

Civil Society Steering Committee Members Bio



LDC Watch – Dr. Arjun Karki

Dr Karki is currently working in a twin capacity as the President of RRN (Rural Reconstruction of Nepal) and the International Coordinator of LDC Watch that is legally based in Brussels, Belgium with the international headquarters in Kathmandu, Nepal. He coordinates the LDC Watch civil society campaign in 49 UN defined Least Developed Countries (LDCs) in Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean and Asia. His present profile engages him both at the grassroots and national as well as at the regional and international arena of development politics, articulating his role as an international lobbyist and campaigner in and around the issues related to the internationally agreed development goals (IADGs) including the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the Brussels Programme of Action (BPoA).



Forum for African Alternatives – Demba Moussa Dembele

Demba Moussa Dembele is the director of the African Forum on Alternatives and a member of the 2011 Dakar World Social Forum organizing committee. He is doing research on economic globalization and training for other activist non-governmental organisations (NGOs). The training is not only for Senegalese NGOs, but for NGOs throughout the West Africa sub-region: Mali, Guinea, Sierra Leone, the Gambia and so forth.



Asia Pacific Movement on Debt and Development–Lidy Nacpil

Lidy Nacpil is the international coordinator for Jubilee South – Asia/Pacific Movement on Debt & Development (JSAPMDD) and Freedom from Debt Coalition [FDC] Philippines/JS Asia-Pacific Region. Jubilee South is a network of jubilee and debt campaigns, social movements, people's organizations, communities, NGOs and political formations. The Jubilee South network aims to and is in the process of emerging and developing as an international South movement on the debt. It has members from over 40 countries from the regions of Latin America and the Caribbean, Africa and Asia/Pacific, composed of 85 groups.



Eurostep – Simon Stocker

Simon Stocker is the director of Eurostep, a network of non-governmental organisations focusing on EU-financed development co-operation. Eurostep members believe that in an increasingly globalised world Europe has a key role and responsibility to foster an environment where people can live in peace and security, have effective control of their own lives, enjoy their basic rights and a sustainable livelihood with respectful use of the earth's resources. Europe's responsibility extends beyond its own citizens, to the worldwide community as a whole, both for the current generation and for generations to come. Eurostep members believe that Europe's social dimension offers a solid basis on which to promote an international world order where the peaceful coexistence of all peoples can flourish, where inequalities and injustice can diminish and where poverty can be eradicated.



Social Watch – Roberto Bissio

Roberto Bissio is the coordinator of Social Watch and Executive Director of the Third World Institute (Instituto del Tercer Mundo, ITeM). He is a member of the boards of the Third World Network (TWN), the Women's Environment and Development Organization (WEDO) and of the Montreal International Forum. He is also a member of the Civil Society Advisory Committee to the UNDP administrator. Social Watch is an international network of citizens' organizations in the struggle to eradicate poverty and the causes of poverty, to end all forms of discrimination and racism, to ensure an equitable distribution of wealth and the realization of human rights.



Oxfam – Barry Coates

Barry Coates is the executive director of Oxfam. He has devoted his career to poverty reduction and sustainable development, with a particular focus on tackling the root causes of poverty, injustice and lack of sustainability, and a commitment to support development in the Pacific.

Barry is a Board member of the Fair Trade Association of Australia and New Zealand, Board member of the Global Campaign for Climate Action, past Chair of the New Zealand Council for International Development, and past Chair of Make Poverty History Aotearoa New Zealand. Barry has also been on the advisory group for the Minister of Trade for the last government and is currently on the advisory group for International Development for the current Minister of Foreign Affairs.



Enda-Ethiopia – Azeb Girmai

Azeb Girmai represents ENDA-Ethiopia as well as member of LDC Watch Secretariat and host to the assembly in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. ENDA-Ethiopia is the Ethiopian branch of ENDA located in Addis Ababa. Its present activities centre on urban popular economy and ecology, environmental education, sustainable farming and communication. ENDA collaborates with grassroots groups in search of alternative development models on the basis of the experience, expectations and objectives of marginalised peoples.