

## Women's Working Group on Financing for Development (WWG on FfD)

- Facilitating group on the Financing for Development process.

### General goals:

- 1) To inform and act as facilitators for FfD, CSW and AE processes;
- 2) To influence processes with substantive inputs and government advocacy;
- 3) To mobilize women around these processes.

### Background:

- Held strategy sessions with women's NGOs before and after the UN General Assembly High Level Dialogue on FfD in October 2007 in New York;
- Formed a Facilitating group: WEDO, WIDE, AWID, MADRE, BIC (Bahai's), ENLACE/FTF-GCAP, DAWN and ITUC\*.
- MADRE –facilitating role with back-up by the ENLACE/FTF-GCAP (FfD-focus); WEDO (FfD-focus and-information dissemination); WIDE/AWID-(AE/PD facilitators); Bahai's-(CSW facilitators), DAWN (trade, AE, DCF).

### Outputs:

- Statement to the GA High-level Dialogue on FfD (October 2007)
- Statement to the CSW (December 2007)
- Lobbying document with concrete recommendations for the 52<sup>nd</sup> UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), theme "Financing for Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment."
- Some organizations provided inputs to the FfD Review Sessions,
  - "Mobilizing domestic financial resources for development" (ENLACE/FTF-GCAP and WEDO, in collaboration with International Presentation Association);
  - "Mobilizing international resources for development: foreign direct investment and other private flows" (WEDO).

Dissemination of information/networking: [ffd\\_wc@yahoo.com](mailto:ffd_wc@yahoo.com) – women's specific. More general FfD - <http://www.ngos-ffd.collectivex.com> (to be added to these lists, write to Nadia Johnson: [nadia@wedo.org](mailto:nadia@wedo.org)).

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\* (Facilitating group includes Women's Environment and Development Organization (WEDO), Women in Development –Europe (WIDE), Association for Women's Rights and Development (AWID), MADRE, Bahai's International, Education & Networking for Latina Cooperation and Empowerment (ENLACE) a member of the Feminist Task Force – Global Call to Action against Poverty (FTF-GCAP), Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era (DAWN) and International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC).

## “The Road to Doha” - FfD Process 2008 Key meetings

Date	Meeting
14 February 2008	Review Session on Chapter I of the Monterrey Consensus, "Mobilizing domestic financial resources for development" (UN Headquarters)
15 February 2008	Review session on Chapter II, "Mobilizing international resources for development: foreign direct investment and other private flows" (UN Headquarters)
25 February - 7 March 2008	Fifty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) on the theme "Financing for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women" (UN Headquarters)
10 March 2008 - 11 March 2008 (morning)	Review session on Chapter V, "External Debt" (UN Headquarters)
11 March 2008 (afternoon) - 12 March 2008	Review Session on Chapter VI, "Addressing systemic issues: enhancing the coherence and consistency of the international monetary, financial and trading systems in support of development" (UN Headquarters)
1-2 April 2008	Thematic debate of the General Assembly on “Recognizing the achievements, addressing the challenges and getting back on track to achieve the Millennium Development Goals by 2015.” (UN Headquarters)
14 April 2008	Spring Meeting of ECOSOC with BWIs, WTO and UNCTAD (UN Headquarters)
15-16 April 2008	Review session on Chapter IV, "Increasing international financial and technical cooperation for development" (UN Headquarters)
20-25 April 2008	UNCTAD XII on the theme “Addressing opportunities and challenges of globalization for development” (Accra, Ghana)
19-20 May 2008	Review Session on Chapter III, "International trade as an engine for development" (UN Headquarters)
18 June 2008	Hearings of Civil Society and the Business Sector (UN Headquarters)
30 June-25 July 2008	ECOSOC annual session, including Development Cooperation Forum and Annual Ministerial Review (UN Headquarters)
July (second week)	Secretary-General’s FfD report is issued (advance English version)
July (last week)	Draft outcome document circulated by President of GA
8 September	Discussions begin on draft outcome document until end of GA 62 <sup>nd</sup> session.
October	Discussions continue on draft outcome document after conclusion of General Debate
November-December	Conclusion of discussions on outcome document
29 November – 2 December	Doha Review Conference (Doha, Qatar)