

Beyond 2015 Copenhagen CSO High-Level Conference 13-14th November 2014

Introduction

The Beyond 2015 Copenhagen CSO Conference is co-organized by Beyond 2015, Global Focus, The Danish 92-Group, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark and the UN City in Copenhagen. BOND UK and the Norwegian ForUM for Development and Environment, has kindly supported the participation of international participants in the conference. The conference will bring approx. 200 civil society representatives from more than 50 countries to Copenhagen to engage in CSO strategizing for the crucial and final year of the Post-2015 negotiations.

Objective

The Beyond 2015 Copenhagen CSO Conference will take stock of the Post-2015 agenda and of the proposed global goals for sustainable development by discussing the messages from the High Level debate of the 69th UNGA, providing inputs to the UNSG Synthesis Report on the Post-2015 Development Agenda, and by engaging in CSO strategizing for the crucial and final year of the Post-2015 negotiations.

Conference facilities

The Beyond 2015 Copenhagen CSO Conference will be hosted by the UN-City in Copenhagen, which will provide excellent conference facilities, including conference rooms and breakout rooms. There will be daily transport from conference hotel (Wake-Up in Borgergade) to the UN City. Interpretation in English and French will be available in all plenary sessions.

Thematic focus

The Beyond 2015 Copenhagen CSO Conference will focus on eight thematic discussions with the objective of addressing the social, economic and environmental aspects of inequality. The outcome document will also focus on these eight themes.

- 1) Poverty, social dimensions and inequality
- 2) Human Rights, Governance and inequality
- 3) Finance, Tax and Development and inequality
- 4) Peace and Security and inequality
- 5) Climate Change and inequality
- 6) Environmental sustainability and inequality
- 7) Gender Justice and inequality
- 8) Citizens' Participation and inequality

Programme flow

In the first day and a half, civil society representatives will explore the challenges and opportunities in the Post-2015 process, and produce an outcome document, including recommendations to the final UNSG Synthesis Report on the Post-2015 Development Agenda. The Beyond 2015 Copenhagen CSO Conference will lead up to a high-level segment on the 14th of November 2014, which aims to facilitate a dialogue between Beyond 2015 and Governments and UN representatives.

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	THURSDAY		FRIDAY
08.00 09.00	Arrival and morning coffee/tea + croissant	08.00 08.30	Arrival and morning coffee/tea + croissant
09.00 10.30	Opening dialogue; Stocktaking of the 69th UN General Assembly and Post-2015 Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Tom Thomas, PRAXIS - Mr. George Ndungu, Organisation of African Youth - Mrs. Arelys Bellorini , World Vision - Mr. Marianne Haahr, CARE Denmark - Mrs. Tanya Cox, Plan International <p>Facilitators; Morten Emil Hansen and Mwangi Waituru</p>	08.30 09.00	Speakers Corner <p>All on stage – voice your opinion</p> <p>Facilitators; Morten Emil Hansen and Mwangi Waituru</p>
		09.00 10.00	Working sessions; Outcome document <p>Discussion on Outcome document</p>
10.30 12.30	Parallel thematic working groups (first round) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Poverty, social dimensions and inequality 2) Human Rights, Governance and inequality 3) Finance, Tax, Development and inequality 4) Peace and Security and inequality 5) Climate change and inequality 6) Environmental sustainability and inequality 7) Gender Justice and inequality 8) Citizens' Participation and inequality 	10.00 11.30	Closing Debate; Strategizing - the way forward <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Andrew Griffiths, Sightsavers - Helle Munk Ravnborg, MS ActionAid - Priscilla Miranda, CEPEI - John Robert Ulanga, The Foundation for Civil Society <p>Facilitators; Morten Emil Hansen and Mwangi Waituru</p>
12.30 13.30	Lunch	11.30 12.30	Lunch

13.30 15.30	Parallel thematic working groups (second round) 1) Poverty, social dimensions and inequality 2) Human Rights, Governance and inequality 3) Finance, Tax, Development and inequality 4) Peace and Security and inequality 5) Climate change and inequality 6) Environmental sustainability and inequality 7) Gender Justice and inequality 8) Citizens' Participation and inequality	12.30 15.45	HIGH LEVEL SEGMENT See separate programme Below
15.30 16.00	Coffee break	15.45 16.30	World café and farewell
16.00 - 17.00	Touring the working groups 1) Poverty, social dimensions and inequality 2) Human Rights, Governance and inequality 3) Finance, Tax, Development and inequality 4) Peace and Security and inequality 5) Climate change and inequality 6) Environmental sustainability and inequality 7) Gender Justice and inequality 8) Citizens' Participation and inequality		
19.30 21.00	Walking tour of Copenhagen	20.00 22.00	Copenhagen By Night

High-Level dialogue; Strategizing for the future

The High-level dialogue session aims to facilitate a dialogue between Beyond 2015 and Governments and UN representatives. A Key Note Address from Mr. Mogens Lykketoft, candidate for President UN General Assembly will be followed by remarks from Mr. Martin Bille Hermann, State Secretary for Development Policy, Denmark, Ms. Deborah Rogers, President of Initiative for Equality and Mr. Mabelde Lawrence Mushwana, Chair of ICC and SAHRC. The session will be moderated in a journalistic format.

Thematic debates

The two thematic debates will focus on specific themes and challenges identified in the CSO Conference and will have a civil society lead to facilitate a discussion between Beyond 2015, Governments and UN representatives. Beyond 2015 representatives will provide a brief presentation of the issues and civil society views, which will form the basis for the discussion. The objective of the thematic debates is to have an in-depth and focused discussion in a short space of time and to strategize around hot topics. The session will be moderated in a journalistic format.

Future lab; Youth

The Future Lab will be an interactive dialogue session with young people (age 15-30) to stimulate a discussion on youth in the Post-2015 agenda. The session will be in the form of question and answer sessions in which young people will be asked to reflect on long-term youth challenges. Members of the Danish youth organisations and young people from the Global South will meet the day before the CSO Conference to prepare the agenda. The Future lab will be an interactive session, where the audience and non-attendees can engage with burning questions on twitter.

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12.30-12.45	<p>Opening session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- George N'dungu, Organisation of African Youth and Co-chair at Beyond 2015- Andrew Griffiths, Sightsavers and Co-chair at Beyond 2015- Lars Udsholt, Danish Mission Council Development Department and Chair of Global Focus <p>Video message from Ms. Amina Mohammed, UN Secretary-General's Special Adviser on Post-2015</p> <p>Facilitators; Morten Emil Hansen and Mwangi Waituru</p>
12.45-13.25	<p>First thematic debate: Addressing inequality in the post 2015 framework as stand-alone goal and though mainstreaming</p> <p><i>Q: What should be kept, what should go in and what should be improved in specific goals on equality?</i></p> <p><i>Q: How can equality be mainstreamed throughout the post 2015 framework to ensure that no one is left behind?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ms. Mimi Jakobsen, Secretary-General of Save the Children Denmark- Ms. Anjali Sen, Regional Director of IPPF- Mr. Paul Ladd, Head of Team and Lead Adviser on the Post-2015 at UNDP <p>Facilitator; Sofia Garcia Garcia, SOS Children's Villages International</p>
13.25-13.30	<p>Video message from Jan Eliasson, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations</p>
13.30-14.10	<p>Second thematic debate: Addressing inequality in an integrated and universal post 2015 framework?</p> <p><i>Q: How can an integrated post 2015 framework address economic, social and environmental dimensions of inequality?</i></p> <p><i>Q: How can a universal post-2015 framework address inequality between and within countries?</i></p> <p><i>Q: How can the post-2015 framework ensure that inequality will be an integrated part of the means of implementation?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ms. Jean Saldanha, Senior Policy Advisor at CIDSE- Mr. Wael Hmaidan, Director of CAN International- Mrs. Rachel Shebesh, MP, Kenya- Representative from Ireland (tbc)

	Facilitator; Mr. John Patrick Ngoyi, Justice, Development and Peace Commission
14.15-14.35	Future Lab ; Youth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. George N'dungu , Organisation of African Youth - Group of Youth activists
14.35-14.45	Keynote address from Mr. Mogens Lykketoft, Speaker of the Danish Parliament and candidate for the position as President of the UN General Assembly 2015-2016
14.45-15.30	Dialogue and strategizing for the future <p><i>Q: How can civil society push bring equality into the heart of the future post-2015 process? (delivering conference message)</i></p> <p><i>Q: How can the UN facilitate the focus on inequality in the future post-2015 process?</i></p> <p><i>Q: How can countries champion the importance of inequality in the future post-2015 process?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Mogens Lykketoft, Speaker of the Danish Parliament and candidate for the position as President of the UN General Assembly 2015-2016 - Mr. Martin Bille Hermann, State Secretary for Development Policy, Denmark - Ms. Deborah Rogers, President of Initiative for Equality - Mr. Mbedle Lawrence Mushwana, Chair of ICC and SAHRC <p>Facilitator: Ms. Neva Frecheville, Lead Policy Analyst at CAFOD</p>
15.30-15.45	Closing session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - George N'dungu, Organisation of African Youth and Co-chair at Beyond 2015 - Andrew Griffiths, Sightsavers and Co-chair at Beyond 2015 - Lars Udsholt, Danish Mission Council Development Department and Chair of Global Focus <p>Facilitators; Morten Emil Hansen and Mwangi Waituru</p>
15.45-16.30	World Café and farewell

Outcome document

The Beyond 2015 Copenhagen CSO Conference will produce an outcome document, which will be produced in an open and transparent process during the conference. Members of the working group will cover all the eight thematic working groups to ensure that key priorities and recommendations are captured. Editing and finishing of the outcome document will be done in the evening of the first day and it will be presented and discussed in the morning of day two.

Walking tour of Copenhagen

All participants are invited to join the evening walking tour on Thursday evening from 19.30-21.00. The walking tour will take you to some of the historic and famous landmarks of Copenhagen. Make sure to bring warm clothing and good walking shoes. The tour will take approx. 90 min. and will we meet in lobby of the Wake-Up hotel.

World Cafe

We ask all participants to bring an object from their home country which symbolizes the world they want. In the World Café CSO representatives will exchange experiences and give their perspectives on strategies for the crucial and final year of the Post-2015 negotiations. This session will be informal and participants can meet and talk freely in the corridors. The World Café session is also our farewell reception.

#Social Media

Participants and non-attendees will be able to contribute on twitter via the hash tags; #Beyond2015 - #post2015 - #aimhigher2015. Key interventions and recommendations will be shared on social media platforms.

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