

CIVIL SOCIETY APPEAL TO MEMBER STATES ON THE 2020 FfD FORUM

Her Excellency Mona Juul
President of the Economic and Social Council
United Nations, New York

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Madam President,

The civil society organizations listed at the end of this letter wish to encourage the Member States of the United Nations to adopt a substantive consensus “outcome document” of policy measures and recommendations at the 2020 Financing for Development Forum to help lead to full recovery of the world economy from the COVID-19 emergency and place the world on a path to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

Today, we call on Member States and international institutions to take policy decisions in coordinated fashion, aware that sometimes newly adopted policies may need to be adjusted as national situations spiral into further distress. We also note that physical meetings of international bodies are temporarily impossible and virtual meetings severely limit the amount of give and take among country representatives and other stakeholders.

In the circumstances we are in, we encourage Member States to hold a substantive meeting of the FfD Forum during July 2020. We believe (and hope) that by July 2020 it may be possible to take stock of the global response thus far to the COVID-19 emergency and assess what further social, economic and financial policy measures might be adopted at relevant United Nations and other international forums. We believe the “spirit of Monterrey” can be invoked once again to facilitate such reflection.

The Financing for Development process is simultaneously universal in its membership. It intimately involves the responsibilities of multiple ministries of governments and numerous international organizations in the economic, financial and social spheres. It also welcomes views from the private sector and civil society. “FfD” provides an opportunity like no other to address detailed international economic and financial policy questions in a coherent fashion.

We thus urge the Member States of the United Nations to convene the FfD Follow-up Forum in July 2020 to adopt a consensus “outcome document” and offer our support to its discussions.

Thank you for considering our appeal.

The following NGOs in consultative status with ECOSOC endorse this Appeal:

1. Africa Development Interchange Network (ADIN)
2. Agewell Foundation
3. Appui Solidaire Pour Le Renforcement De L'aide Au Développement
4. Armenian Relief Society
5. Casa Generalizia della Societa' del Sacro Cuore
6. Chavara Cultural Centre
7. Child Welfare League of America (CWLA)
8. CIVICUS
9. Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations (CoNGO)
10. Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd
11. Congregation of the Mission
12. Convention of Independent Financial Advisors (CIFA)
13. Edmund Rice International
14. End Child Prostitution, Child Pornography, and Trafficking of Persons for Sexual Purposes, Inc.
15. FAWCO
16. Federal Union of European Nationalities (FUEN)
17. Fondazione Proclade Internazionale - onlus
18. Global Ecovillage Network
19. Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (GFDD)
20. Haiti Cholera Research Funding Foundation Inc
21. Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Loreto Generalate
22. International Council on Social Welfare (ICSW)
23. International Federation of Business and Professional Women (IFBPW)
24. International Kolping Society
25. International Multiracial Shared Cultural Organization (IMSCO)
26. International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA)
27. International Presentation Association
28. Intersections International Initiative, Inc.
29. Maryknoll Sisters of St. Dominic
30. Neighbourhood Community Network
31. New Humanity
32. Nonviolence International

33. Nurses Across the Borders Humanitarian Initiative
34. Pan Pacific and South East Asia Women's Association (PPSEAWA)
35. Pax Christi International
36. Red Dot Foundation
37. Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary
38. Salesian Missions Inc
39. Shirley Ann Sullivan Educational Foundation
40. Sisters of Charity Federation
41. Socialist International Women (SIW)
42. Society of Catholic Medical Missionaries
43. Soroptimist International
44. Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem (OSMTH)
45. Temple of Understanding
46. Teresian Association
47. Udayan Care, India
48. UNANIMA International
49. Unchained At Last
50. United Methodist Church - General Board of Church and Society
51. United Religions Initiative
52. Universal Esperanto Association
53. Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund (DBA Women First International Fund)
54. VIVAT International
55. Voices of African Mothers, Inc
56. Women Graduates USA Inc.
57. World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women
58. World Organization for Early Childhood Education (OMEP)
59. World Vision International
60. Zonta International

The following NGOs and international networks have also endorsed this appeal:

61. Ankitam society, India
62. ANMA Integrated Development Association (AIDA), India
63. Asia Dalit Rights Forum
64. Association for Promotion Sustainable Development, India
65. Associazione Culturale dei Triangoli e Della Buona Volonta Mondiale

66. BOK Africa Concern, Ghana
67. Bosco Seva Kendra, Hyderabad, India
68. BREADS Bangalore, India
69. Caring Citizens' Collective, Hyderabad, India
70. Centre for Social Equity and Inclusion (CSEI), India
71. Confederation of Voluntary Associations (COVA), India
72. Coorg Organization for Rural Development -CORD , India
73. Dalit Women Human Rights Protection Group, India
74. Debtfree, Advanced Media Institute, from Greece & Cyprus
75. Diálogo 2000 - Jubileo Sur Argentina
76. Don Bosco Development Outreach Network
77. Don Bosco Forum for the Young at Risk (YaR), South Asia
78. Don Bosco International
79. Don Bosco Network South Asia
80. Don Bosco Network, Italy
81. Don Bosco Youth Network West Africa
82. Environmental Study Centre, India
83. Free Trade Union Development Center, Sri Lanka
84. Friends of the African Union
85. Friends of the Disabled Association- Lebanon
86. Gatef Organization
87. Global Alliance for Ministries and Infrastructures for Peace
88. Human Rights Advocacy and Research Foundation (HRF)
89. Human Rights Forum, A.P. & Telangana States, India
90. Indian Social Institute
91. Integrative Holistic Health
92. Jholawala Films: Rights:Advocacy:Justice, India
93. Jogini Vyvastha Poratta Sanghatana(JVPS), India
94. LAMP, India
95. LEADS, India
96. Lebanese Council for organizations of Persons with Disability- Lebanon
97. Loyola Institute of Peace and International Relations (LIPI)
98. Makaam, India
99. Martha Justice Ministry, Sisters of St Martha Antigonish. Nova Scotia, Canada.

100. Mísean Cara, Ireland
101. Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate (OMI)
102. National Domestic Workers Movement
103. National Ethical Service
104. National Union on Intellectual Disability- Lebanon
105. National Youth Equity Forum (NYEF), India
106. Observatorio Mexicano de la Crisis, Mexico
107. Parivarthana Rural Development Society, India
108. Peace Through Unity
109. People's Action for Rural Awakening, India
110. Planetary Resilience Council of British Columbia
111. Por los Jóvenes, Don Bosco Argentina Mission Office.
112. Procurador Misiones Salesianas
113. Rede Brasileira Pela Integração dos Povos -REBRIP
114. Rural Area Development Programme RADP, Nepal
115. Salesians of Don Bosco – Philippines South
116. SEEDS, India
117. Shelter Don Bosco, Mumbai, India
118. Sisters of Charity of Nazareth Congregational Leadership
119. Sisters of Charity of Nazareth Western Province Leadership
120. Sisters of Charity of New York
121. Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill U.S. Province.
122. Social Justice in Global Development (SocDevJustice)
123. Social Work Organization, India
124. SPANISH MISSION OFFICE (Misiones Salesianas and Jóvenes y Desarrollo Foundation)
125. Telangana Domestic Workers Union
126. The Interfaith Center of New York
127. The Salesian Congregation of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church/Ukraine
128. The Salesians of Don Bosco Africa of the Great Lakes
129. Together For Youth Foundation, Ukraine
130. U.S. Peace Alliance, U.S.A.
131. URI WISDOM CIRCLE
132. VIA Don Bosco, Belgium
133. Vimukti Trust, India

134. VIS - Volontariato Internazionale per lo Sviluppo
135. Wada Na Todo Abhiyan-WNTA, India
136. Welfare Organisation for Rural League Development, India
137. Widows Development Organization, Nigeria
138. ZAAM Community Based Health Development Organizations, (ZACHEDO), Uganda
139. Zimbabwe United Nations Association (ZUNA)
140. Zukunftskonvent Germany