



## **New Deadline for comments on the NGO Discussion Paper – November 5**

### **Please NOTE:**

- The 5 first drafts are now compiled into a first ‘trial’ NGO Discussion Paper, now being circulated through NGO relevant global mailing lists and list servers. Comments and input to the draft on substance within the confines of the cluster themes are invited. The comments must be in the field of discussions/ and or review and not policy. Please consult our previous guidelines for detailed information, circulated in September this year.
- Due to technical difficulties, it was impossible to compile the first draft manuscript and make it ready for global circulation until today, October 26. Thus we have postponed the date for comments. Pay attention to the following dates:
- Comments and input on the circulated draft must be sent to ANPED, attention Chief Editor Leida Rijnhout (Leida@anped.org) no later than Wednesday November the 5<sup>th</sup>, midnight GMT. **The deadline November 5 is absolute. Input after this date will not be considered.**
- Please refer clearly to which theme in the paper your organisation is addressing its comments. Unless your contribution is structured clearly and addresses each of the five themes separately, the contribution will not be considered. You may address one, two or all five of the themes. It is entirely up to a contributor how many, or few, he or she might want to address.
- The draft document is not complete; we have left space open for comments, additional points added arguments, where we have marked: **Please add.** We hope this will increase participation. However, you should feel free to add in other parts of the document as well.
- After the editorial group (chief editor and five theme editors) has incorporated relevant contributions into the discussion paper, a new and updated, second version, will be finalised and circulated on relevant global NGO internet systems on **the 16<sup>th</sup> of November** for further comments. This time, no new items on substance will be accepted comments are invited on language and clarity of statements only with the following deadline, **Sunday November 25 at midnight GMT.**
- Based on incoming and relevant contributions to this second round of comments, the final version will be edited and finalised by the chief and expert editors and the final version will be sent to CSD. The deadline for submitting this to the CSD secretariat is Monday, November 30.
- All nine Major Groups conduct similar practices, and all nine Discussion Papers will subsequently be posted on the UN CSD website in their advance, unedited English version and later in all the official UN languages.
- **NOTE: Individual persons cannot participate in this process.** The entire CSD system is set up as an interactive process where organisations interact with governments and the intergovernmental system. To be able to comment and add to the discussion paper, whoever participates must show that he or she works with and for an organisation; comments expressing individual views will be ignored.
- **NOTE:** This is a paper expressing views, raising new approaches to the issues, it is about being bold, constructively critical and creative; this is NOT a policy position paper, and it is not a ‘sign-on’ paper where agreement must be had. It is a discussion paper.

Looking forward to hearing from you  
The SDIN editorial group  
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