

BIENNIAL REPORT

2020-2022



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Statement from Co-Chairs

Monica Jahangir – Chowdhury & Maria Fornella – Oehninger

After two years as co-chairs of NGO CSocD, our time has come to step down and make space for new leadership to bring innovation and new energy to our advocacy work. The two years of our mandate coincided with a time of global upheaval and adaptation, so we want to leave with a few reflections that will help give continuity to NGO CSocD's mission and hopefully support the work of the future Executive Committee.

Leadership transitions can create uncertainty and the fact that we had to start our new mandate in March 2020 - at the very moment when the world came to halt due to the global COVID-19 pandemic - was no small task. Nonetheless, with a committed 'troika' of 2 co-chairs and a strong vice-chair (Gillian D'Souza-Nazareth), a very supportive and talented executive committee (Despoina Afroditi Milaki, Maryann Dantuono, Cynthia Mathew, also with Margret O'Dwyer, Dusty Farnan and Shifa Abbas in the first year) and a strong team of skillful interns and associates, we were able to overcome the challenges of remote work and virtual meetings for the entire duration of our mandate.

The dramatic impact of COVID-19 on poverty and social development brought increased sufferings in the communities that were already struggling to survive. This pressed the NGO Committee to step up and find new ways of transmitting the message of equal rights, social justice, and wellbeing for all by bringing out the voices of the grassroots. The work of both this Committee and the Commission for Social Development was thus made even more urgent and relevant in a time of multiple, overlapping crises. It was crucial for us to be part of this important moment.

Accordingly, we not only adapted to the digital world, but thanks to the vision and dynamism of our social media subcommittee, we were able to craft a whole new digital identity to better communicate our message by means of a new website, new ways of engaging and mobilizing global audiences through social networks, and a new digital diplomacy with online mission visits with Member States.

Close relations built during these two years with the Chair of the Bureau (Ambassador Squeff from Argentina) and with the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) also gave us more access to members of the Bureau. Thanks to them we were able to influence the content of the Commission's discussions and outcome documents. UNDESA facilitated our active participation in Expert Group Meetings and aided in including our inputs in the Secretary-General's reports for CSocD and priority themes resolutions. We were particularly glad to see language on dignity and discrimination that our Committee had pushed for, reflected in the Secretary-General's report and final resolution of CSocD60.

We are deeply grateful for the constant support of the Friedrich-Ebert Foundation along the years, and for the new relation they helped us create with Club de Madrid.

As co-chairs, we will surely treasure this challenging and yet so inspiring experience for the rest of our lives. Now to others to take it up, with our pledge to help make the transition as smooth as possible, starting today with this biennial report we have prepared for you. Thank you.

We, the NGO Committee on Social Development, are guided by the principles of the Copenhagen Declaration. The Copenhagen Summit in 1995 was one of hope, commitment, and action. The Declaration acknowledged the difficulty of the tasks that lay ahead but at the same time reiterated that major progress would be achieved if international cooperation focused on people-centered social development, with a specific attention to people suffering from poverty, unemployment and social exclusion. Twenty seven years later, and in the context of the global pandemic crisis, the Commitments of the Copenhagen framework for action remain aspirational and are more relevant than ever.

According to the United Nations, an additional 150 millions people will be pushed into extreme poverty due to the pandemic. They will be added to the 1.3 billion people already living in multidimensional and intergenerational poverty, struggling to survive and live in dignity. The pandemic not only exacerbated conditions of poverty, it also revealed pre-existing socio-economic inequalities and injustices that affected local communities worldwide. The health crisis combined with the ensuing global recession, highlighted the need for universal healthcare and permanent social protection for all, working in both the formal and informal sectors, or not working at all.

A sustainable recovery demands a recommitment to the Copenhagen principles and goals and the recognition of the urgency to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 interdependent Sustainable Development Goals. NGO CSocD can bring to this daunting challenge the strength of our global membership engaged in relevant issues, developing best practices, and bringing a diversity of voices to the advocacy table.

Our purpose as a committee is to advocate for:

Sustained social development for all peoples, especially people living in poverty and to achieve the Goals of the 2030 Agenda;

Democracy, human dignity, social justice and solidarity at all levels, ensure tolerance, non-violence, and non-discrimination, with full respect for diversity within and among societies;

A healthy and productive life in harmony with the environment for all people, who must be at the centre of sustainable development;

Equitable distribution of income and greater access to resources through equity and equality of opportunity for all;

Universal respect for, and protection of, all human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the right to development; and

Equality and equity between women and men; protection of the rights of children and youth; and strengthening of social integration and civil society.

Our CSocD Process

August

Our preparation process each year started with building our capacity and knowledge on the Priority Theme of the coming session of the Commission, by attending UN DESA Expert Group Meetings (EGMs) hosted online in August and by organizing education sessions during our NGO CSocD monthly meetings from September to November.

In 2020, the theme was on 'Socially just transition towards sustainable development: the role of digital technologies on social development and well-being of all'. Nine members of the NGO Committee attended as observers (Gillian D'Souza Nazareth, Despoina Afroditi Milaki, Maria Fornella-Oehninger, Margaret O'Dwyer, Teresa Kotturan, Monica Jahangir-Chowdhury, Durstynne Faran, Marvie Misolas, Maryann Dantuono).

In 2021, the theme was on 'Inclusive and resilient recovery from COVID-19 for sustainable livelihoods, well-being and dignity for all: eradicating poverty and hunger in all its forms and dimensions to achieve the 2030 Agenda.' Maria Fornella-Oehninger and Jean Quinn were nominated to represent the NGO Committee at the virtual EGM. Other NGO members with observer status included Gillian D'Souza Nazareth, Maryann Dantuono, Thomas Pallithanam, Teresa Kotturan, Shifa Abbas, Winifred Doherty, Herman Van Breen.

September - November

The first hour of the NGO Committee monthly meeting was devoted to an education segment with a guest speaker to learn about the Priority Theme.

NGO COMMITTEE FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
MONTHLY MEETING
 Wednesday Oct. 20th, 10am-12pm EST

Join us for strategy and advocacy on theme of:

FOOD SECURITY AND RESILIENCE: BRINGING HOPE TO DESPAIR

This education session (10:00 - 11:00 EST) will feature the theme of food security and resilience, with two guest speakers:

Sr Rosa Le Thi Bong (Congregation of Our Lady of the Missions) has worked at Solidarity with South Sudan's Sustainable Agriculture Project in Western Equatoria for over 13 years, developing 50 hectares of bush into farmland and producing food for IDPs.

Luca Russo (Senior Food Crises Analyst and Team Leader, Office for Emergency and Resilience, FAO), an agricultural economist with extensive knowledge on food security and resilience in protracted crises.

ON OCT. 20TH, 10AM EST. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

NGO COMMITTEE FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
MONTHLY MEETING
 Wednesday Nov. 17th, 10am-12pm EST

Join us for strategy and advocacy on theme of:

THE TRUE VALUE OF UNPAID CARE WORK FOR DECENT WORK

This education session (10:00 - 11:00 EST) will feature two guest speakers:

Jacqueline Leduc (UN Representative for Make Mothers Matter) is a feminist, activist and urban planner, motivated to create vibrant cities that are inclusive of all their residents to achieve gender equality and social justice. Jacqueline has been a UN Representative for Make Mothers Matter since 2019.

Make Mothers Matter (MMM) believes in the power of mothers to make the world a better place, advocating for their recognition and support as changemakers since 1947. MMM also federates a network of more than 40 grassroots organisations working on the ground with and for mothers in about 30 countries around the world.

Matthieu Cognac (Senior Multilateral Cooperation Specialist, ILO) started his career in the private sector in international banking before joining international development organizations in the US, Latin America, Asia and the Pacific. Matthieu joined the ILO in 2005 and has navigated from Banda Aceh to New York.

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Month	Speaker	Topic
September 2020	Daniel Perell (Baha'i International Community)	Introduction to the UN System
October 2020	Dr. Maria Grazia Squicciarini, Senior Economist OECD	Mending the Digital Divide through Action
November 2020	Maria Fornella, Co-Chair NGO CSocD, Soroptomist International	History of the Commission and 2021 session overview

Month	NGO Speaker	UN Respondent	Topic
September 2021	Maryann Broxton, ATD Fourth World	Ricardo Isea, UNDP	Extreme Poverty
October 2021	Sr. Rosa Le Thi Bong, Congregation of our Lady of the Mission	Luca Russo, FAO	Food Security
November 2021	Jacqueline Leduc, Make Mothers Matter	Matthieu Cognac, ILO	Unpaid Care Work

Our CSocD Process

September - November

Based on our learnings from the EGM and education segments and in participatory process with our Committee members, the advocacy subcommittee drafted several documents to bring our advocacy messages to the Commissions.

In 2020, as during previous years, the advocacy subcommittee drafted a Civil Society Resolution (full resolution text following the structure of an actual Commission resolution, based on UN language) and a Civil Society Declaration (sharing the same key ideas in a less formal UN jargon, for wider distribution to civil society and beyond) on the theme of digital technology. In 2021, the advocacy subcommittee drafted a talking points document on Poverty, Well-being and Dignity, which served as the basis for the Civil Society Declaration. These two documents were then shared with key stakeholders (Member States and UN DESA) engaged in the preparation of the Commission.

2020 - 2021	2021 - 2022
Argentina (Bureau Chair)	Argentina (Bureau Chair)
Qatar (Bureau Vice-Chair)	China (Bureau Vice-Chair)
Luxembourg (Bureau Vice-Chair)	Poland (Bureau Vice-Chair)
Portugal	Portugal (Bureau Vice-Chair)
Austria	Columbia
Greece	Dominican Republic
India	Israel
Madagascar	Qatar
Israel	Republic of Korea
Malawi	United States of America
Switzerland	Switzerland

Table showing Member State Visits.

December

On December 9, 2021 for the first time, the Bureau of the Commission for Social Development convened an inter-sessional informal meeting to prepare Member States and other stakeholders for the 60th session of the Commission to set the basis for productive discussions and negotiations during the 60th session. Chief Economist Maximo Torero of FAO opened the session with a very comprehensive speech on poverty and food security, that was followed by a discussion with Member States and Civil Society representatives. NGO CSocD co-Chairs took the floor and shared their advocacy points with the Commission membership.

December - January

These two years, all visits to Member States took place virtually. Visits lasted 30 minutes in general and consisted in presenting our advocacy key messages and the program of the Civil Society Forum. It was also the opportunity for exchanges and discussions with each Member state representative on their vision for the Commission.

Our CSocD Process

Civil Society Forum (CSF)

The Civil Society Forum is organized by NGO CSocD and is part of the official session of the Commission for Social Development. As such, it is listed in the official program of the session. The CSF highlights our advocacy work on the Priority Theme throughout the year, to raise awareness on the needs and expectations of Civil Society around the Priority Theme. It creates spaces for grassroots voices to meet with and be heard by Member States and other stakeholders. Its structure changes every year, to adapt to the Priority Theme, but it always includes a pre-session orientation and a networking event, keynote speakers, and participation of bureau members and UNDESA officials, FES and invited guests such as Club de Madrid.

During the session, NGO CSocD Executive committee facilitates morning briefings with Bureau members and UNDESA, to be apprised of the daily program and highlights of the Commission's session, as well as about the negotiation process leading to the adoption of the Priority Theme resolution on the last day of the session. This is a great opportunity for NGOs to understand the process, ask questions, and exchange views with members of the Bureau.

Civil Society Forum 2021 & 2022



Civil Society Forum 2021
During the 59th session of the Commission for Social Development

**Socially just transition towards sustainable development :
The role of digital technologies on social development & well-being of all**

Session	Date	Time (GMT)	Time (EST)
Orientation Session	5 th Feb '21	08:30am - 02:30pm GMT	09:30am EST - 01:30pm EST
Networking Event	5 th Feb '21	09:30am - 03:30pm GMT	10:30am EST - 02:30pm EST
Digital Transition in Education & Social Protection for All	9 th Feb '21	08:30am - 03:00pm GMT	09:30am EST - 01:30pm EST
Digital Technology & Financing for Development	10 th Feb '21	08:30am - 03:00pm GMT	09:30am EST - 01:30pm EST
Digital Technology & Good Governance	11 th Feb '21	08:30am - 03:00pm GMT	09:30am EST - 01:30pm EST
Closing Session	12 th Feb '21	10:00am - 4:30pm GMT	11:30am EST - 3:00pm EST

#BridgetheDigitalDivide | Live interpretation in French and Spanish will be available | #NGOCsocD59

CSF 2021 was the first virtual forum in response to the pandemic, which enabled the participation of a global audience. To embrace the digital nature of the platform, this forum featured an innovative session on the Remo platform alongside three thematic sessions and a closing session.

[Learn about CSF 2021 here.](#)

At CSF 2022, two thematic sessions to address a global and grassroots perspective were supported by an NGO collaboration session to emphasise partnership and tangible outcomes within civil society. **[Learn about CSF 2022 here.](#)**



Civil Society Forum 2022
During the 60th session of the Commission for Social Development

Inclusive and resilient recovery from COVID-19 for sustainable livelihoods, well-being and dignity for all: eradicating poverty and hunger in all its forms and dimensions to achieve the 2030 Agenda

Session	Date	Time (GMT)	Time (EST)
Orientation Session	4 th Feb '22	08:30am - 02:30pm GMT	09:30am EST - 01:30pm EST
Networking Event	4 th Feb '22	10:00am - 03:15pm GMT	11:00am EST - 02:30pm EST
Setting the Stage	9 th Feb '22	08:30am - 02:30pm GMT	09:30am EST - 01:30pm EST
Transitioning from Talk to Action	11 th Feb '22	08:30am - 02:30pm GMT	09:30am EST - 01:30pm EST
NGO Collaboration Session	11 th Feb '22	03:00pm - 04:00pm GMT	04:00pm EST

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Both CSF were spotlighted on the **[UN DESA website](#)** and are available on **[UN Web TV.](#)**

Thanks to French and Spanish interpretation, the forums allowed the direct participation of people and communities whose experiences and recommendations are usually not heard.

Our CSocD Process

Engagement at the 59th and 60th sessions of the Commission

Every year, the NGO Committee is invited to address the Commission at its Opening Session on the first day. The Chairs of the NGO Committee come to deliver the position and recommendations of civil society, based on the Civil Society Declaration.

In February 2021, the Commission became fully virtual for the first time and the Chairs were asked to send a video for their intervention in the Opening Session. [Watch the video here.](#)

In February 2022, NGO CSocD Chairs were allowed to access the UN building and were invited to address the Commission from the podium of the UN General Assembly Hall (photos). Their intervention, highlighting the need for a new social contract, [can be watched here.](#)



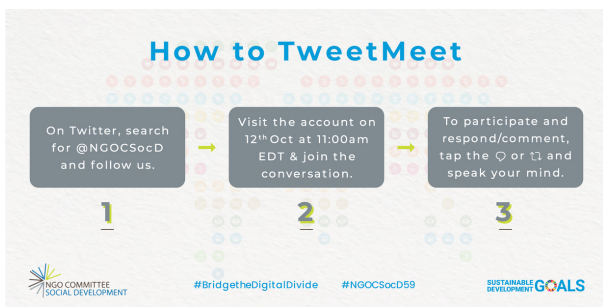
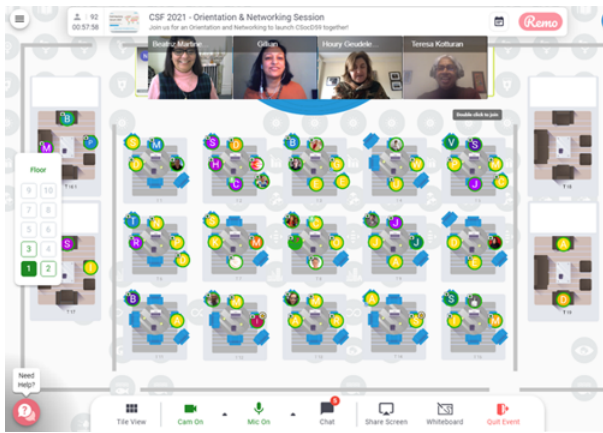
NGO CSocD members participation in the Commission

Following the participation of co-Chairs on Monday morning, the afternoon session of the High Level Panel on the Priority Theme featured the participation of NGO Committee members. Speakers recommended by the NGO Committee also took the floor on the Multi-stakeholder Forum on the priority theme on both years.

	High Level Panel Session on the Priority Theme	Multi-stakeholder Forum on the priority theme
CSocD59- 2021	Ms. Elsa Marie D'Silva (Red Dot Foundation)	Ms. Talia Drayak (International Parent Advocacy Network, upon the recommendation of ATD Fourth World)
CSocD60- 2022	Ms. Maryann Broxton (ATD Fourth World)	Ms. Elsa Marie D'Silva (Red Dot Foundation)

In addition, two to three members of the NGO Committee were able to ask a question at each high level panels of the Commission on both years.

Milestones



Digital Mobilization During the Commission

- At CSocD59, the Orientation and Networking session took place on the REMO virtual platform. With an innovative approach, participants (NGOs from around the world) were able to connect and network in virtual rooms.
- At CSocD59, monthly tweetmeets were organized on Twitter to host conversations on various topics related to the then Priority Theme.
- At CSocD60, 7 videos in the following languages (English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Arabic, Hindi, Greek) introduced the Civil Society Declaration and was disseminated on social media, receiving over 900 signatures from individuals and organisations.

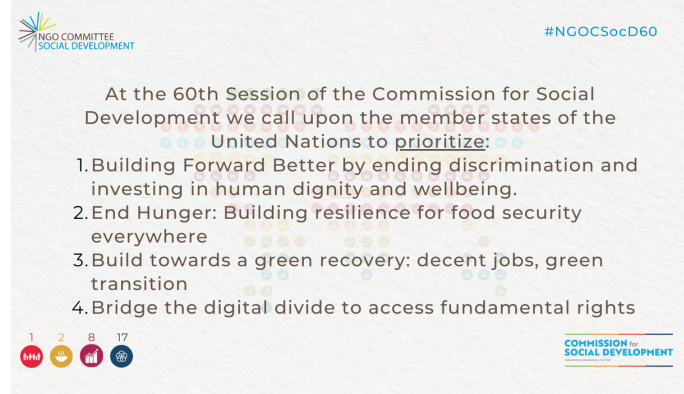
Watch the 'call to action' videos here.

Digital Advocacy Campaign in times of Pandemic

Digital advocacy campaigns were implemented on Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn and Instagram with daily postings with the content of the Civil Society Declaration.

Read our 2021 Civil Society Declaration here

Read our 2022 Civil Society Declaration here.



Expansion of Global Membership

The global digital outreach combined with the change in time of the Committee monthly meeting (from afternoon to morning) allowed NGO representatives based in the Global South to join the activities of the Committee. This allowed for more inclusive participation and representation. In the future, a hybrid mode should allow both in-person and virtual participation so as not to lose the richness of a more global membership.

Grassroots Survey Publication

The Grassroots subcommittee issued two main publications in 2020 which laid the basis for the side events organized by the same subcommittee:
2020 Survey about Inequalities. [Read the report here.](#)
2020 Survey on Homelessness [Read the report here.](#)

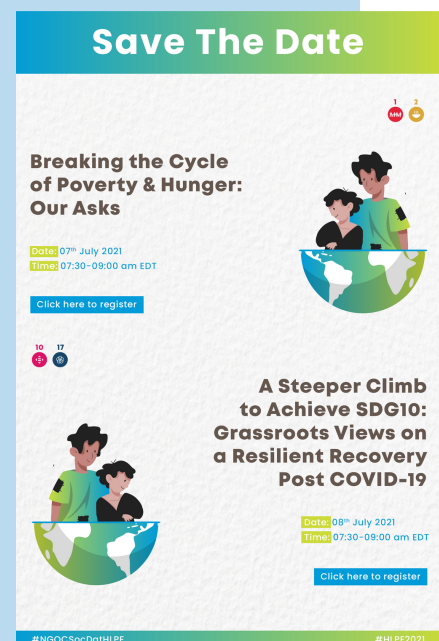
Side Events at the High Level Political Forum

To align our work with the 2030 agenda, NGO CSocD and the Grassroots subcommittee organized two side events during HLPF 2021.

Highlighting synergies between the HLPF 2021 theme of sustainable and resilient recovery and the CSocD 2022 priority theme, The NGO CSocD webinar entitled 'Breaking the Cycle of Poverty and Hunger: Our Asks' facilitated a real dialogue between grassroots speakers and respondents from the UN system.

The Grassroots subcommittee also organized a webinar bringing grassroots voices. Entitled 'A Steeper Climb to Achieve SDG10: Grassroots Views on a Resilient Recovery post COVID-19'. This side-event was a direct follow-up to the pre-COVID 19 global survey on inequalities, with panelists from South and North America, Asia and Europe offering a unique before and after assessment.

[Read about our Webinars here.](#)



Priority Theme Resolution Explanation

Since 2019, after each Commission, the advocacy subcommittee has been publishing a document explaining the content of the Priority Theme resolution in a more accessible language than the regular UN jargon:

- 2019 Understanding the Resolution on “Addressing inequalities and challenges to social inclusion through fiscal, wage and social protection”. [Read the document here.](#)
- 2020 Understanding the Resolution on “Affordable housing and social protection systems for all to address homelessness”. [Read the document here.](#)
- 2021 Understanding the Resolution on the role of digital technologies on social development and wellbeing of all. [Read the document here.](#)

Relationship with CSocD Bureau & UN DESA

Adapting to a digital world meant adapting our methods of work with CSocD Bureaus and with UN DESA. Colleagues from UN DESA (Makiko Tagashira and Amine Lamrabat) accepted to attend the NGO Committee's monthly meeting on Zoom every month - reinforcing our partnership with the UN. Usual breakfast meetings with the Bureaus were replaced by virtual Meet and Greet zoom events, where the full Bureau (Chair and Vice-Chairs) was invited as well as the full Committee. These type of interactive online meetings allowed further exchanges between Member States and Committee members. Working with Ambassador Squeff from the Permanent Mission of Argentina, over two years in a row helped NGO CSocD establish excellent relations with the Chair of the Bureau, who gave a lot of space and visibility to the Committee.

Relationship with the Friedrich Ebert Foundation (FES) and the Club de Madrid (CdM)

Sara Burke and Lennart Inklaar from the Friedrich-Ebert Foundation New York office represented a real source of support as close collaborators. FES' helpful feedback and generous financial support led to the success of the Civil Society Forums on both years. We were honored to have FES Director Michael Bröning (photo) speaking at the Civil Society Forum both years.



FES also helped create the relation with the Club de Madrid (CdM) by inviting them to present a video 'Time to Shake the Trees' to the 2021 Civil Society Forum and by facilitating the participation of one of our-Chairs in CdM's side event at CSocD59. Lorena Pacheco from CdM (photo) was also a panelist at the 2022 Orientation of the Civil Society Forum, sharing information about the preparation of the 2025 new World Social Summit.



Joining ILO Coalition

In 2020, CSocD became a member of the NGO Coalition for the Ratification of ILO C-190 for the Eradication of Violence and Harassment in the World of Work, running an intense campaign for the said ratification, starting with an advocacy letter endorsed by over 500 NGOs. This coalition, convened by the Chair of the NGO Committee on Financing for Development, includes other chairs and additional nominees of main NGO Committees. NGO CSocD was represented by co-chair Maria Fornella and vice-chair Gillian D'Souza-Nazareth in two major events: EU Group of Friends (ambassador-level) and NGO consultation. Out of this second event, a full report, and a document on future strategy to promote ratification of said instrument were drafted and sent to member states and NGOs.



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Full Membership Organisations (April 2020- March 2022)

Appui solidaire pour le Renforcement de l'aide au developpement (ASRAD) - ATD Fourth World - Baha'I International Community - Company of the Daughters of Charity of St Vincent de Paul - Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of Good Shepherd - Congregation of the Mission - Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph - Dominican Leadership Conference - Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary-Loreto Generalate - International Association of Charities (AIC) - International Association of Schools of Social Work - International Presentation Association - Kolping International - League of Women Voters - Life Project for Youth (LP4Y) - Maryknoll Sisters of St. Dominic, Inc. - Red Dot Foundation - Religious of Sacred Heart of Mary - School Sisters of Notre Dame - Sisters of Charity Federation - Soroptimist International - UNANIMA International - VIVAT International - Wadah Foundation - Worldwide Network Nigeria - World Roma Federation

Observer Membership Organisations (April 2020- March 2022)

21st Century Community Empowerment - Youth & Women - Afammer - Armenian Relief Society - Association de l'Intervention pour les meres - Concepts of Truth - CoNGO - Congregation of Notre Dame of Montreal - Council for American Students in International Negotiations - Citizen United for Rehabilitation of Errants (CURE) - Curia Generalizia Agostiniana - Augustinians International - Dharma Drum Mountain Buddhist Association - Farleigh Dickenson University - Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) - Greek Orthodox Archdiocesan Council - International Circle of Faith Chaplaincy Corps Africa (ICOFCCA) - International Confederation of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul - International Council on Social Welfare - International Council on Women - International Federation of Business and Professional Women - International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) - International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse - Ius Primi Viri - La Brique International - Loretto Community - Make Mothers Matter - Women's Missionary Society AMEC - Medical Mission Sister - New Future Foundation - New Humanity of the Focolare Movement - Nonviolence International - Partnership for Global Justice - Passionists International - Salesian Missions - Save Cambodia/Global Education - Service for Peace, Inc. - Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur - Society of the Sacred Heart - Solar Cookers International - Strategic Humanitarian Services Cameroon - World Education Foundation - World Federation for Mental Health

Executive Committee

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Maria Fornella - Oehninger
Gillian D'Souza Nazareth
Cynthia (Annamma) Mathew (India)
Gillian D'Souza - Nazareth (NYC)
Monica Jahangir - Chowdhury (NYC)

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Member-at-Large
Member-at-Large (2020)
Secretary (2020)
Secretary (2021-2022)
Secretary (2022)

Despoina Afroditi Milaki
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Margret O'Dwyer
Dusty Farnan
Shifa Abbas
Monica Jahangir - Chowdhury



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Co-Chairs:
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Despoina Afroditi Milaki

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Veronica Brand
Barbara Bozak

Education Subcommittee

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Dusty Farnan,
Teresa Kotturan

Social Media Subcommittee

Chair:
Gillian D'Souza Nazareth

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Aniket Pratap Singh

CSD Drafting 2021

Hannah Burke, Anne Deepak

Support to CSF 2021

Indira Thodiyil, Suraiya Foss-Phillips

Recording Secretary, Website Maintenance, CSD Drafting 2022

Ella Rayment

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Shreya Salgia (2020-2021)
Shifa Abbas (2021-2022)
Sofia Calicchio (2021-2022)

Support for CSF Interpreters

Jacqueline Leduc (2021)
Yasmine Raouf (2022)

NGO CSocD receives funding from two sources: **Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Foundation (FES)** and **Members' dues** (paid once a year in April, for an amount of 50 USD for NGOs based in New York and 20 USD for NGOs based outside of New York).

To adapt to the virtual times, dues payments were accepted not only in checks but also through online payments via PayPal and Zelle.

Balance at the time of taking over as new exec. (April, 2020)	\$4,544.39
Cost of CSF 2021 (fully covered by FES)	\$ 3,600
Closing Balance of March 2021	\$4,539.55

Balance as of. April, 2021	\$4,639.55
Cost of CSF 2022 (fully covered by FES)	\$3,294.23
Closing Balance of March 2022	\$4,566.12

The cost of the Civil Society Forum for 2021 and 2022 were provided by the kind patronage of our sponsor, the **Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Foundation (FES)**



On behalf of the NGO committee, we would like to send our sincere gratitude to:

Sara Burke and Lennart Inklaar from the FES NYC Office for their constant support to the Civil Society Forum and very helpful feedback.

Daniela Bas, Director of the Division for Inclusive Social Development, for her support and presence at key meetings organized by our Committee with the Commission Bureaus.

Amine Lamrabat and Makiko Tagashira, from the UN Department for Economic and Social Affairs for their partnership and regular participation in the Committee monthly meetings to share with us briefings and information.

Gillian D'Souza-Nazareth, Despoina Afroditi Milaki, Maryann Dantuono, Cynthia Matthews (also with Margret O'Dwyer, Dusty Farnan and Shifa Abbas on the first year), our members of the Executive committee, who worked on a voluntary basis and did not count the hours put in the preparation of the Commission and Civil Society Forum both years.

Shreya Salgia, Indira Thodiyil, Suraiya Foss-Phillips (2020-2021) and Ella Rayment, Sofia Calicchio, Yasmine Raouf (2021-2022), our formidable interns, who brought their writing, creative and tech skills to our Committee work and elevated our visibility and messaging.

Aniket Pratap Singh for his graphic design talents, for giving such a beautiful visual identity and digital tools to the NGO Committee.

Ella Rayment, for her excellent work putting this report together, for her always positive mindset and for her dedication to the Committee.

Finally, we thank all members of the NGO Committee who attended our monthly meetings, took part in the work of our subcommittees and actively contributed to our visibility and advocacy during each Commission for Social Development.



NGO COMMITTEE FOR
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