

## About the PFD

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# Background

- Derives from the Structured Dialogue (SD) which brought together 700 Civil Society Organizations (CSO) and Local Authorities (LA), EU Member States, the European Parliament and the European Commission.
- The final Statement of the SD recommended that the EC established a regular space for dialogue with CSO and LA.
- The PFD was born. It holds global, regional and multi stakeholder meetings in Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean and Asia and the Pacific.
- More info in: <http://capacity4dev.ec.europa.eu/policy-forum-development>



# PFD Objectives

The overarching goal is **to offer CSOs and LAs from the EU and partner countries, as well as European institutions, a multi-stakeholder space for dialogue on development issues.**

More specifically, the PFD aims at achieving the following objectives:

1. Facilitating dialogue on cross-cutting issues related to the role of CSOs and LAs as development actors;
2. Promoting policy debate, consultation and exchange of information on EU main policies and initiatives in development;
3. Providing a room for regular update and peer review.

The PFD focuses on **European development policies and global development agendas**

# PFD Structure (I)

- The PFD members: **61 CSO and LA actors**: 42 regional networks, 6 global umbrella organisations, 13 European platforms and representatives from EU institutions and Member States.
- Mandates are assigned to Organisations (Networks/Platforms).
- Appointed organisations are responsible for selecting their own representatives on the basis of:
  - Capacity to represent and express the views of their constituencies; capacity to provide their constituencies with regular feed-back from the PFD (flow of information; accountability)
  - Commitment to take part in the PFD in the short and medium term, and availability to fulfil this commitment;
  - Gender balance

## PFD Structure (II)

- **Coordination by the European Commission** (Directorate General for Development and International Cooperation - DEVCO) + active commitment/ participation by stakeholders.
- Chaired by DEVCO + co-Chairs from the CSOs and LA stakeholders.

**PFD Task Team** is set up to:

- (i) help maintain communication between PFD meetings;
- (ii) undertake preparatory work, agenda setting;
- (iii) monitor the functioning and performance of the PFD

# PFD Update

- **Membership:** Presently being reviewed. Questionnaire sent to members (Africa has 11). Deadline for confirmation of continuation 23 September. Less than 1/3 replies received to date. Mandatory register in the EC's Transparency Register.
- **PFD Review.** Main conclusions and recommendations to be released.
- **PFD Research** 3 country reports (The Netherlands, Indonesia + Peru; Ghana under preparation) .TT will discuss how to use the findings (copies of the reports are available).
- A **Joint PFD position paper** role of multi-stakeholder approaches has been released. Welcome to make use of it.
- **PFD Newsletter**, last number August with information, interviews and an update of PFD activities.
- Preparations underway for the **Global PFD**, Brussels March 2017.

# Outcome of the 1<sup>st</sup> Africa Regional PFD

- **Participatory and active presentations and discussions.**
- **Joint CSO/LA conclusions and recommendations that can be widely distributed.**
- **Networking**