

Civil Society Meeting  
**Financing for Development in the Era of COVID-19 and Beyond**  
**Monday, 2 November 2020, 9:00-11:30AM ET**

**Provisional Agenda**

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**Opening Segment**

*Master of Ceremony Ms. Maria-Francesca Spatolisano, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs*

- Opening Statement by H.E. António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations
- Remarks by H.E. Munir Akram, President of ECOSOC
- Remarks by H.E. Bob Rae, Permanent Representative of Canada
- Remarks by H.E. Courtenay Rattray, Permanent Representative of Jamaica
- Presentation of Financing for Development Initiative by Mr. Mahmoud Mohieldin, Special Envoy on Financing the 2030 Agenda
- Remarks by Lidy Nacpil, Coordinator, Asian People's Movement on Debt & Development (APMDD)

**Interlude 1 – Video Testimonial from Lima, Peru**

**Dialogue 1 – A New Global Economic Consensus to advance the 2030 Agenda**

*The first dialogue will focus on strategies proposed by civil society to strengthen the role of the United Nations in establishing a new global economic consensus to advance the agendas of human rights, gender equality, climate and sustainable development.*

*Moderator: Patricia Miranda, Global Advocacy Director, Red Latinoamericana por Justicia Económica y Social (LATINDADD)*

- A new feminist economy  
*Bhumika Muchhala, Third World Network and Women's Working Group on FfD*
- Reconnecting UN processes on human rights & economic governance  
*Kate Donald, Director of Program, Center for Economic and Social Rights (CESR)*
- The UN role in promoting a Just Transition  
*David Boys, Deputy General Secretary, Public Services International (PSI)*
- Relaunching a vibrant UN process on Trade & Development  
*Tetteh Hormeku, Head of Programmes, Third World Network Africa*
- Strengthening the normative dimensions of the UN STI process  
*Elenita Daño, Co-Executive Director, ETC Group*
- Open Dialogue with interventions from the floor (2 min interventions)
  - *Mohammed Ali Loutfy, Stakeholder Group of Persons with Disabilities*
  - *Interventions from the floor*

**Interlude 2 – Multilingual music performance featuring artists from Latin America, Africa and Asia**

## **Dialogue 2 – Menu of Options for Development Financing: Need to Focus on Strengthening Fiscal & Policy Space for Socio-Economic Transformation**

*The second dialogue will focus on civil society's responses and proposals with respect to the Menu of Options, highlighting the elements of the menu that civil society supports and stressing the need for clear criteria on which elements on the menu the UN should focus on in order to strengthen fiscal & policy space for socio-economic transformation of developing countries.*

*Moderator: Jean Letitia Saldanha, Director, European Network on Debt and Development (EURODAD)*

- Debt Sustainability  
*Farooq Tariq, General Secretary, Pakistan Kissan Rabita Committee*
- Illicit Financial Flows  
*Caroline Othim, Policy Coordinator for Africa, Global Alliance for Tax Justice (GATJ)*
- Intersection of Debt and Illicit Financial Flows with Food, Health and Education  
*Rebecca Malay, Co-Chair, Global Call to Action Against Poverty (GCAP)*
- Global Liquidity and Financial Regulation  
*Artemisa Montes Sylvan, Executive Director, Mexican Observatory on Crises (OMEC)*
- Fiscal Consolidation, Austerity and Privatization of Public Services  
*Magdalena Sepulveda, Executive Director, Global Initiative for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (GI-ESCR)*
- Need for a special focus on Social Protection  
*Nicola Wiebe, Social Protection Advisor, Bread for the World and Global Coalition for Social Protection Floors*
- Open Dialogue with interventions from the floor (2 min interventions)
  - *Helen Saldanha, NGO Committee on Financing for Development*
  - *Paul Divakar, Asia Dalits Rights Forum*
  - *Interventions from the floor*

## **Interlude 3 – Musical and dancing performance on social protection**

### **Closing Segment**

*Master of Ceremony Ms. Maria-Francesca Spatolisano, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs*

- Concluding remarks by civil society:  
*Peter Kamalingin, Pan Africa Program Director, Oxfam International*  
*Beverly Longid, Co-Chair, CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness (CPDE)*
- Concluding remarks by Ms. Amina Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations

### **Closing Testimonial - Poem by Marumbo**