

Annex 7.

Consensus Statement from the CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness Northeast Asia Meeting 2014

Tokyo, Japan, 31st October to 2nd November, 2014

FINAL VERSION

We the participants of the CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness Northeast Asia Meeting who met in Tokyo, Japan, for three days from 31st October to 2nd November, 2014,

1. recognizing and building on the results of previous sub-regional meetings;
2. while expressing our deepest gratitude to the Japan NGO Center for International Cooperation (JANIC) for hosting the meeting and the study tour to Fukushima;
3. and after learning about the latest situation on civil society engagement in the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (GPEDC), discussing current progress in implementing the Busan Commitments and the Istanbul Principles; and moving towards consensus on actions to strengthen sub-regional structures and capacities;
4. reached consensus on the following statement:
 1. We confirm the GPEDC process, the commitments made in Paris, Accra and Busan, and the Istanbul Principles as building blocks on the path to achieving a global consensus on the post-2015 development agenda.
 2. We recognize and applaud the efforts that have been made by governments and civil society to implement the Busan Commitments and the Istanbul Principles.
 3. We realize that there is much work to be done to raise awareness, understanding and support for the above among the general public, government, private sectors, and even many civil society organizations (CSOs).
 4. We urge fellow CSOs, as well as our partners in the public and private sectors, to recognize the importance of the Istanbul Principles and the Busan commitments through measures such as multi-stakeholder dialogues.
 5. We urge CSOs, governments and other actors to develop more creative ways to make concepts such as the human rights-based approach and enabling environment relevant, understandable, and accessible to the general public.
 6. We encourage emerging economies to join future GPEDC High Level Meetings and hope all governments will be able to take part in the ongoing process and other future meetings, and abide by the principles of development effectiveness.
 7. We support actions by CSOs to implement the Istanbul Principles and Busan

commitments, including the ten recommendations for the ODA Charter revision submitted by JANIC to the Japanese government, the open letter of questions to the Korean government written by the Korea Civil Society Forum on International Development Cooperation (KoFID), the baseline research project conducted by the Taiwan Alliance in International Development (Taiwan AID), the forums and research conducted by the China Association for NGO Cooperation (CANGO), and the multi-stakeholder consultations carried out by the Mongolian National NGO Network 'Development Observer'.

8. We are concerned about attempts to expand the definition of official development assistance (ODA) to include private sector investment, paramilitary and military spending. We also urge governments to fully commit to the 0.7% ODA/GNI target.
9. We urge governments to recognize the role of CSOs in policy development and ensure genuine participation of CSOs in decision-making processes that can lead to actual policy changes.
10. We demand that governments and other stakeholders make detailed, timely and regular data and information on ODA and national development open and available to the public.
11. We urge the CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness (CPDE) secretariat to include the following in its action plan:
 - A. Publish multi-media materials in cooperation with existing sub-regional organizations on the Istanbul Principles, including good as well as bad practices, to make the Principles more relevant to civil society.
 - B. Hold training of trainers (TOT) programs to raise awareness of the Istanbul Principles.
 - C. Continue to support sub-regional meetings.
12. We resolve to nominate sectoral representatives by mutual discussion before our next meeting.
13. We nominate Mongolia as the designated program area in Northeast Asia for 2015.
14. We decide to hold the next sub-regional meeting in September 2015 in Mongolia and include special sessions on the issues of sustainable development and enabling environment.
15. We resolve to make joint efforts to address the sustainable development issue at the upcoming G8/20 meetings in Northeast Asia.
16. We will explore all avenues to raise funds for the above activities.
17. We elect Urantsooj Gombosuren to be the focal point of the Northeast Asia region, and elect Jay Hung to be the alternate.