

# DAC Community of Practice (CoP) on Civil Society bi-annual meeting and peer learning event, 29-30 May 2024

## DRAFT Programme

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Wednesday, 29 May 2024

09.30 – 17.30 CET	DAC Community of Practice on Civil Society (CoP) Bi-annual Meeting - Draft Agenda
<b>Participants:</b> DAC Community of Practice (CoP) on Civil Society co-chairs and members, the OECD DCD Secretariat	
09.30 – 10.00 (30 minutes)	<b>Arrival and welcome coffee</b> Participants are invited to arrive at NHOW hotel by 9:30 to allow for a smooth registration process and timely start of the meeting. <b>Participants are requested to show their ID or passport to enter the premises.</b>
10.00 – 10.15 (15 min)	<b>CoP Co-chairs welcoming remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Caro Krijger</b>, CoP co-chair and Head of the Civil Society Division at the Department for Social Development of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Netherlands</li> <li>• <b>Pia Hänni</b>, CoP co-chair and Head of Swiss NGO Section, Division Multilateral Affairs and Swiss NGO at the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation</li> </ul>
10.15 – 10.45 (30 minutes)	<b>European Commission opening remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Erica Gerretsen</b>, Director, Directorate G Human Development, Migration, Governance and Peace, DG INTPA, European Commission</li> </ul> <b>Q&amp;A</b>
10.45 – 10.55 (10 minutes)	<b>DAC Chair welcoming remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Carsten Staur</b>, Chair of the OECD's Development Assistance Committee (DAC)</li> </ul>
10.55 – 12.30 (1 hour 35 minutes)	<b>Session 1 – Highlights from members</b> Participants are invited to share key highlights of policy and programme changes from their institutions to implement the <a href="#">DAC Recommendation on Enabling Civil Society</a> 's three pillars of: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Respecting, protecting and promoting civic space</li> <li>2) Supporting and engaging with civil society</li> <li>3) Incentivising CSO effectiveness, transparency and accountability</li> </ol>
12.30 – 13.30 (1 hour)	<b>Lunch at NHOW Hotel (OO! Restaurant) hosted by the European Commission</b>

<p><b>13.30 – 14.15</b> <b>(45 minutes)</b></p>	<p><b>Session 2 – Agenda item #1 suggested by CoP members</b></p> <p><b>EU System for an Enabling Environment for Civil Society</b></p> <p>In the <i>agenda items suggested by CoP members</i> sessions, participants share experiences and lessons related to specific areas of CoP members' work with civil society, as identified and moderated by CoP members. This session will focus on the EU System for an Enabling Environment for Civil Society (EU SEE) a new 6-year project grant whereby the EU is supporting partners to build their capacities to detect and react to changes in the operating environment (both positive and negative) through civil society-led monitoring and early warnings which will trigger targeted support for civil society actors to prevent shrinking space and/or to promote an enabling environment.</p> <p><b>Presenters/Moderators:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Camilla Lombard</b>, Deputy Head of Unit, Unit G2 Local Authorities, Civil Society Organisations and Foundations, DG INTPA, European Commission</li> <li>- <b>Jacqueline Hale</b>, Enabling Environment Officer, Unit G2 Local Authorities, Civil Society Organisations and Foundations, DG INTPA, European Commission</li> </ul> <p><b>Guiding questions for plenary discussion:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What are the main elements and best practices to consider in generating Monitoring and Early Warning on the Enabling Environment?</li> <li>2. How to break down siloes and incentivise civil society to work together across sectors and with more marginalised groups on promoting EE in line with pillar three of the DAC recommendation?</li> </ol>
<p><b>14.15 – 15.00</b> <b>(45 minutes)</b></p>	<p><b>Session 3 – UNDP's Approach to Strengthening Civil Society and Enabling Meaningful Citizen Participation</b></p> <p>This session will explore how UNDP is working to bring together its efforts on civic space, information integrity and inclusion of marginalised groups into a cohesive programmatic offer aimed at enabling meaningful citizen participation in the conduct of public affairs. It will also explore UNDP's approach to civil society strengthening, and the relevance to the OECD DAC Recommendation on an Enabling Environment for Civil Society.</p> <p><b>Presenter: Emanuele Sapienza</b>, UNDP Global Lead (Open and Inclusive Public Sphere)</p> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p>
<p><b>15.00 – 15.15</b> <b>(15 minutes)</b></p>	<p><b>Coffee break</b></p>
<p><b>15.15 – 16.30</b> <b>(1 hour 15 minutes)</b></p>	<p><b>Session 4 – Supporting the implementation of the DAC Recommendation on Enabling Civil Society in Development Co-operation and Humanitarian Assistance</b></p> <p><b>Toolkit on Coordinating Action on Civic Space</b></p> <p>The Secretariat will present a draft annotated outline of the toolkit and forward plans. Participants will discuss the draft annotated outline and share initiatives that illustrate coordinating action on civic space.</p> <p><b>Presenter: Alessandro Bozzini</b>, Policy Analyst, OECD/DCD and <b>Aysegul Bayar Hildgen</b>, Junior Policy Analyst, OECD/DCD</p> <p><b>Guiding questions for breakout discussion:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Can you provide examples (that you are involved with or aware of) of coordinating action among donors, within donors, with CSOs, or with international/regional bodies to protect civic space?</li> <li>2. What were the success factors of these examples and the lessons learnt?</li> </ol>
<p><b>16.30 – 16.45</b> <b>(15 minutes)</b></p>	<p><b>Coffee break</b></p>

<b>16.45 – 17.45</b> <b>(1 hour)</b>	<b>Session 5 – Update from the OECD Secretariat</b>  The Secretariat will update the CoP on key relevant items of the DAC and DCD's work and will share results of the March planning and priorities survey to CoP members. A brief backgrounder will be circulated to participants in advance of the meeting. <b>Presenter: Jacqueline Wood</b> , Team Lead, Senior Civil Society Specialist, OECD/DCD <b>Items:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. CoP planning and priorities survey findings</li> <li>2. OECD DAC 2025-26 Programme of Work and Budget</li> <li>3. Untying ODA</li> </ol> <b>Q&amp;A</b>
<b>17.45 – 17.50</b> <b>(5 minutes)</b>	<b>Closing reflections</b>  CoP co-chair(s)
<b>18.00</b>	<b>Reception at the NHOW Hotel hosted by European Commission</b> <i>(for in person participants)</i>

## Thursday, 30 May 2024

<b>09.00 – 14.15</b> <b>CET</b>	<b>DAC Community of Practice on Civil Society (CoP) Bi-annual Meeting</b>
<b>09.00 – 09.30</b> <b>(30 minutes)</b>	<b>Arrival and welcome coffee</b>
<b>09.30 – 10.15</b> <b>(45 minutes)</b>	<b>Session 1 – Supporting the implementation of the DAC Recommendation on Enabling Civil Society in Development Co-operation and Humanitarian Assistance</b>  <b>Toolkit on Shifting Power within Partnerships</b> The Secretariat will share publication and communications plans on the toolkit. Participants will be invited to share feedback and ideas for dissemination and other next steps.  <b>Presenter: Aysegul Bayar Hildgen</b> , Junior Policy Analyst, OECD/DCD and <b>Jacqueline Wood</b> , Team Lead, Senior Civil Society Specialist, OECD/DCD  <b>Guiding questions for plenary discussion:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What might be some of the key messages that we should highlight in the communications of the Toolkit on Shifting Power within Partnerships?</li> <li>2. What additional formats/channels of dissemination can be used (e.g. any dissemination opportunities in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the year that you are aware of) and what support can the Secretariat provide?</li> </ol>

<p><b>10.15 – 11.00</b> (45 minutes)</p>	<p><b>Session 2 – Agenda item #2 suggested by CoP members</b></p> <p><b>Changes in Swedish government’s CSO strategy and Sida’s preliminary proposals to manage these changes</b></p> <p>In the <i>agenda items suggested by CoP members</i> sessions, participants share experiences and lessons related to specific areas of CoP members’ work with civil society, as identified and moderated by CoP members. This session will focus on Sida’s new funding model set to begin in January 2025, where non-Swedish civil society organisations will be able to compete for funding.</p> <p><b>Presenter/Moderator: Viveka Carlestam</b>, Senior Policy Advisor on Civil Society, Sida</p> <p><b>Guiding questions for plenary discussion:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. If any members opened up their CSOs allocations partially or fully to global competition, could you elaborate on the process and decision-making behind this action?</li> <li>2. What are some lessons learned from the experience of opening up CSO allocations to global competition?</li> </ol>
<p><b>11.00 – 11.15</b> (15 minutes)</p>	<p><b>Coffee break</b></p>
<p><b>11.15 – 13.00</b> (1 hour 45 minutes)</p>	<p><b>Session 3 – Thematic discussion on harmonisation</b></p> <p>Participants will discuss possibilities and plans for joint action towards harmonisation of due diligence requirements in their CSO partnerships. To facilitate the discussion, previous experience on Code of Practice on Harmonisation, and updates on Trócaire’s passporting initiative will be presented.</p> <p><b>Guiding questions for breakout discussion:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What are concrete opportunities where the passporting tool could be applied and by whom?</li> <li>2. How could the COP meetings be used to increase harmonisation? What steps would need to be included in a workplan toward implementation of some form of harmonisation among CoP members?</li> </ol>
<p><b>13.00 – 13.15</b> (15 minutes)</p>	<p><b>Key take aways and closing remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OECD/DCD Secretariat</li> <li>• CoP Co-chairs</li> </ul>
<p><b>13.15 – 14.15</b> (1 hour)</p>	<p><b>Lunch at NHOW Hotel (OO! Restaurant) hosted by the European Commission</b></p>

## Peer Learning on Locally Led Development Cooperation

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14.15 – 17.45 CET	Peer Learning on locally led development cooperation: Discussion with the DAC CoP on Civil Society and CSO Reference Group on preliminary findings
<b>Purpose:</b> Participants will discuss and provide feedback on preliminary findings of the OECD DCD peer learning on locally led development.	
<b>Participants:</b> DAC Community of Practice (CoP) on Civil Society co-chairs and members, CSO Reference Group members, the OECD DCD Secretariat	
<b>14.15 – 15.30</b> (1 hour 15 minutes)	<b>Session 1 – Discuss preliminary findings of the DAC peer learning exercise on locally led development co-operation</b>  <b>Presentation of the synthesis report</b>  The Secretariat will present preliminary findings from a DAC peer learning exercise on locally led development co-operation, including possible ways forward. Participants will be invited to share feedback on the findings and initial conclusions.  <b>Presenter/Moderator:</b> <b>Renwick Irvine</b> , Team Lead – Peer Review, OECD/DCD  <b>Guiding questions for discussion</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Does the current framing address the critical questions raised by locally led development?</li> <li>2. What other enablers and barriers are you facing in practice?</li> <li>3. What practices identified during the peer learning exercise could be easily replicated?</li> <li>4. What would be main criteria to measure progress?</li> </ol>
<b>15.30 - 15.45</b> (15 minutes)	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>15.45 – 16.30</b> (45 minutes)	<b>Session 2 – Priorities for collective action to advance the locally led development agenda</b>  Participants will discuss priorities for collective action to advance the locally led development agenda.  <b>Moderator: Renwick Irvine</b>
<b>16.30 – 17.15</b> (45 minutes)	<b>Session 3 – Leveraging data on country programmable aid as an advocacy instrument</b>  This session will explore work conducted by the OECD to update and modernise the construction of the CPA measure and revive its relevance in the current analysis of aid policy. The updated technical specifications will also help CPA be a more replicable and transparent measure for policy analysis, research, and advocacy. The Secretariat will present the progress made so far and discuss options for further improvement.  <b>Presenter: Emily Bosch</b> , Policy Analyst – Peer Review and <b>Harsh Desai</b> , Policy Analyst – Statistical Collections and Dissemination, DCD / OECD  <b>Q&amp;A</b>
<b>17.15 – 17.30</b> (15 minutes)	<b>Key take aways and closing remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OECD/DCD Secretariat</li> <li>• CoP Co-chairs</li> </ul>