Beyond 2015 FFD Group Statement for FFD informal session, 12th December 2014

Beyond 2015 is a global coalition with over 1000 members in more than 130 countries, and our experience of partnership has confirmed the importance of breaking down the donor/recipient distinction and working for shared objectives. We believe that Civil society, in all its diversity, should be an absolutely central part of any new global partnership for development.

Our concern relating to the followup mechanism is to ensure that commitments made on Finance for Development are actually met. The 'Global Partnership for Development' has not been functioning as it should. Wealthier nations have not been held accountable for the targets set under MDG 8. The MDGs remain under-funded; inequality and wealth concentration is increasing, facilitated by tax haven secrecy; architecture for debt crisis and management has still not been developed; and developing countries continue to be shut out of critical decision-making spaces.

B2015 believes that governance arrangements for a follow-up mechanism should be underpinned by the following key principles: participation, human rights, equity, transparency, ensuring access to justice and rule of law, and accountability. It is our view that public finance will play the primary role in delivering sustainable development financing, especially in reaching the most marginalized and ensuring that 'no one is left behind'.

Beyond 2015 therefore urges everyone in this room- member states, civil society, and the private sector- to mobilise and act. We must seek the highest possible level commitment to the Addis conference from capitals. We need a conference which not only secures levels of finance appropriate to the post-2015 vision at stake, but which seeks to agree principles for a global level monitoring and accountability framework on financing- one which will not overburden poor countries with additional reporting initiatives, but based on strengthening and making use of existing national statistical capacities, and housed within a UN forum which is inclusive and open to developing countries. Our efforts must be to strengthen national governments' domestic plans to meet their own development goals, with the international community enabling, coordinating and supporting through financing and technical support.

Beyond 2015 calls on both developing and developed countries to make commitments at Addis for a financing package which ensures inclusive, participatory and human-rights focused development, and in a way which can be monitored, transparent and accountable to civil society.

Question:

Coherence: how will FFD commitments affect the Means of Implementation Goal within the Rio+ track? It's important for all stakeholders that there is a coherent pathway from one to the other, and it seems like the right time to get clarity on what the relationship between the two will look like. Secondly how will we ensure that a follow-up mechanism is robust enough and how can we agree what key principles need to be included in that framework, to ensure that Addis drives real political will and action and is not just words on paper. If we want commitments to be met then we need a clear, open and participatory monitoring and accountability framework for follow up. Thank you.