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**SIDE-EVENT TO THE THIRD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT**

**Unlocking People's Capacity as a Means of Implementation: The
human face of financing for development**

July 15 2015, 3:30 – 6:00 pm, Hotel Elilly, Board Room Large

Draft Concept Note

Background:

The success of the outcome document of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development will, in many ways, hinge on identifying realistic and effective means of implementation. Critical in this regard will be reframing the role human capacity will play in contributing to the global commitments on sustainable development.

Structural reform is necessary in many areas. Most importantly, it is people who enforce regulations or ignore them, who translate plans into action or hesitate on the sidelines, who uphold positions of authority or abuse them, and who give legitimacy to this agenda. The ability of people – individually and as members of communities and institutions – to achieve something they collectively value is therefore an indispensable means of translating the vision of the post-2015 development agenda into reality. In summary: **people's participation is a critical means of implementation.**

From the discussions thus far around the Sustainable Development Goals, Member States have called for the post-2015 to be a people centered agenda and this must also be clear in the Addis Ababa outcome document. People should be active developers in their own right and not only passive recipients of development. Effective means of implementation therefore need to ensure that the contributions of those who have traditionally been treated largely as passive recipients of aid are meaningfully integrated into global processes of development and that the proper means are dedicated for this to happen. **Investing in the potential of people to contribute to their own and their**

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country's development, is investing in true, successful and sustainable development.

This side-event will address questions about how to galvanize the **human resources** needed to achieve transformative global progress and how to develop participatory and inclusive mechanisms for the achievement of the Financing for Development goals and to support the implementation of the post-2015 agenda at all levels. Participants will discuss how to tap the potential of people's participation as a key means of implementation across the board. Finally, the discussion will offer ideas on how the Financing for Development conversation can be people centered and ensure that the needs of the most marginalized groups are directly addressed by the commitments made in this area.

Speakers:

To be confirmed.

Organizers:

Bahá'í International Community, SOS Children's Villages

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Light for the World, the NGO Committee on Financing for Development, Soroptimist International, and the UN Millennium Campaign

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