implementation of the Global Strategy for the EU Foreign and Security Policy?
- How can CSOs, LAs and private sector better contribute to the implementation of the Consensus/EU Global Strategy? How can actors strengthen each other? Specifically, how can PFD members shape and support the partnership aspects of the New European Consensus on Development?

In addition to plenary discussion, there will be time for questions and answers from the audience before the moderator summarises the key points of the session.

Leads for organisation of session:

- International Trade Union Confederation (Joan Lanfranco)
- PLATFORMA (Wouter Boesman, liaising with Lucy Slack & Claire Frost, CLGF)
- CONCORD (Izabella Toth)
- Cooperatives (Georgia Papoutsis)
- Asia-Pacific Research Network (Tetet Lauron)

Background documents:

- [2006 European Consensus on Development](#)
- [EC proposal on a revised European Consensus on Development](#)
- [EP resolution on a revised European Consensus on Development](#)
- [PLATFORMA position](#)
- [ITUC-TUDCN position](#)
- [CONCORD position](#)
- [Cooperatives Europe position](#)