



Open Forum for CSO
Development Effectiveness



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Subject: Brief outline for resource persons on ‘CSO Open Forum on Development Effectiveness’, Bangladesh consultation from 14 to 17 June 2010

CSOs in history, rooted for policy discourse. History reflects that even during the British colonial period, there was emergence of civil society organizations (CSO) in this part of Indo Bangla subcontinent, which were non-partisan but created polemics in policy discourse.

Aid effectiveness to development effectiveness. Now a day, the flow of development aid has augmented. Most of the development investment in developing countries dependent on foreign aid, thus, responsibilities became global and created new dimensions in partnership. Please see an attached matrix that how international declarations and conferences reshaped the agenda. In this context, the Accra Agenda of Action, adopted by the States and international multilateral institutions in 2008, officially acknowledged the importance of CSO role in development discourse. In addition, it is not only about aid effectiveness, in holistic approach this discourse is also about total development effectiveness.

Primary objectives of the CSO consultations. Taking this in view, prominent international CSO organizations taken an initiatives to conduct such a process of this country consultation i.e., CSO Open Forum on Development Effectiveness. This is primarily to identify and discuss (i) what are the principles that CSOs should work, (ii) how that principles should be implemented to build credibility, (iii) what are the partnership principles that CSO should follow while they are collaborating with different stakeholders and (iv) what are the enabling environment they required.

Bangladesh process and dates. Asia Pacific Research Network (APRN) took responsibility to organize 17 consultations in Asia Pacific region. Part of this network BAPA, CDP, SUPRO and EquityBD from Bangladesh took the responsibility to organize the consultation. An open advertisement has been published in this regard in the Daily Star on 12 April 2010 and in Prothom Alo on 14 April 2010. There are huge interests and responses from the NGO and CSOs. Among the interested NGO / CSOs, we have selected around 60 participants. We hope that more participants will be interested to participate with self-sponsorship.

Place and programs. There will be three days residential workshop from 14 to 16 June 2010 in Proshika HRD Training Center, Koitta, and Manikgonj. The outcome of the workshop will be shared/ consulted in a multi stakeholder consultation on 17 June 10.30 to 2 pm at CIRDAP auditorium, Paltan, Dhaka. Tentative program from 14th to 16 June are as follows.

Date	Morning 8.30 to 13.00 hrs	Afternoon 14.00 to 17.30 hrs	Evening 19.00 to 22.00 hrs
14 th June		Arrival of the participants	Session 1: <i>CSOs in Bangladesh: History and Present Challenges.</i> Inauguration, Introduction and Expectation Study
15 th June	Session 2 : <i>CSO Principles in Work : What and Why</i>	Session 3 : <i>Building credibility of CSOs : How and Challenges</i>	Session 4: <i>Are CSOs complement or contradict in a political process.</i> Debate and cultural program
16 th June	Session 5: <i>What are the partnership principles and challenges as CSOs working with others?</i>	Session 6: <i>SWOT in enabling environment of CSO work in Bangladesh.</i> Concluding.	Departure of the participants for Dhaka i.e., for 17 th June 10.30 to 2 pm multi stakeholder consultation.

Interactive methodology and resource persons: A pre-workshop worksheet will be sending out to all participants so that they will have some brainstorming note on the issues. Each session has been planned in following way;

- (i) There will be 15 minutes presentation from a member of country core group (i.e., BAPA, CDP, EquityBD and SUPRO),
- (ii) The presentations will be complemented with regional experiences and learning from Mr. Anil K Singh, SANSAD, India and Ms. Maria Thresa, Secretary General, APRN, this will be 10 + 10 = 20 minutes, then
- (iii) Four resource person presentation, each will have 5 minutes presentation, total 20 minutes
- (iv) Question and answer to the presentations and resource person, 30 minutes
- (v) Group work for 60 minutes
- (vi) Presentations by the group, each group 10 minutes, five groups 50 minutes
- (vii) Summing up remarks from the seven resource persons, 35 minutes.
- (viii) Total 40 minutes for contingency especially in the morning and 15 minutes in the afternoon session. There is no contingency time in session 4.

Rationales for interactive resource person based session: We feel that it is hardly possible by the prominent civil society actors especially from national level to stay in the consultations full time, so we are creating space for them so that they could participate in one session or could spend at least half a day with us. We will try to organize daily

morning and afternoon transportation between Dhaka Koitta and Dhaka. **In addition, we do like to have a dinner meeting with all the resource persons on 27 May 19.00 to 22.00 hrs in BRAC Center Inn, where we will brief them on whole process and will seek advice and commitment on their participation.**

Tentative list of Resource Persons : Here we have made a list, whom will invited in the dinner meeting of 27th May: (1) Sayed Nurul Alam, SAP Bangladesh, (2) Zakir Hossain, Nagorik Uddoge, (3) Ranjan Karmakar, STD, (3) Ratan Sarkar, INCIDIN, (4) Syeda Rizwana Hasan, BELA, (5) AHM Bazlur Rahaman, BNNRC, (6) Dr. Annayna Raihan, DNET, (7) Aromma Dutta, PRIP, (8) Professor Mustafizur Rahman, CDP, (9) Mohsin Ali, WAVE, (10) Rashed Al Titumir, Unnayan Anneshon, (11) Masuda Khatun Shefali, NUK, (12) Ahmed Swapan Mahmud, VOICE, (13) Farah Kabir, Action Aid Bangladesh, (14) Mohiuddin Ahmed, Jubilee South, (15) Dr. Tofail Ahmed, Local Government Expert, (16) Shireen Akhter, Kormojibi Nari, (17) Rokeya Kabir, BNPS, (18) Abdul Awal, NRDS, (19) Tazul Islam. FNB, (20) Abdul Matin, ADAB, (21) Farida Akhter, UBINIG, (22) Kazi Farooque, CAB, (23) Shamsul Huda, ALRD, (24) Khusi Kabir, Nijera Kori, (25) Sharif A Kafi, BDPC, (26) Mahfuz Ullah, CFSD, (27) Dr. Hossain Zillur Rahman, PPRC, (28) Advocate Sultana Kamal, ASK, (29) Rasheda K Chowdhury, CAMPE, (30) Saheen Anam, MJF, (31) Ayesha Khanam, BMP, (32) Dr. Mahbub Hossain, BRAC, (34) Shabbir Bin Shams, APIT, (35) Dr. Rashid E Mahbub, National Health Rights Movement, (36) M A Rashid, NGO Forum on Drinking Water, (37) Md. Yakub, VERC and (38) Dr. Badiul Alam Majumder, SHUJAN, (39) Dr. Khairul Islam, Country Director of Water Aid; (40) Mrs. Reba Paul, Executive Director of Bangladesh Water Partnership (BWP); (41) Dr. Dibaluk Singh, DSK, and (42) Hamida Hussain BLAST.

Multi stakeholder consultation at CIRDAP auditorium, Paltan, Dhaka, on 17th June 2010, 10.30 to 14.00 hrs. The entire outcome will be compiled and will be presented in front of high level policy makers of the government, opposition and political parties, donor agencies, INGOs and media personalities. We are expecting that more other CSO representatives also will participate in the events. We will prepare outline and send out invitation letter soon.

Country core group and secretariat: Bangladesh Poribesh Andolan (BAPA), Coastal Development Partnership (CDP), Equity and Justice Working Group Bangladesh (equitybd) and Shusasoner Jonny Procharavijan (SUPRO) are the members of Bangladesh Country Consultation Core Group, who are in fact organizing this consultation process. On behalf of the group, EquityBD has assigned to act as coordination secretariat.

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For more information, you can visit www.equitybd.org you will find all detail information, and link to relevant other websites, especially information on advertisement, English and Bangla translation to CSO open forum tool kit.

Diagram 1: From the Millennium Summit to Accra: Reshaping the international aid architecture

