



Partnership Forum 2017

6-7 July 2017

***Implementing the European Consensus on Development:
Strengthening and deepening our Partnerships worldwide
with Civil Society and Local Authorities***

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The world pledged in September 2015 to revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development (SDG 17).

In 2016, as one of the consequences of this vow, the new Global Strategy for the European Foreign and Security Policy and the new European Consensus on Development recognise the Partnership between the European Union and Civil Society and Local Authorities as a key principle. They also embrace that the successful implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development also requires forging stronger partnerships beyond governments.

They state that *"We will deepen our partnerships with civil society (...) as key players in a networked world. We will do so through dialogue and support, but also through more innovative forms of engagement"*.

Equally, they pledge *"to empower local authorities for better governance and development impact. They will support processes to help people to interact effectively with local government at all stages of policy planning and implementation"*.

The Forum's purpose is to help the EU deepen in concrete terms its partnerships with all components of CSOs and LAs so they can play their full role as actors of governance, advocates and implementers. The Forum will address crucial thematic and geographical areas where these partnerships are needed more than ever. It will also be an occasion to build on specific initiatives at a time when the EU is revising the programming of its assistance.

The 2017 Partnership Forum will bring together Civil Society Organisations (CSOs from both the international development and Human Rights constituencies, as well as Local Authorities (LAs) with European Institutions and Member States.

Tapping into the wealth of experience and innovative practices in different constituencies, the Forum's purpose, as an interactive platform, is to spur a constructive dialogue and gather feedback on best practices to help the EU institutions further develop its Partnerships and the joint responses they bring to complex and evolving challenges in the field.

In particular, this Partnership Forum will focus on three interwoven threads:

- **Building momentum.** The EU has initiated various partnerships on several important areas and ongoing dynamics. This thread will explore the role these partnerships can play and how they can be further developed, beefed up and implemented. *See page 7*
- **Building synergies.** The EU is committed to support multi-actor partnerships. It encourages and stands ready to support the synergies between its partners. This thread will discuss issues of common interests and potential concrete initiatives in the respective continents and regions. *See page 21*
- **Building initiatives.** The EU has developed a diverse set of political and financial tools for civil society and local authorities, including reactive and innovative support models. This thread will inform and consult participants on the concrete use of these tools and mechanisms available at global, continental and country level. *See page 25*

Thread 1 – Building momentum

Discuss 1 - Consensus, CSOs and means of implementation

Discuss 2 - Implementing the Global Climate Change Alliance Plus (GCCA+) EU flagship initiative: *partnership on climate change*

Discuss 3 - Partnership on Gender Equality and Women Empowerment: *the role of women in decision making*

Discuss 4 - Enabling Social Dialogue: *a driver for inclusive and sustainable development*

Discuss 5 - Fulfilling the New Deal for Engagement in Fragile States: *Partnership for Peacebuilding, Statebuilding and Resilience*

Discuss 6 - Which role(s) for Diasporas towards sustainable development: *Implementing the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda*

Discuss 7 - Inclusive local economic development: *shaping an ecosystem to counter rising inequalities*

Discuss 8 - CSOs involvement in EU trade agreements: *implementation of Trade and Sustainable Development Chapters (TSD) and of the Generalised Scheme of Preferences (GSP)*

Discuss 9 – CSOs' shrinking space and enabling environment: *how to partner all ongoing initiatives in a collective dynamic?*

Discuss 10 - Strengthening Local Democracy: *empowering local authorities and supporting local partnerships*

Discuss 11 - Making the SDGs works for IPs: *partnership with Indigenous Peoples*

Discuss 12 - Adding political societies' weight and voices to the promotion and implementation of the SDGs.

Discuss 13 - Partnerships with Participative Economic models: people-centered initiatives in development

Thread 2 – Forging synergies

Gather 1 - Towards the AU-EU Summit 2017

Gather 2 - Towards the ASEM Summit 2018

Gather 3 - Towards the EU-CELAC Summit 2017

Gather 4 - Forging synergies on policy dialogues in Neighbourhood South & Middle East

Thread 3 – Boosting Initiatives

Inform 1 - on the Strategic Approach to Resilience in the EU's External Action

Inform 2 - on the EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa

Inform 3 - on EU rules on Financial Support to third party (re-granting)

Inform 4 - on Relations with civil society : France Orientation Document

Consult 1 - on Programming 2018-20 of the CSO programme

Consult 2 - on Programming 2018-20 of the LA programme

Consult 3 - on Programming 2018-20 of the DEAR programme

Consult 4 - on Programming 2018-20 of the EIDHR

Consult 5 – on EU External Investment Plan

Bilat 1 - Restricted lunch - GPI-LA

Bilat 2 - Restricted lunch - Policy Forum on Development multi stakeholder meeting Jordan

Bilat 3 - Restricted lunch – Mexico

Bilat 4 - Working lunch – Initiative on positive practices on CSO enabling environment

Bilat 5 - Roadmap ASEAN

Bilat 6 - Bilateral meeting with new DEAR beneficiaries

PARTNERSHIP FORUM
Strengthening and deepening our Partnerships

THURSDAY 6 JULY 2017

08:00 ACCREDITATION AND WELCOME
09:00

OPENING SESSION

11:00
12:00

INFORM 1

Strategic Approach to Resilience in the EU's External Action

INFORM 2

The EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa

DISCUSS 13

Partnerships with Participative Economic models:

CONSULT 3

Programming 2018-20 of the DEAR programme

INFORM

12:00
14:00

LUNCH

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14:00
16:00

CONSULT 5

EU External Investment Plan

DISCUSS 10

Strengthening Local Democracy

DISCUSS 6

Which role(s) for Diasporas towards sustainable development

DISCUSS 2

Partnerships on climate change

DISCUSS 9

CSOs' shrinking space and enabling environment

16:00
18:00

GATHER 3

Towards the EU-CELAC Summit 2017

DISCUSS 7

Inclusive local economic development

DISCUSS 5

Partnership for Peacebuilding, Statebuilding and Resilience

GATHER 4

Forging synergies on policy dialogues in Neighbourhood South & Middle East

DISCUSS 4

Enabling Social Dialogue

18:00
22:00

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PARTNERSHIP FORUM

Strengthening and deepening our Partnerships

FRIDAY 7 JULY 2017

08:00
09:00 ACCREDITATION AND WELCOME

09:00
11:00

	DISCUSS 3	CONSULT 4	GATHER 2	DISCUSS 8	CONSULT 2
	Partnership on gender equality and women empowerment	Programming 2018-20 of the EIDHR	Towards the ASEM Summit 2018	CSOs involvement in EU trade agreements	Programming 2018-20 of the LA programme
					INFORM 4
					Relations with civil society: France Orientation Document

11:00
13:00

	GATHER 1	DISCUSS 11	DISCUSS 1	DISCUSS 12	INFORM 3
	Towards the AU-EU Summit 2017	Making the SDGs works for IPs: partnership with Indigenous Peoples	Consensus, CSOs and means of implementation	Adding political societies' weight and voices to the promotion and implementation of the SDGs	EU rules on Financial Support to third party
					CONSULT 1
					Programming 2018-20 of the CSO programme

13:00
14:30

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14:30
15:30

CLOSING SESSION

15:30
16:30

SLOT for BILATERAL MEETINGS

WELCOME

Registration, welcome and agenda planning

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Setting the tone

A voting session on questions and expectations to spark the conversation.

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OPENING SESSION

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THREAD ONE

BUILDING MOMENTUM

The EU has initiated various partnerships on several important areas and ongoing dynamics. This thread will explore the role these partnerships can play and how they can be further developed, beefed up and implemented.

BUILDING MOMENTUM – DISCUSS 1

Consensus, CSOs and means of implementation

*Facilitated by the **International Forum of National NGO Platforms (IFP)***

Friday 7 July – 11:00-13:00

The European Consensus recognises CSOs as important actors of the SDGs, in their own rights, both as promoters and defenders of governance and as implementers of Development Policy. Most of local civil society yet lacks the means to fully implement such role. As a consequence the Consensus affirms the EU commitment to enhance its support for building the capacity of CSOs to strengthen their voice in the development process and to advance political, social and economic dialogue.

There is no participation without proper capacity and space. There are none without adequate means of implementation. While the EU has beefed up its financial support to CSOs, the global risk of decreasing funding for CSOs is worrying. It is equally important that the EU support a structured dialogue between CSOs and partner countries or organizations but also with itself. Moreover, the EU has developed 105 Country Roadmaps for engagement with Civil Society to translate its commitment to support CSOs as an essential actor of Development Policy into inclusive local strategies.

This session will discuss how the EU can best tactically tailor its support to improve CSO participation and capacity and ensure that the Post-Monterrey process of monitoring the means of implementation include CSOs. Building on the lessons learnt from its Structured Dialogue and its Policy Forum on Development, it will also address how to further improve dialogue with CSOs. Finally, building on the lessons learnt from the EU roadmaps, it will address how local strategies can be purposefully improved to deliver on the ground.

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BUILDING MOMENTUM – DISCUSS 2

Implementing the Global Climate Change Alliance Plus (GCCA+) EU flagship initiative: partnership on climate change

Thursday 6 July – 14:00-16:00

Climate change vulnerability and sustainable development are determined not only by exposure to climate events, but also by social or institutional assets within a determined society. This session will present the EU Global Climate Change Alliance Plus (GCCA+) flagship initiative and initiate discussion on the current and desired roles, further to the Paris Agreement, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the new European Consensus on Development (articles 70 and 71, in particular), that CSOs can play to promote climate change resilience (especially adaptation) at all stages of development processes, from local practices to integration into sustainable development planning and policy-making processes.

In its efforts to do more and better, the EU Global Climate Change Alliance plus (GCCA+) flagship initiative promotes multi-stakeholders engagement aiming at broadening the range of stakeholders involved in its activities and interventions and, is currently engaged in exploring how to enhance its cooperation with CSOs, proposed mechanism of cooperation in targeted vulnerable countries, mainly SIDS and LDCs.

Finally, this session will debate how the EU can concretely support integration of climate change and environmental issues into national development policies, plans and policy dialogue in partner countries via engagement with CSOs.

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BUILDING MOMENTUM – DISCUSS 3

Partnership on Gender Equality and women empowerment : the role of women in decision making

Friday 7 July – 09:00 – 11h00

Women's empowerment is essential for development. The new EU Consensus on Development gives gender equality and women empowerment a central role as main principle for our policy making and as key enabler for obtaining results. Empowerment has several meanings: access to and control over resources, but also self-determination and participation. It has been demonstrated that Women's participation in decision making brings about improved democracy, better governance, more respect for human rights, increased accountability of national and local authorities as well as more equitable and transparent budgeting.

Women are still a small minority in politics. The number of women Heads of State or Government fell from 19 to 17 since 2015. Progress in the number of women in parliament continues to be slow. According to the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and UN Women the Women in Politics Map shows that the global average of women in national parliaments increased just slightly from 22.6 per cent in 2015 to 23.3 per cent in 2016. Political parties are male dominated and without specific measures, women often fall off the picture. Those who resist, can be subject to discrimination up to violence, including physical violence, taunting and bullying.

This session will discuss how CSOs and LAs can support women empowerment in decision making processes, including in politics. It will also address how the EU can contribute to this effort and translate its strong commitment into local strategies purposefully improving delivery on the ground.

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BUILDING MOMENTUM – DISCUSS 4

Enabling social dialogue: a driver for inclusive and sustainable development

*Facilitated by the **International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)** and the **International Employers' Organisation (IEO)***

Thursday 6 July – 16:00-18:00

Social Dialogue is one of the four pillars of the ILO's Decent Work Agenda and can play an important role in linking employment with trade and economic policies. It interacts with all parts of the economic and social development of a country. In recent years social dialogue has not realised its full potential. It has been under particular strain in those countries most affected by the recent economic crisis. In March 2015, 30 years after the launch of the European Social Dialogue, the European Commission, together with the social partners and the other EU institutions launched a "New Start for Social Dialogue".

The new European Consensus on Development highlights the EU commitment to work with employers and workers' organisations to promote responsible, sustainable and effective approaches, including through social dialogue. Besides, preconditions opening the space for dialogue with the social partners and promote collective bargaining and consultation processes are necessary for an effective social dialogue. Proper modalities and mechanisms are essential for social dialogue to succeed.

Based on good practices, this session will discuss how social dialogue can be a driver of decent job creation. Finally, it will address how the EU and its Member States can concretely support social dialogue in partner countries.

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BUILDING MOMENTUM – DISCUSS 5

Fulfilling the New Deal for Engagement in Fragile States: Partnership for Peacebuilding, Statebuilding and Resilience

*Facilitated by the **Civil Society Platform for Peace building and State building (CSPPS)***

Thursday 6 July – 16:00-18:00

In 2011, more than 44 countries and organisations, including the EU and its Member States, signed the New Deal for Engagement in Fragile States. Agreed between fragile and conflict-affected states, development partners, and civil society, it establishes the first set of principles guiding and improving the international engagement in conflict-affected states. The New Deal intends to identify, agree and realize more effective ways of building peaceful states and supporting transitions out of fragility. It seeks to be more context-sensitive and country-led than traditional approaches to development, and aims to ensure mutual accountability.

It also imposes to re-perceive results, to rethink aid programs in fragile contexts, and to adapt and adopt priority-setting based on comprehensive fragility assessments, simplified planning mechanisms, support for inclusive political dialogue and to reinforce EU support to and partnership with CSOs and LAs for its implementation.

This session will discuss how can the good practices that have been developed in the g7+ countries such as Central African Republic, Somalia or South Sudan, help ensuring that the New Deal principles are used as a foundation for strengthening institutions and supporting continuous and meaningful CSOs involvement. It will also address how the New Deal can support the potentials development/security nexus in peace and state building. Finally it will address how we can reinforce pragmatically the resilience of populations, CSOs and LAs.

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BUILDING MOMENTUM – DISCUSS 6

Which role(s) for Diasporas towards sustainable development? Implementating the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda

Thursday 6 July – 14:00-16:00

The 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda recognises the positive contribution of migrants towards inclusive growth and sustainable development. For instance, the African Diaspora in Europe has recently made concerted efforts to get organised and are already contributing significantly to the development agenda. In the context of the Africa-EU relations, the 2015 Joint Valletta Action Plan (JVAP) more specifically aims at promoting diaspora engagement in countries of origin. This is also the case for other parts of the world.

The positive role that Diasporas can play in favour of sustainable development is increasingly acknowledged by governments and civil society organisations in countries of origin and countries of destination. Diaspora members can contribute to sustainable development, in many ways, for example by transferring remittances to their families and relatives in their countries of origin, through the development of ideas that are deeply rooted in the local context but also by investing in local economic and social development initiatives.

This session will discuss how Diasporas from around the world can further structure and organise their contribution toward ensuring the effective implementation of the sustainable development goals.

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BUILDING MOMENTUM – DISCUSS 7

Inclusive local economic development: shaping an ecosystem to counter rising inequalities

Thursday 6 July – 16:00-18:00

By 2030, 60% of the world population is expected to live in cities. More than 90 % of this urban shift is taking place in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Caribbean. In such a context of rising spatial inequality and imbalances, the Territorial Approach to Local Development aims at harnessing the endogenous potential of territories by leveraging the contribution of actors operating at multiple scales and by bringing incremental value to national development efforts.

There is a growing awareness that legitimate and capable local authorities not only need the resources to formulate and implement inclusive local economic development strategies but also play a critical role in forging transformative partnerships with other spheres of government, civil society and the private sector.

This session will discuss how local authorities can foster such partnerships, identify possible synergies and adopt innovative approaches to service delivery and income generation. This session will address both the issue of big cities as well as the interface between rural areas with medium and small-sized cities which is key for spatially inclusive economic development.

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BUILDING MOMENTUM – DISCUSS 8

CSOs involvement in EU trade agreements: implementation of Trade and Sustainable Development Chapters (TSD) and of the Generalised Scheme of Preferences (GSP)

Friday 7 July – 09:00 - 11h00

The EU is committed to ensure that trade policy supports economic growth and the respect of human rights, labour and environmental standards. This objective is pursued through a broad range of trade policy instruments, which includes **Trade and Sustainable Development (TSD) Chapters** in trade agreements and the **Generalised Scheme of Preferences (GSP)**.

Most recent EU trade agreements include provisions promoting inclusive and sustainable economic growth in dedicated **Trade and Sustainable Development (TSD) Chapters**. 6 agreements are currently implemented (Korea, Central America, Colombia-Peru, Moldova, Georgia and Ukraine), 3 have been concluded and implementation should start soon (Singapore, Vietnam and Canada). The close involvement of civil society organisations, is central to the successful implementation of the TSD provisions, helping to identify issues and priority areas of action.

EU Trade Agreements establishes two types of CSOs consultation mechanisms: domestic advisory groups (DAGs) and an open forum with civil society. DAGs are composed of employee representatives, business and NGOs. They monitor implementation and can submit opinions and recommendations to the trade Parties. Currently, the European Economic and Social Committee provides secretariat assistance to the EU DAG. The open forum -brings together CSOs from both Parties and the governments to discuss the implementation of the TSD Chapter.

The **Generalised Scheme of Preferences** is the EU's primary trade instrument to promote sustainable development and good governance in developing countries. Its GSP Plus (GSP+) sub-scheme provides unilateral, generous market access to vulnerable developing countries that commit to ratify and effectively implement 27 core international conventions. Currently, GSP+ countries are Armenia, Bolivia, Cape Verde, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Pakistan, Paraguay, the Philippines and Sri Lanka.

The EU ensures that GSP+ beneficiaries comply with their legal obligations through a stringent and systematic monitoring. CSO organisations are consulted prior and during formal GSP+ monitoring missions. In January 2016, the Commission published the first public report on GSP+ countries compliance with the 27 conventions. The second report is due end of this year.

This session will discuss the civil society organisations (CSOs) role and contribution to the monitoring of TSD Chapters and the achievement of GSP programme objectives.

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BUILDING MOMENTUM – DISCUSS 9

CSOs' shrinking space and enabling environment: How to partner all ongoing initiatives in a collective dynamic?

*Facilitated by the **International Federation of Human Rights (FIDH)***

Thursday 6 July – 14:00-16:00

A worryingly increasing number of countries have introduced legal and administrative constraints against CSOs that often contradict those countries' international commitments and constitutional or legal obligations. Civic freedoms are reportedly under threat in more than 90 countries and CSOs are regularly the subject of violent crackdowns or physical attacks. Repression and framing laws are openly assumed by certain authorities and non-state actors are increasing in violence.

Over the last 5 years, the EU has developed a comprehensive package to respond to the shrinking space for CSOs (EIDHR focus, facility and 20% of earmarked funds, EU HRD mechanism) which helps its partners to save and protect endangered defenders daily. It intends now to similarly reinforce a more offensive line supporting the good practices that have allowed expanding CSOs' enabling environment, their implementation, their consolidation and their promotion to other countries.

This session will discuss how the EU can continue to address the most difficult situations, face most pressing and urgent needs, and maintain and strengthen its mitigation of the shrinking space. It will also address how the EU can, in complementarity to what it is currently successfully doing, further step up its support to advocacy, capacity building of CSOs and expand the good practices that have been developed.

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BUILDING MOMENTUM – DISCUSS 10**Strengthening Local Democracy: empowering local authorities**

Facilitated by IDEA International

Thursday 6 July – 14:00-16:00

Local authorities, civil society organisations, community groups and engaged citizens play a fundamental role in shaping local democracy, ensuring social cohesion and promoting socio-economic development. To reach their full potential, the empowerment and development of autonomous actors, just as the linkages between them, and the existence of enabling national policies, are of key importance.

Promoting equal rights for citizens and access to information and justice, ensuring the functioning of representative, accountable and effective institutions, and the inclusion and participation of different groups of society, contribute to the creation of enabling conditions for local/territorial development. The legitimacy of local authorities depends on their capacity, resources, ability to address the needs and concerns of citizens, and the state of democracy at the local level. The latter is critical in ensuring that citizens are involved in decision-making on the distribution of resources within their community, the strengthening of a civic culture, and to improving the quality of local public service delivery while increasing the accountability of representatives. The overall objective is the continuous improvement of the performance of local democratic institutions in an inclusive environment.

This session will discuss the importance of local authorities and civil society organisations in promoting participatory democracy, and ensuring the inclusion of marginalised groups. Moreover, it will explore the role of public and non-state actors in increasing accountability, particularly with regards to public finance. Finally, this session will examine the prospects and challenges of creating local partnerships between governing authorities and civil society organisations with a view to strengthen local democracy that delivers sustainable local development.

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BUILDING MOMENTUM – DISCUSS 11

Making the SDGs works for IPs: a partnership with Indigenous Peoples

*Facilitated by the **Consortium of the Indigenous Navigator***

Friday 7 July – 11:00-13:00

While the 370 million of Indigenous Peoples represent 5% of the world's population, spread over 70 countries, they forlornly represent 15% of the poor. They face persisting exclusion and marginalisation leaving them behind. Moreover, exposed to competition on land and natural resources, or opposed to environmental destruction or land-grabbing, Indigenous Peoples' leaders and community members are increasingly the object of serious threats. In 2016, in 25 countries, 49% of murdered HR defenders worked to defend land, environmental and indigenous rights.

The Indigenous Peoples Major Group (IPMG) actively contributed to the elaboration of SDGs As stated by the Secretary-General of the United Nations: "*The 2030 Agenda must realize the rights of indigenous peoples across all the Goals. Indigenous peoples must not be left behind*". It is now crucial that IPs can play an active implementing role at the national, regional and international levels and that their perspectives and voices are included. They also need to be empowered and offered opportunities to actively engage and build on their knowledge and vision. Furthermore, the Indigenous Navigator, linking local realities with global frameworks, was established to systematically monitor the level of recognition and implementation of their rights.

Building on grass roots actions and experiences, the session will discuss the role of Indigenous Peoples and explore concrete avenues for a tactical contribution to the implementation of the SDGs, in particular regarding their distinct rights, needs and capacities and the implementation of rights-based approaches. It will also address the link between IPs agenda, and gender, child, youth-sensitive, and climate change- approaches. Finally, it will address how the EU can mobilise efforts and means to support its commitments on the matter.

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BUILDING MOMENTUM – DISCUSS 12

Adding political societies' weight and voices for the promotion and implementation of the SDGs

*Facilitated by the **European Network of Political Foundations (ENoP)***

Friday 7 July – 11:00-13:00

Political and civic education is one of the central pillars of the democracy support work of political parties, organisations, and foundations. They reach out to various target groups such as students, activists, local representatives, and local authorities engaged, through partnerships, with communities in developing countries and the broader public. Their activities often provide a bridge between civil society and political decision-makers.

The universality of the SDGs requires promoting the 2030 Agenda to new audiences; in particular in areas where development policy, in its traditional understanding, receives limited attention, despite the crucial role it plays in the successful implementation of the Agenda.

How can political society and political foundations in particular promote and help implement the objectives of the 2030 Agenda and the new European Consensus on Development? How can the EU best trigger/encourage such support?

This session will discuss how political education programmes can stimulate pro-development views among the wider public, as well as from decision makers, and link the civil society debate with political parties and the political party system. It will converge on how to better involve local authorities in the development discourse and engage them in mainstreaming development awareness. It will particularly address how political foundations stimulate and contribute to the development policy debate in Central/Eastern European countries, which have less experience in the development field.

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BUILDING MOMENTUM – DISCUSS 13

Partnerships with Participative Economic models: people-centered initiatives in development

*Facilitated by **the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA) & Fairtrade International***

Thursday 6 July – 11:00 -12:00

The adoption of the SDGs in 2015 and the new European Consensus on Development recognises that partnering with CSOs and private sector constitutes key to achieve inclusive sustainable development. Therefore, it is important to bear in mind that the private sector is not a homogenous set of actors but a rather diverse one, ranging, from companies seeking primarily profit to people-centred businesses addressing needs within their local communities. These can be economic actors from micro enterprises to huge transnational organisations that work at the local, regional, national and international level. It is therefore important to consider that due to this wide range of actors within the private sector, not all of them automatically deliver on development objectives.

The cooperative and Fair Trade actors apply a people-centred model where profit is simply a means to serve the people, not an end in itself. They have contributed to bringing a more inclusive people-based model to the economic system and proved that it is viable and can succeed. They represent a private sector that places people and not capital at the core of its business, achieving sustainable development and inclusive growth that will alleviate poverty.

This session will discuss how cooperatives and producers-led organisations impact local communities by lifting people out of poverty, how they can deliver decent jobs and inclusive growth, with gender and youth inclusion to be addressed. It will highlight the impact on people, stimulate partnerships with different private sector actors, and promote a dialogue with the EU institutions to consider people-driven economic models as sustainable vehicles for socio-economic development.

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THREAD TWO

BUILDING SYNERGIES

The EU is committed to support multi-actors partnerships. It encourages and stands ready to support the synergies between its partners. This thread will discuss issues of common interests and potential concrete initiatives in the respective continents and regions.

BUILDING SYNERGIES – GATHER 1**Forging synergies towards the AU-EU Summit 2017**

Friday 7 July – 11:00-13:00

The 5th EU-Africa Summit will take place in November 2017 in Cote d'Ivoire. The summit will gather 83 European and African Heads of State or Governments. The central theme for the summit will be "Youth", in a context of African demographic trends creating major challenges for young peoples in terms of migration, security and employment. The Africa-EU Civil Society Forum intends to gather together representatives from African and European CSOs to review the implementation of the Joint Africa-EU Strategy, to ensure their full participation in the EU-Africa Partnership, to evaluate past experiences and discuss the future of the partnership. Moreover, European and African Platforms of LAs are currently engaged in a dialogue with the AU and the EU to include LAs in the run up to the summit.

This session will gather participants from or involved in Africa. It will address the involvement and input of CSOs and LAs in the process leading up to the AU-EU summit. It will also address what would be the relevant thematic issues to be highlighted by CSOs and LAs for the region.

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European Youth Forum

Moderator***Achieng Akena***

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BUILDING SYNERGIES – GATHER 2

Forging synergies towards the ASEM Summit 2018

Friday 7 July – 09:00-11:00

The 12th Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) Summit will take place in November 2018 in Brussels. The summit will gather 53 European and Asian Heads of State or Governments. The summit will foster political dialogue, reinforce economic cooperation, and promote collaboration in areas of mutual interest. The Asia-Europe People's Forum (AEPF) is the inter-regional network of civil society and social movements across Asia and Europe. The AEPF organise parallel meetings to the ASEM which are traditionally held to coincide with and input into the official ASEM Summits.

This session will gather participants from or involved in Asia. It will address the involvement and input of CSOs and LAs in the process leading up to the ASEM summit, and the upcoming AEPF meeting. It will also address what would be the relevant thematic issues to be highlighted by CSOs and LAs for the region.

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BUILDING SYNERGIES – GATHER 3

Forging synergies towards the EU-CELAC Summit 2017

Thursday 6 July – 16:00-18:00

The 6th EU-CELAC Summit will take place in October 2017 in San Salvador. The summit will gather 61 European, Latin America and Caribbean Heads of State or Governments. The summit will address a comprehensive set of common issues and challenges, such as trade and development, fight against crime and climate change. Ten priority areas were identified for bi-regional cooperation for 2015-17, ranging from science and research, sustainable development, energy, investment and entrepreneurship.

This session will gather participants from or involved in Latin America & the Caribbean countries. It will address the involvement and input of CSOs and LAs in the process leading up to the EU-CELAC summit. It will also address what would be the relevant thematic issues to be highlighted by CSOs and LAs for the region.

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BUILDING SYNERGIES – GATHER 4

Forging synergies on policy dialogues in the Neighbourhood South and the Middle East

Thursday 6 July – 16:00-18:00

The multi stakeholder Policy Forum on Development will take place in October 2017 in Jordan. Regional concerns, information and experiences will be exchanged on key EU policies and initiatives to promote rights-based development and multi-stakeholder approach in development. The Civil Society Forum Neighbourhood South will be held in Brussels on 10 to 12 July 2017. Key issues identified by civil society will be addressed: security and resilience, human rights, migration, employability and social business.

This session will gather participants from or involved in Neighbourhood South and the Middle East region. It will address the involvement and input of CSOs and LAs in this dialogue process in a way to develop synergies. It will also address what would be the relevant thematic issues to be highlighted by CSOs and LAs for the region.

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THREAD THREE

BUILDING INITIATIVES

The EU has developed a diverse set of political and financial tools for civil society and local authorities, including reactive and innovative support models. This thread will inform and consult participants on the concrete use of these tools and mechanisms available at global, continental and country level. See page

BUILDING INITIATIVES – INFORM 1

A Strategic Approach to Resilience in the EU's External Action

Thursday 6 July – 12:00-13:00

Building resilience at home and abroad means creating a more responsive union. The EU will strengthen the resilience of states and societies by supporting good governance, accountable institutions, and working closely with civil society. Our support will target in particular the EU's surrounding regions in the East and the South, spanning from Central Asia to Central Africa.

The High Representative and the European Commission launched a Joint Communication on Resilience that aims to further enhance common action on building resilience on the ground. Examples of our work are the EU's engagement in the Sahel Region, where we are helping people in immediate need through humanitarian intervention, while also investing in creating jobs, access to education, health and climate mitigation. We are also supporting private investment in fragile areas with the European External Investment Plan(link is external).

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BUILDING INITIATIVES – INFORM 2

The EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa

Thursday 6 July – 11:00-12:00

This interactive information session will provide a State of Play of Trust Fund operations, and will answer questions regarding the Emergency Trust Fund for Africa.

The Trust Fund aims to help foster stability in three regions - Sahel region and Lake Chad, Horn of Africa and North Africa - and to contribute to better migration management by addressing the root causes of destabilisation, forced displacement and irregular migration, through the promotion of economic and equal opportunities, security and development.

Since its inception in 2015, the total amount of resources made available to the Trust Fund has increased to more than EUR 2.8 billion.

To date, 112 programmes across the three regions have been approved under the Trust Fund.

Facilitated by

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BUILDING INITIATIVES – INFORM 3

EU rules on Financial Support to third party (re-granting)

Thursday 6 July – 11:00-12:00

The EU Financial Regulation allows beneficiaries of EU grant to re-grant part of the allocation they receive under this grant to sub-beneficiaries. This modality allows for large size contract to reach out to smaller partners that might not have the capacity to apply directly to EU funds. This session will inform on how the re-granting works and answer questions on its legal, financial and technical elements.

Facilitated by

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BUILDING INITIATIVES – INFORM 4

Relations with civil society : France Orientation Document Relations avec la société civile : document d'orientations de la France

Friday 7 July – 10h00-11:00

In 2017, France adopted a new strategic frame (*Document d'orientation politique relatif au partenariat entre le ministère des Affaires étrangères et du Développement international et la société civile*) that formalises France ambitions for its partnership with Civil Society.

This session will be the occasion to presents the vision, the objectives and the means of this strategic approach.

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BUILDING INITIATIVES – CONSULT 1

CSO Programme: Consultation on the upcoming Programming 2018-2020

*Facilitated by **CONCORD Instruments Sub -Group***

Friday 7 July – 12:00-13:00

This consultation session will provide space for dialogue on the upcoming programming period of the CSO component of the "Civil Society Organisations and Local Authorities" (CSO-LA) Thematic Programme.

Launched in 2014, the CSO-LA thematic programme supports CSOs in their role as actors of governance and development.

First ideas on potential lessons learnt, inflections and priorities for the next programming period will be presented and discussed.

Respondent

Patrice Lenormand

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BUILDING INITIATIVES – CONSULT 2

LA Programme: Consultation on the upcoming Programming 2018-2020

Thursday 6 July – 09:00-11:00

This consultation session will provide space for dialogue on the upcoming programming period of the LA component of the DCI "Civil Society Organisations and Local Authorities" (CSO-LA) Thematic Programme.

Launched in 2014, the CSO-LA thematic programme supports LAs in their role as actors of governance and development.

First ideas on potential lessons learnt, inflections and priorities for the next programming period will be presented and discussed.

Respondent

Michel Laloge

Head of Sector Local Authorities, European Commission

BUILDING INITIATIVES – CONSULT 3

DEAR Programme: Consultation on the upcoming Programming 2018-2020

*Facilitated by **CONCORD DEAR Sub -Group***

Thursday 6 July – 11:00-12:00

This consultation session will provide space for dialogue on the upcoming programming period of the Development Education and Awareness raising (DEAR) component of the DCI "Civil Society Organisations and Local Authorities" (CSO-LA) Thematic Programme.

Launched in 2014, the CSO-LA thematic programme supports Development Education and Awareness Raising (DEAR) in Europe. The EU has been supporting DEAR since 40 years.

First ideas on potential lessons learnt, inflections and priorities for the next programming period will be presented and discussed.

Respondent

Rosario Bento Pais

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BUILDING INITIATIVES – CONSULT 4

EIDHR: Consultation on the upcoming Programming 2018-2020

Friday 7 July – 09:00-11:00

This consultation session will provide space for dialogue on the upcoming programming period of the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR).

Launched in 2007 and renewed in 2014, the EIDHR is the concrete expression of the EU commitment to support and promote democracy and human rights in third countries.

First ideas on potential lessons learnt, inflections and priorities for the next programming period will be presented and discussed.

Respondent

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BUILDING MOMENTUM – CONSULT 5

EU External Investment Plan: a new approach, moving beyond classical development assistance

Thursday 6 July – 14:00-16:00

Traditional development assistance alone cannot meet the challenges of achieving the 17 goals of the 2030 Agenda. Grants remain essential but must be complemented by other tools and sources of finance in order to reach these ambitious development targets. This is in line with the 2015 Addis Ababa Action Agenda on financing for development which called for new partnerships, notably mobilising private resources, for achieving the SDGs. In September 2016, in response to this challenge, the European Commission announced its proposal for an ambitious External Investment Plan (EIP) with a focus in Africa and the UE's Neighbourhood region.

The EIP provides a coherent and integrated framework to improve investment in order to promote decent job creation, sustainable development and tackle some of the root causes of migration. It contains three innovative elements: an integrated 3-pillar approach to promote improved conditions for investment and good governance; a single entry point for financing requests and the creation of a guarantee mechanism designed to mitigate the risks of investments in difficult environments. The Plan is expected to leverage more than EUR 44 billion of investments until 2020.

This session will firstly briefly present the most innovative elements of the EIP and brief the participants on the state of play of the dialogue on the instrument with the European Parliament and the Council. Secondly, provide an opportunity for partners to express their views on particular aspects of the Plan and lastly to continue debating on concrete ways for civil society to contribute to the EIP's successful implementation.

Respondent

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