



**ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE NGO COMMITTEE ON FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT
JUNE 2018 – May 2019**

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Executive Committee (EC)

- EC members
 - Chair-Anita Thomas, Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund
 - Vice-Chair- Celine Paramunda, Medical Mission Sisters.
 - Secretary -Joe Klock, New Humanity
 - Treasurer - Lyn Hensle-Hirsch, International Federation of Business and Professional Women
 - Member-at- Large - Teresa Kotturan, Sisters of Charity Federation
 - Member-at-large - Unfilled
- Updates on vacant positions on the EC- Treasurer, Secretary and Member-at-Large (focusing on social media) and leave of absence of EC members:
 - Treasurer- Lyn Hensle-Hirsch was appointed as Treasurer at the June 6, 2018 monthly meeting
 - Secretary- Joe Klock was appointed as Secretary on November 14, 2018.
 - Member-at-large (social Media)-unfilled
 - The Chair managed the Secretarial responsibilities while the position remained vacant from May 2018 to October 2018
 - Celine Paramunda was on a leave of absence for health reasons from December 2018 - March 2019 and returned to the EC in April 2018.
- Responsibilities of the unfilled Member-at-large role - Faith Yusko, an intern with Partnership for Global Justice, volunteered to help with social media updates and maintenance of website. Faith started managing these responsibilities at the February 6, 2018 meeting and continued till May 2019. Faith's assistance was valuable to the work of the Committee.
- EC meetings were held monthly, usually two weeks prior to the next meeting.

Monthly Committee Meetings

- Committee meetings were held every month except for July and August (summer break). Meeting were held on the first Wednesday of each month from 1:30-4:00 pm except on one occasion when the meeting was held on an alternate day due to unavailability of a room on the first Wednesday.

- Due to construction at the Church Center and limited conference room availability post-construction, the Committee had to identify an alternate space for few of its monthly meetings.
- Key updates from monthly meeting are included below:
 - June 6, 2018 - Briefing by the United Nations Financing for Sustainable Development Office (UN FSDO) staff, Krishnan Sharma, Chief of Unit, Strategic Engagement, Gregory Barret, Economic Affairs Officer, and Anjali Rangaswami, Development Cooperation Forum; Going forward Greg Barret will be the Committee's liaison at FSDO; Farewell to Cheryl Morrissey, Pax Christi International for her years of service to the work of the Committee; A membership survey was circulated to all members.
 - August 20, 2018 - The EC held its annual retreat from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm at the Global Foundation and Democracy and Development's (GFDD) conference room. At this meeting, EC members reviewed membership survey responses. Based on the survey responses, EC decided to change the structure of the working group from functional (advocacy, side events and education) to issue based - Social Protection, Financial Inclusion and the Human Rights Imperative of FfD;
 - September 5, 2018 - Krishnan Sharma, Chief of Unit, Strategic Engagement, FSDO briefed on FfD matters; Proposed changes to by-laws was presented; Open discussion about strategic plan and shifting the focus of working groups from functional to thematic.
 - October 3, 2018 - Greg Barrett, UN FSDO briefed on FfD matters; Teresa Kotturan, Sisters of Charity Federation (Member of the Committee) conducted an education session about her organization's work globally; Farewell to Cecilie Kern for her years of service to the Committee.
 - November 14, 2018 - Greg Barrett, UN FSDO briefed on FfD matters; Winifred Doherty, Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd (Member of the Committee) conducted the education session on the work of her organization globally; Members worked on questions to be raised at the preparatory meeting (for the High Level Meeting on Financing Sustainable Development) that was organized at the Permanent Mission of Mexico to which Anita Thomas was invited; Working Groups started working on their

respective chapters for the position paper to the draft outline of the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) on Financing Sustainable Development; Members agreed to work in Google Groups to complete their respective chapters.

- December 5, 2018 - Greg Barrett, UN FSDO briefed on FfD matters; The Committee submitted its position paper on the Inter Agency Task Force (IATF) draft outline to the UN FSDO.
- January 9, 2019 - Greg Barrett, UN FSDO and Olivier Munyaneza, Economic Affairs Officer, International Tax Cooperation, UN FSDO briefed on FfD matters; Rick Sullivan, Principal, Change Management Solutions conducted the education session; In working groups, members developed questions to be raised at the Stakeholder Consultation on January 14.
- February 6, 2019 - Greg Barrett, UN FSDO briefed on FfD matters; Working Group Members developed talking points based on the Committee's position paper on the IATF Draft outline submitted to FSDO.
- March 6, 2019 - Greg Barrett, FSDO provided briefing on FfD matters; Barry Herman, Member, Advisory Board, Social Justice in Global Development (Member of the Committee) conducted an educational session on "Social Protection is a Public Finance Issue."
- April 3, 2019-Greg Barrett, FSDO shared a brief written update on FfD matters as he could not attend in person. Members also made an evaluation of the breakfast briefing with Navid Hanif as well as of the advocacy efforts undertaken to provide feedback and influence the Zero draft. The Working Groups convened to propose speakers and logistics for the three panel events that the Committee organized during the 2019 FfD Forum.
- May 1, 2019 - Alberto Padova (AP) Chief, Strategic Engagement and Policy Integration Branch, FSDO, DESA and Greg Barrett, Economic Affairs Officer, FSDO provided briefing on FfD matters. Members had an extensive discussion about the increased room fees and reiterated the need to provide this information at the application stage for next year's Forum; The Nominating Committee comprising of Martha Gallahue (United Religions Initiative), Elsa Muttathu (International Presentation Association) and Janet Kinney

(Partnership for Global Justice) provided an update on the preparations for the elections to take place at the annual meeting in June.

Strategic Plan

The Committee is on track to meet the Objective and SMART Goals outlined in its 2018-2019 strategic plan, included below.

➤ **Objectives:**

1. Strengthen advocacy work on the Committee's 2018-2019 priority areas
2. Influence the implementation of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda with focused priority statements.
3. Educate and empower members to participate effectively in FfD substantive sessions and hearings
4. Prepare for the 2018 & 2019 ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development Follow-up
5. Organize parallel events on FfD-related topics during the main UN Commissions, the FfD Forum, the HLPF and the IMF/World Bank annual and spring meetings

➤ **SMART Goals:**

1. Hold a breakfast session focusing on FfD
2. Complete at least 5 mission visits
3. Ensure we have a well-organized website that can be easily navigated
4. Complete the Beginners advocacy guide
5. Develop advocacy statements on all our priority areas
6. Hold a side event at CSW 63 in sponsorship with a member states
7. Submit a position paper for 2019 IATF report

- As outlined in the strategic plan, the functional working group format was shifted to three thematic working groups to provide members the opportunity to engage on one of the three priority topics of the Committee, develop position papers and organize side events. This reconfiguration was done at the request of several members who had indicated interest in participating in the Committee's work through thematic issues rather than functional working groups and also having the opportunity for every member to organize side events rather than just a group of individuals who were part of the side events working group to organize them (as done in 2017-2018).

Social Media

The Committee continues to update and maintain its website <http://www.ngosonffd.org/>, and Twitter account <https://twitter.com/NGOsonFfD/>

- Social media updates as of 5/22/2019
 - Twitter
 - ❖ 282 followers
 - ❖ 285 following
 - Facebook and LinkedIn- while the Committee has Facebook and LinkedIn pages, activity needs to be strengthened.

Events organized by the Committee

- On October 18, 2018, the Committee organized an orientation on Financing for Development titled "A Moral Economy that works for all Countering Unequal Distribution of Wealth" at the Baha'i International Community Office from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. The Committee also launched its Advocacy Guide at this meeting. Speakers included Philo Morris (Medical Mission Sisters), the first Chair of the Committee, Daniel LeBlanc (Vivat International), and Sandra Vermuyten (Public Services International). Celine Parmunda gave the opening remarks and Anita Thomas moderated the discussions. Please visit the Committee's website for concept note and flyer of the event.
- On January 29, 2019, the Committee co-sponsored the "Symposium: Financing for Sustainable Development-Towards an Economy of Life" held at UNHQ. Anita Thomas was a speaker on panel 2 titled **"Integrating Human Rights in Financing for Sustainable Development"**, moderated by CoNGO President Levi Bautista.
- On March 20, the Committee collaborated with the Joint Advocacy Group on Social Protection (JAGGSP) in organizing a side event titled "Implementing and Financing Social Protection: Finding the Political Will", during the Commission on the Status of Women. The event was co-sponsored by the Permanent Mission of Bangladesh to the UN. The speakers included H.E. Mohibul Hassan Chowdhury, MP & Deputy Minister of Education for Bangladesh. Anita Thomas moderated the Panel. The flyer and information on additional speakers can be accessed [here](#).
- On March 27, the Executive Committee organized a briefing on the 2019 ECOSOC FfD Forum- follow-up. The speakers included H.E Mr. Marc-André Blanchard, Permanent Representative of Canada to the UN, Navid Hanif, Chief, FSDO, Shari Spiegel, Chief, Chief, Policy

Analysis and Development Branch, FSDO. The briefing was followed by an advocacy strategy session that started with Opening remarks by Chantal Line Carpenter, UNCTAD Office in New York. Members reviewed the Zero Draft of the 2019 ECOSOC FfD Forum follow-up outcome document.

- On April 11, the Committee held a panel event titled "Financial Inclusion to Financial Sustainability: Empowering Women in South Asia and Across the Globe" in collaboration with the Grameen Foundation, India and the Atlantic Council. Anita Thomas moderated the panel. The event was held from **9:00 -10:30 am in Room 12-250, World Bank I -Building, Washington, D.C.** The concept note can be accessed [here](#).
- On April 16, the Committee held a panel event titled "Privatization of Public Good and Services: Human Rights Implications" Sr. Celine Paramunda moderated the panel. The speakers included Mr. Manuel F. Montes, Permanent Observer, Senior Advisor of Finance and Development, Dr. Michael Kambourakis, Founder, Dominican Republic Relief Organization, Ms. Cecilia Gondard, Senior Policy and Advocacy Officer, Eurodad. The concept note can be accessed [here](#).
- On April 17, the Committee held a panel event titled "Financing Social Protection: Finding the Political Will". The event was held in conference room 12, UNHQ from 8:00 am to 9:30 am. Mr. Barry Herman moderated the panel. The speakers included H.E. Dr. Toshiya Hoshino, Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of Japan to the UN, Ms. Valerie Schmitt Director of Social Protection, ILO, Mr. Mamadou Diallo, ITUC Deputy General Secretary, Ms. Miriam Brett, Bretton Woods Project. The concept note can be accessed [here](#).
- On April 18, the Committee held a panel event titled "**Financial Inclusion to Financial Stability: Effective strategies and partnerships leading to inclusive growth, improved livelihood and income equality**". The event was held from **1:15 pm to 2:30 pm in conference room 5, UNHQ**. Anita Thomas moderated the panel. The speakers included Dr. Leora Klapper, Lead Economist Lead Economist, Finance and Private Sector Development, Development Research Group, The World Bank, Ms. Laurent Hendricks, Vice President, Grameen Foundation, Ms. Ana Maria Blanco, Director, Public Policy and International Relations, GSMA and Ms. Efe Ukala, Founder, ImpactHer. The concept note and flyer can be accessed [here](#).

Collaborations with NGO Committees and other groups

- A joint advocacy group on Social Protection (JAGGGSP) was created at the initiative of the NGO Committee on Social Development. Other Committees in this Group are NGO Committee on Financing for Development, NGO Committee on the Status of Women and the NGO Committee on Migration. The objective of the group is to strengthen advocacy on Social Protection in light of the thematic focus on Social Protection during Commission for Social Development (CSocd), Commission on the Status of Women and SDG 10 review at HLPF 2019. Anita Thomas represents the Committee on this group.
- The Committee contributed to and helped finalize the JAGGSP's oral statement during CSocd and organization of a panel event during the CSW.
- Anita Thomas attended the strategy session of the CSOFFD group held in Rome, Italy from November. The Committee is a founding member of the CSOFFD Group <https://csoforffd.org/about/>.

Engagements in UN processes

- The Committee submitted a position paper to the Inter-Agency Task Force on Financing Sustainable Development focusing on its three priority areas, outlined in its 2018-2019 strategic plan. Members from the three working groups contributed to the chapters pertaining to their respective area of work. The JAGGSP also contributed to the chapter on Social Protection.
- On September 30, 2018, Anita Thomas represented the Committee on the five members NGO delegation to the High Level Meeting on Financing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development held at UNHQ. The CSOFFD Group coordinated the nomination process for the five NGO delegates (maximum allowed) to this meeting. The other delegates were Sandra Vermuyten, (Public Services International), Roza Lizarde (Women's Working Group on FfD), Elizabeth Lockwood (CBM), Dereje Alemayehu (Global Alliance for Tax Justice). Dereje presented the statement.
- FSDO invited Anita Thomas to make an intervention at the December 6, 2018 "Informal Meeting on preparations for the 2019 ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development and the SDG Investment Fair" held at the at the Permanent Mission of Mexico.
- The Committee was invited to make interventions during the January 14, 2019, Informal multi-stakeholder consultation: Making finance

work for a sustainable world in 2019 and beyond held at UNHQ. Three members of the Committee, Daniel LeBlanc (Vivat International), Martha Gallahue (United Religions Initiative), Faith Yusko (Partnership for Global Justice) made interventions. Faith represented the Committee as one of its youth members.

- As the Zero Draft of the 2019 ECOSOC FfD Forum follow-up outcome document gives limited attention to social protection, following the Committees event organized on March 27, a small group of members from the Committee met and developed a paragraph for sharing with member states during the negotiations on the Zero Draft taking place at UNHQ till April 3. The Chair wrote to the Ambassadors of the Missions of Canada, Uruguay, Ecuador, and Japan requesting consideration of the Committee's proposed language on Social Protection.

Special appreciation to:

- United Methodists Women and to Velda Dhanooyal for making a room available for the Committee meetings at the Church Center.
- World Vision and the Bahai International Community for their generosity with meeting space when rooms were not available at the Church Center.
- UNFSDO for its ongoing collaborations with the Committee and to Greg Barrett for his monthly briefings
- Teresa Kotturan for making her personal projector available for many of the Committee meetings.
- Barry Herman for his insight and guidance during the crafting of the Committee's position paper in response to IATF draft outline.
- Gemma Adaba and Barry Herman for guidance and assistance in advancing the proposed language on social protection in the zero draft of the 2019 FfD Forum outcome document.

Substantive documents developed since June 2018

- Introductory Guide to Ffd - <http://www.ngosonffd.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/An-Introductory-Guide-to-Financing-for-Development.pdf>
- Position Paper submitted in response IATF draft outline - <https://developmentfinance.un.org/sites/developmentfinance.un.org/files/NGO%20Committee%20on%20Financing%20for%20Development%27s%20submission%20to%20the%202019%20IATF%20Report.pdf>

Summary of Financial Report

The Committee holds a bank account at Chase Manhattan Bank, UN Branch.

June 2018- May 2019 NGOsonFfd Finance Report -Summary				
	Date	Description	Debit	Credit
	6/7/2018	Opening Balance		\$ 3,524.68
		Expenses	\$ 1218.93	
		Receipts		\$ 774.98
	5/21/2019	Closing balance		\$ 3,080.73

Note: A detailed treasurer's report was circulated to the membership for its approval prior to the annual meeting on June 5, 2019. The approved Annual Report Will be submitted to the Conference of NGOs (CoNGO).

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Executive Committee of the
NGO Committee on Financing for Development by

Anita Thomas, Chair, NGO Committee on Financing for Development

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