

CONSULTATIONS FOR THE OPEN FORUM ON CSO DEVELOPMENT EFFECTIVENESS: AN AGENDA FOR AN INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOP

Winnipeg (November 13) • Ottawa (November 16) • Toronto (November 17) • Montreal (November 18)

What are Canadian CSOs doing to improve their effectiveness and their accountability to make a real difference for development? What are the key principles that guide this work?

The CSO-led Open Forum on CSO Development Effectiveness, an ambitious global process involving a wide range of CSOs, aims to answer this question. Starting in September 2009, the Open Forum will conduct consultations on CSO development effectiveness in over 70 countries, including Canada. The outcome will be an International Framework on CSO Development Effectiveness in 2011.

The **purpose of this Workshop** is to introduce Canadian CSOs to the Open Forum – its goals, its processes, the issues it will address, and expected outcomes. Why is an International Framework on CSO Development Effectiveness important for Canadian CSO? What can Canadian CSOs contribute to the international Open Forum process? How can CSOs and the sector prepare for the Canadian Open Forum consultations that are being planned for March 16 to 18, 2010?

10:00 am – 10:15 am	Introductions
10:15 am – 10:45 am	Introducing the Open Forum on CSO Development Effectiveness What is the Open Forum? What are its goals? Why is it important for Canadian CSOs to get involved and contribute to the Open Forum?
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Group Discussion
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Introducing Principles for CSO Development Effectiveness What are some of the most important principles guiding CSOs as development actors? 1:10 pm – 1:40 pm Small Group Brainstorming of Key Principles 1:40 pm – 2:00 pm Plenary Report Back and Discussion
2:00 pm – 3:15 pm	Applying the Principles What might be some issues and challenges in applying CSO development effectiveness principles in your organization? 2:10 pm – 2:50 pm Small Group Discussion on the application of one or two principles to CSO North / South relationships 2:50 pm – 3:15 pm Plenary Report Back and Discussion
3:15 pm – 4:00 pm	Next Steps: The March Canadian Open Forum Consultations What can you do in your organization? Would any additional resources be useful?