**Concept note on CSO-LA Consultation on the**

**EU Regional Multi-annual Indicative Programme for Asia and Pacific (2021-2027)**

**19 May 2021**

**9:00h - 11:30h CET**

**Overview**

As a part of its consultations around the 2021-2027 programming of the EU, the Policy Forum on Development (PFD) has hosted a series of virtual discussions to capture the views of the multiple PFD stakeholders and other CSOs and LAs. In this continuing series, the PFD together with the EC and EEAS will hold a consultation on the **EU Regional Multi-annual Indicative Programme (MIP) for Asia and Pacific**, which follows the March consultation on the Africa regional MIP.

In the same vein as past meetings over the last twelve months, the regional consultations will gather participants representing CSO and LA global networks, regional networks and platforms present in Europe, Asia and Pacific. This meeting is part of a broader process that includes written contributions through virtual tools to capture the technical insight coming from the PFD networks and invited non-PFD members.

The Asia and Pacific regional MIP covers an area spanning from the Gulf and Caspian Sea to the Pacific Islands, which is extremely heterogeneous in terms of human and physical geography, economy and level of development and democracy. The EU has identified three key priorities broadly encompassing regional integration and cooperation, pursuit of EU interests with key partners, and migration and human mobility. Each of the priorities reflect the concerned sub-regions (Middle East, Central Asia, South Asia, South East Asia, and the Pacific) and countries with no dedicated national programmes, notably India, China and High Income Countries in the wider region. Regional Team Europe Initiatives will aim to support our interests, values and policy priorities and ensure coherence and synergies with Member States. Financial resources catalysed by EU guarantees/blending under EFSD+ are expected to be replenished and become operational over the summer together with the final adoption of NDICI Global Europe.

**Participants will be able to:**

* Better understand the main axes of the future regional program for Asia and Pacific as well as how EU priorities capitalise on different strategies within the vast region;
* Deepen the discussion on the EU multiannual programming exercise and share insights with EU representatives as country, regional and thematic multi-annual indicative programs are being developed for the period 2021-2027;
* Contribute to the constructive, forward looking and ongoing dialogue with the EU with a view to integrating different stakeholder perspectives and recommendations.

**Methodology**

The 2.5 hour moderated discussionwill consist of an initial presentation and clarifying questions session on the current thinking around the Asia and Pacific MIP. This will be followed by an interactive plenary discussion focused around two main questions. Participants will have a summary of the regional MIP and supporting documents as background information to prepare their inputs and questions. Additional written follow up will be accepted until 28 May 2021.

**Questions**

1. How can we best operationalise the interaction with CSOs and LAs to support the implementation of this programme in line with the foreseen regional priorities and TEIs?
2. What aspects of the MIP are most relevant and important for your constituents? What is missing? In which of the EU's areas of work do CSOs and LAs see the most possibilities to enhance joint action with the EU to meet the SDGs?

**Draft Agenda**

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| 08:45 - 09:00 | Participants connecting |
| 09:00 - 09:15 | Welcome and Introduction |
| 09:15 – 10:00 | Presentation of the Asia Pacific Regional MIP and clarification questions |
| 10:00 – 11:30 | Discussion on questions 1 and 2 and wrap up |