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CONFERENCE ON FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT: TIME FOR GLOBAL ACTION

A great deal of hope is riding on the upcoming conference on Financing for Development in Addis Ababa this month. High-level representatives will gather from all over the world, including governments and the private sector (business), and civil society will be an influential member of the process as well. An essential



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part of the implementation of the Sustainable Development Agenda, this conference will address how governments and other stakeholders can cooperate on means of reaching the goals and how far member states will go in order to financially assist each other. **Mobilization of resources to eradicate poverty** is the basis for the future of development; it is not only a priority of developing countries but of developed ones as well. The Addis Ababa Accord will apply to all countries and be based on multilateral cooperation with shared goals and means of implementation for what urgently needs to be accomplished. Learn more: www.odi.org/financing-future www.un.org/esa/ffd/ffd3.1.html

By Joan F. Burke, SNDdeN, our former NGO representative in New York, current lecturer at Center for Leadership and Management at Tangaza University College in Nairobi Kenya, and SNDatUN delegate to the Third International Conference on Financing for Development



“NGO Representatives in New York have followed closely the development of the Financing for Development (FfD) Conference text through its different drafts at the UN. Normally the text will already be in its almost final form before the Heads of State gather for the conference so there will be little opportunity for NGOs to actually influence its content at that point. Even so, Notre Dame having a presence at the conference will demonstrate to governments the importance of the topic and of the content of the outcome document for us who see the human face of poverty and the scourge of growing inequality in the daily lives of our people. Additionally, we hope to be able to connect at the conference with other NGOs on our continent of Africa who have a similar commitment to following the FfD process so that we can **become part of a larger network.**”



By Sébastien Nkoa Ayissi, OP, Cameroonian economist, banker, and student of Theology at the Catholic University of East Africa in Nairobi, Kenya, and SNDatUN delegate to the Third International Conference on Financing for Development

“The Financing for Development Conference which will take place this month in Addis Ababa inspires great hope in me as I consider the quality (Heads of State) and the quantity (constituents in society) of the members taking part in different panels. Important decisions will be made affecting the direction of Sustainable Development Goals for the planet. Since I myself come from a country classified as ‘less developed’, I have long been an advocate for all people to take responsibility for all persons living on our planet. The conference offers me an opportunity to **be the voice of the voiceless so that their voices can be heard.**”

For these reasons I am focusing on the following questions: 1) national public finance, given that basic development rests on healthy and proper management of public goods; 2) entrepreneurship and private national and international finance, because of their interconnection. Member States need to develop a regulatory framework which promotes private sector initiatives favoring the marginalized and those excluded from the system. International public finance is a particular interest of mine because of the role it plays in the systemic failures as seen in the financial crisis of 2007-08; this points to the need for change from the top because of its impact on the bottom.”

HELPFUL RESOURCES: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACTION

On September 12 people around the world will honor the creativity, dignity, and resilience of communities affected by mining and oil and gas development. **Become involved now** with *The Ground Beneath Our Hearts*: <http://bit.ly/1Ck6wm1>



Watch a film about social and environmental conflicts in iron ore extraction in the Amazon region of northern Brazil with connections to the German auto industry.
Iron ore, journey with no return: www.youtube.com/watch?v=yPelxf1jll

Support enhancement of the International Legal Framework for protecting Human Rights from Corporate Abuse: www.treatymovement.com/sign-on (English, español, français, português)



On July 30 learn about and participate in an action to eradicate human trafficking: www.unodc.org/blueheart/index.html
(English, español, français, português, Русский)

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