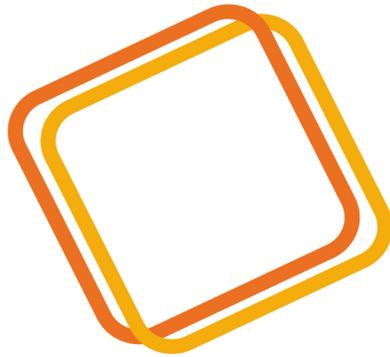


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EU must embrace a rights-based approach, and ensure that HR principles of social and gender equality, equity, non-discrimination and inclusive participation and decision-making underpin EU development cooperation policies.

1. Ensure mutual accountability in Agenda 2030, including supporting accountability mechanisms that encompass environmental & human rights violations.
2. Ensure that EU's Aid for Trade policy is coherent with Intl. HR norms and standards.
3. Uphold sovereignty of governments to maintain policy space to promote pro-people development laws, independent of preferential trade agreement conditionalities.
4. Governments, as duty-bearers, and TNCs, must uphold decent work and social protection.

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5. Uphold and implement Busan principles of effective development cooperation.
6. Ensure that gender equality, women's empowerment through unmediated rights to productive assets and protection against gender-based violence are incorporated into all aspects of policy and programmatic planning & implementation.
7. Protect institutionalized space for CSOs and support CSO activity at different levels.

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How should the EU strengthen its partnerships with civil society, foundations, the private sector, parliaments and local authorities and academia to support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda (including the Addis Ababa Action Agenda) through its development policy? How can the Policy Forum for Development best contribute?

- Capacity building to strengthen institutions of civil society, local authorities
- Move away from donor mentality to developing real partnerships including developing more consultative processes rather than donor-determined priorities
- *EU gets from Asia Pacific states evidence that CSOs/LAs have been consulted and their issues considered.*
- Support sustainable partnerships through adequate, predictable core funding to partners rather than ‘tenderization’ of development
- Promotion of in-country partnerships, cross-constituency/actor partnership mechanisms

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Recommendations to PFD

- PFD – engagement and outreach with EU country delegations from HQ – develop communications and synergies even within HQ level – and other MS, donors
- Analyse and evaluate how PFD recs have actually been taken forward
- Dedicated focal point for interaction with CSO/ LA per country delegation
- Lots of engagement at HQ level- but no mechanisms nor resources to follow these through and develop long-term relationships
- Suggestion to have strategic planning for PFD, not just activity-based