Employment Working for All: Partners in Innovation

CSocD Civil Society Forum 2007 Provisional Programme

9:30 - 9:45 Welcome

Sr. Joan F. Burke

Chair, NGO Committee on Social Development Representative, Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur

Mr. Jürgen Stetten

Friedrich Ebert Foundation

9:45 – 11:00 Social Development and Decent Work & Employment for All

Chair: Ms. Mirellise Vazquez

Christian Children's Fund

H.E. Mr. Mehdi Danesh-Yazdi

Chairman of the 45th Session of the Commission for Social Development Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations

Mr. José Antonio Ocampo

Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs

Mr. José Manuel Salazar-Xirinachs

Executive Director of the Employment Sector, ILO

Mr. Johan Scholvinck

Director, Division for Social Policy and Development

Ms. Jan Peterson

Founder and Chair of the Secretariat of the Huairou Commission and Member, High-Level Commission on the Legal Empowerment of the Poor [

11:20 – 12:25 Effective Practices in Decent Work & Employment for All

Chair: Ms. Vicki Soanes, ATD 4th World Movement

Dr. Brian O'Toole, Varga Foundation

Mr. Kristian Weise, International Trade Union Confederation

Youth

Gender concerns

12:30 - 2:00 LUNCH

12:45: Brownbag lunch meeting to introduce the Effective Practices Survey

1:30: Meeting for the facilitators of the afternoon sessions

2:00 – 3:30 Thematic roundtable discussions

Moderator: Sr. Rosemary Grundy, PBVM

International Presentation Association

Thematic groups: Aging, Indigenous, Migration, Trade Union, Youth, Women

Groups will examine advocacy document prepared prior to the Forum which is based on submitted effective practices, NGO interventions to CSocD, Secretary General's report and input to the Secretary General's report.

The participants will break off into thematic groups and will examine the document through their thematic lens to provide feedback and additional policy points.

Each group will have two facilitators and a rapporteur who will record all input and provide a short summary to the moderator of the final session to be shared with the forum.

3:45 – 4:45 Regional Groups Strategic Advocacy Session

Moderator: Ms. Tahirih Naylor

Bahá'í International Community

Participants will be divided into the following regional groups: Africa, Asia and Pacific, Europe, Central America, North America, South America. These groups can be adjusted as needed.

Each group will focus on creating an advocacy strategy for the Commission and coming year. They can base their talking points on the document prepared for the Forum but it should be grounded and focused on their regional requirements and experiences. The will be asked to consider the following:

- i. What are the effective practices in employment and decent work in your region that you would like to highlight?
- ii. What policy points emerge from these experiences?
- iii. What are examples of good advocacy practices in your region?
- iv. Who are the appropriate government bodies to communicate with in your region? Which organizations do you feel its important to communicate and work with?
- v. How can we involve more civil society actors working in social development in your region?
- vi. How can the group continue to communicate and act in the coming year?

Each group should choose a person to record notes as well as decide on a person to present the group's findings and strategy to the Forum in the closing session.

4:50 – 6:00 Closing Session

Moderator: Sr. Joan F. Burke

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The closing session will allow for short reports from each of the thematic roundtable discussions to be read by one moderator. The majority of the session will allow for reports and discussion on the regional advocacy strategies and planning advocacy strategy as a large group. The moderator will summarize the remarks and the day.