

**Canadian Consultation for the  
Open Forum on CSO Development Effectiveness  
March 16-18, 2010  
Holiday Inn, Plaza la Chaudière, 2 Montcalm Street, Gatineau, Quebec**

**Agenda**

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**Goals**

1. To ensure a Canadian CSO contribution on CSO development effectiveness for the global Open Forum process; and
2. To identify areas to strengthen the development practices of Canadian CSOs and how the Canadian government can best support CSOs as development actors in their own right.

**Objectives**

1. To propose common principles and guidelines for CSO development effectiveness based on the lessons from Canadian CSO development practices;
  2. To reflect on how to apply the common principles and guidelines to Canadian CSO practices, including mechanisms to ensure that CSOs are held accountable; and
  3. To discuss, with CIDA and other relevant government departments, enabling policies and support mechanisms to maximize Canadian CSO development effectiveness.
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**Day One – March 16, 2010**

**Session with CSOs Only**

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| <b>8:00 am – 9:00 am</b> | <b>Registration / Coffee</b>  |
| <b>9:00 am – 9:20 am</b> | <b>Introduction</b><br>Karen Takacs, Canadian Crossroads International and<br>Chairperson, Board of Directors, Canadian Council for International<br>Co-operation |
| <b>9:20 am – 9:45 am</b> | <b>Introducing the Open Forum on CSO Development Effectiveness</b><br>Karen Takacs, Canadian Crossroads International   |

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**Open Forum on CSO Development Effectiveness**  
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**9:45 am – 10:30 am**    **Presentation of Principles for CSO Development Effectiveness**  
Anthony Scoggins, Oxfam Canada

**10:30 am – 11:00 am**    **Health Break**

**11:00 am – 12:30 pm**    **Discussions of the Principles at Roundtables**  
Anthony Scoggins, Oxfam Canada  
Michael Stephens, Canadian Council for International Co-operation

**12:30 pm – 1:30 pm**    **Lunch**

**1:30 pm – 2:15 pm**    **Applying the Principles to Our Work**  
Gerry Barr, President-CEO, Canadian Council for  
International Co-operation  
**Keynote Speaker:** Moema de Miranda, IBASE (Brazil)

**2:15 pm – 5:00 pm**    **Applying the Principles to Canadian CSO Development Practices**  
Introduced by Cindy Farrell, Canadian Hunger Foundation

**Global Café:** Table discussions drawing out the challenges and essential standards / guidelines for implementing the principles by CSOs. Each table will identify standards related to North / South relations and CSO engagement with their public constituencies in Canada.

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**Day Two – March 17**  
**Canadian CSO Government Dialogue on**  
**Enabling Conditions for CSO Development Effectiveness**  
**Morning Session with CSOs Only**

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**8:30 am – 9:00 am**    **Coffee / Tea**

**9:00 am – 10:30 am**    **Applying the Principles**  
Gervais l'Heureux, Association québécoise des organismes de  
coopération internationale

**A Synthesis of the Global Café:** Derek Evans, CUSO-VSO

**Table and Plenary Discussion**

**10:30 am – 11:00 am**    **Health Break**

**11:00 am – 12:00 pm**    **Effective CSO Accountability Mechanisms**  
Betty Plewes, Moderator  
Margot McNamee, Canadian Nurses Association  
Susan Murdock, MiningWatch Canada and CCIC Ethics Review  
Committee  
Mike Weickert, World Vision Canada, Sphere Project

**A Panel Discussion**

**12:00 pm – 12:30 pm**    **Introducing the CSO / Government Dialogue**  
Gerry Barr, Canadian Council for International Co-operation

**12:30 pm – 1:30 pm**    **Lunch**

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**Day Two – March 17**  
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**Afternoon Session**

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- 1:30 pm – 2:00 pm**     **Welcome and Introduction to the Dialogue**  
Gerry Barr, President-CEO, Canadian Council for International Co-operation
- 2:00 pm – 3:40 pm**     **Setting the Stage: Different Dimensions of CSO Development Effectiveness**  
Gerry Barr, Canadian Council for International Co-operation
- **CSO Principles and CSO Enabling Conditions: Outcomes from the CSO Consultation**  
Karen Takacs, Canadian Crossroads International
  - **Community of Democracies Working Group on Enabling and Protecting Civil Society**  
Carol McQueen, Deputy Director, Democracy and Governance Division, Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada
  - **Issues in Promoting CSO Development Effectiveness: A Government View from Sweden**  
Tomas Brundin, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sweden (via Video)
  - **Issues in Promoting CSO Development Effectiveness: Setting the Scene**  
Naresh Singh, Acting Vice President, Canadian Partnership Branch, Canadian International Development Agency
- 3:40 pm – 4:00 pm**     **Health Break**
- 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm**     **Table Discussion on Issues in CSO Development Effectiveness for the Dialogue**  
What are some key issues for the Dialogue arising from the panel?
- 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm**     **Cash Bar Reception**

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## Day Three – March 18

### Canadian CSO / Government Dialogue on Enabling Conditions for CSO Development Effectiveness

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- 8:30 am – 9:00 am**    **Coffee / Tea**
- 9:00 am – 10:00 am**    **CSOs and Development Effectiveness**  
Gerry Barr, President-CEO, Canadian Council for International  
Co-operation  
**Keynote:** Margaret Biggs, President, Canadian International  
Development Agency
- 10:00 am – 10:20 am**    **Health Break**
- 10:20 am – 11:45 am**    **Parallel Workshops on Areas for Improving Enabling  
Conditions for CSO Development Effectiveness by CIDA  
and Other Government Departments**  
See the accompanying sheet for short descriptions for each workshop.
1. The Role of Responsive Programming Mechanisms
  2. Partnerships to Engage Canadians
  3. Balancing Direct Support to Southern CSOs and Support  
through Canadian Partners
  4. CIDA-Partner Relations and How to Develop More Strategic  
Approaches
  5. Implementing the Paris Declaration and the Accra Agenda for  
Action by Donors and Governments: Situating CSOs as  
Development Actors
- 11:45 am – 1:00 pm**    **Group Report Back and Plenary Discussion / Wrap-Up**  
Gerry Barr, President-CEO, Canadian Council for International  
Co-operation
- 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm**    **Lunch for CSOs and Government Officials**
- 2:00 pm – 2:30 pm**    **Reflections on the Open Forum Process**  
Moema de Miranda, IBASE, Brazil

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**Day Three – March 18**  
**Canadian CSO Government Dialogue on**  
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**Concluding Session with CSOs Only**

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**2:30 pm – 3:30 pm**      **Bringing together the outcomes of the previous sessions on Principles, Guidelines, and the Enabling Environment**

**Plenary Discussion**

**3:30 pm – 4:30 pm**      **Next Steps**  
Esperanza Moreno and Brian Tomlinson, Canadian Council for International Co-operation

**Table Discussions:** How do we make these principles, guidelines and enabling conditions “come to life” in the Canadian context and within our organizations beyond this Consultation?

**Overview** of the next steps in the global process and how this Canadian Consultation contributes to it

**Wrap-Up**

Karen Takacs, Chairperson, Board of Directors, Canadian Council for International Co-operation