



DRAFT Agenda – II EU-CELAC civil society forum

- *Building fairer societies*

19-20 March 2015

Venue: Hotel Bloom, Rue Royale 250, Brussels

Aims of the event	The EU- CELAC Civil Society Forum will allow CSOs to discuss, coordinate and establish a common position as civil society in Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean in order to shape the debate and agenda of political leaders from both regions. Strategizing together we are ensuring that the voices and views of civil society from both continents are present and taken into account.
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Time	Agenda point	Outcome (what)	Responsible / facilitator
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Thursday 19 March			
10.00-10.55	Plenary opening 4 introductions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy / Vice-President of the Commission Federica Mogherini 2. CELAC representative (tbc) 3. Seamus Jeffreson, CONCORD Director 4. Miguel Santibañez, Political Committee MESA 	Introduction to the objectives of the two days. Give room to comments of the importance of EU-CELAC relations and the current challenges of the same from the point of view of Latin America/Europe and the Institutions/Civil Society.	Facilitator: Carlos Cabo, Alianza por la Solidaridad
10.55-11.05	Pause		
11.05-	Inspiring introductions to the 3 themes of the forum:	To put the frame of the 3 themes of the forum and to inspire the	Facilitator: Lucy Reyes



12.50	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Promoting societies that enable socio-economic equality in CELAC and the EU Speaker: Jorge Balbis, ALOP México A relationship between the two continents that boosts human rights and welfare Speaker: Josefina Huamán, Asociación Nacional de Centros de Investigación, Promoción Social y Desarrollo Promoting democracy and citizen participation in the EU and CELAC Speaker: tbc 	group work sessions.	Articulación Feminista Marcosur
12.50-13.00	Instruction to the methodology of the afternoon group work sessions	To remind the objective and way of working in the groups. Introduce the facilitators and experts of each working group. Revise the composition of each group.	Facilitator: Carlos Cabo, Alianza por la Solidaridad
13.00-14.00	Lunch		
14.00-15.30	Group work on the 3 themes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How do we promote societies that enable socio-economic equality in CELAC and the EU? How do we create a relationship between the two continents that boosts human rights and welfare? How do we promote democracy and citizen participation in the EU and CELAC? 	To go deeply into the context of the two regions from the stand point of one of the three themes. Allow open exchange between the participants that will be the basis for the final inputs into the forum declaration.	<p>Group 1: Christina Linaje, Coordinadora de ONGs España and Ivo Lesbaupin, Abong, Brasil</p> <p>Group 2: Carlos Bedoya, Latindadd and Brid Brennan, TNI</p> <p>Group 3: Laura Becerra, Equipo Pueblo México and Gérard Karlshausen, CONCORD</p>
15.30-16.00	Coffee break		
16.00-17.00	Continuation of group work session	Provide latest changes to the text of the forum declaration corresponding to the theme debated, reflecting the earlier discussion	The process of agreeing the text in the declaration is



		in the group.	<p>accompanied by 3 facilitators :</p> <p>Group1: Molvina Zeballos, Grupo Propuesta Ciudadana</p> <p>Group 2: Gustavo Amaya, Movimiento de ONGD para el Desarrollo Solidario de El Salvador</p> <p>Group 3: TBC</p>
17.00-18.00	Preparation of the second day's exchange of information and synergy building around current mobilizations on the international advocacy agenda	To prepare the dialogue and exchange space for the following day around the 3 proposed international processes: Post 2015, Financing for Development and COP 21 or form alternative themes that interest a group of participants. The participants create groups and propose subthemes on which they will create a discussion the day after.	
Friday 20 March			
9.00-11.00	Current mobilizations on the international agenda – exchange of information and synergy building	<p>Exchange information on the mobilizations in CELAC and EU in the framework of the preparation of major processes on the international agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the Post-2015 framework (UN GA in September) & Financing the new framework (Addis Abeba conference May) - COP 21 Paris December - Advocating for a Treaty for multinational corporations - Beijing +20 <p>Participants divide into groups according to interest to strengthening synergies, identify priorities and share information. Other themes than the 4 above mentioned can be proposed on the day before.</p>	
11.00-11.30	Coffee break		
11.30-	Presentation and agreement on the final declaration	All participants have heard the declaration and comments have been	Hélmer Velásquez, CONGCOOP



12.30	of the forum in plenary	taken into account. Process on how to support the declaration as individual organization is clarified.	Guatemala
12.30-13.30	Lunch		
13.30-15.00	Strategy formulation and plan for following up of the declaration ahead of the EU-CELAC Summit June 10-11	Clarify the use of the declaration and identifying opportunities for advocacy and dialogue. Courses of action identified in the other processes discussed during the morning to be shared.	Julieta Gonzalez, ACT Alliance EU
15.00-15.15	Coffee break		
15.15-16.15	Closure panel Speakers: - Commissioner for international cooperation and development Neven Mimica (TBC) - Laura Sullivan, CONCORD Vice President - MESA representative (tbc)	Sum up of the mayor achievements of the forum. Official handover of the declaration of the forum to the EU institutional representative.	TBC