

Additional points for the WS

Building the Resource Base for CSO Participation in post Rio+20 UN:

Conceptual framework:

Establishing the operational foundation for Implementation of 2 different Rio+20 Outcomes:

- **financing of civil society participation in UN system** after Rio+20 (needed for implementation of “The Future we want” Outcome document, *see Annex I of WS invitation*) and
- development of a global **mechanism to channel resources mobilized by civil society into UN related SD structures and processes** (needed for implementation of Rio+20 15/15/15 voluntary commitment)

(Note: the issue of resource mobilization for SD from civil society sources has not been addressed neither by inter-governmentally negotiated outcome documents nor by civil society “people’s treaties”. As Rio+20 15/15/15 Voluntary Commitment” has been developed in an open and participatory process by Rio+20 issues Cluster on Innovation (presented to governments and civil society at side events to Third Intersessional Meeting in March 2012 and at Second Informal Informals in April in NY and adopted at an official side event at Rio+20 conference, Rio+20 15/15/15 Voluntary Commitment can be regarded in terms of international law as an

- o **innovative** (global civil society consultation as source of norm)
- o **time bound**
- o **soft law normative basis for establishing ReMA.**

Efforts for implementation of both Rio+20 outcomes are coming together with ReMA in a synergetic manner to achieve following **2 aims**:

- a) develop **CSO coordination mechanism** which will provide **absorption capacity, transparency and quality assurance** which is a **precondition to access philanthropic funding** (like e.g. The Giving Pledge (200 billion US\$ pledged -> channeling at least some of this money to global CSO efforts; catalytic funding which will leverage within 15/15/15 civic engagement and substantial additional philanthropic funding from global citizens all around the world)
- b) **influence UN system institutional engineering** towards more effective civil society participation (-> will motivate funding of such activities)

Creating Identity of the Initiative:

Global Civil Society Resource Mobilization Alliance – ReMA

(loose informal alliance of CSOs and individual members; (future developments will show whether there would be added value in registering the initiative as foundation/public charity with 501 c3 tax exempt status in US)

First few months:

Initial/preparatory phase -> **ReMA Action Committee** (*limited organizational endorsement needed!*)

Potential ReMA Tasks:

- Joint Problem definition
- Needs Assessment/Social Impact Investment Opportunities Assessment (reaching CSOs and youth networks in all parts of the world)
- Shared vision building

- Strategy development and Lobbying towards potential donors (public and private) and UN system
- Outlining a Global Civil Society SD Resource Mobilization Documentation System
- Definition of quality criteria/standards facilitating allocation of centrally mobilized resources to CSOs around the world
- Planning and Implementing of Joint High Quality (top professional) Global Fundraising and Public Awareness Raising Campaigns (-> presenting CSO participation in UN system as a global public good creation process that makes sense in terms of social impact investment and e.g. ReMA quality assurance endorsement as an additional quality label in foundations project business)
- Project implementation quality assurance standard setting
- Capacity Development Activities for CSOs (including social entrepreneurship training)

ReMA Leadership and Legitimacy/Focus:

Name (country/UN Regional group)	Function	Legitimacy	Focus of ReMA work
Miroslav Polzer (Austria/WEG)	co-chair	- Facilitator of Rio+20 Issues Cluster on Innovation - administrator of Rio+20 15/15/15 UN Civil Society Voluntary Commitment	- Conceptual framework - Global Governance Innovation - Technology - Presence at UN in Vienna
Jefferey Huffines (US, WEG)	co-chair	CIVICUS is leading global civil society organization with track record in promoting civic engagement in UN context	- Major groups participation - Presence at UN in New York
	member	Stakeholder Forum	
	member	MG CY	Youth
Elizabeth Rasekoala (SouthAfrica/ Africa)	member	'Leading African Women' NGO; Participated in pan-African Rio+20 preparatory processes	Africa
Aron	member	Rio+20	- Latin America - Connecting with WINGS – Worldwide Initiatives for Grantmaker Support
Loy Rego (India)			

Envisaged Workshop Outcomes:

- Consensus that CSOs shall work together towards establishing ReMA
- Quality Criteria for representativity/legitimacy of ReMA Action Committee
- Consensus to request nomination of ReMA Action committee co-chairs to Rio+20 Financial Strategy Experts Group
- Starting Needs Assessment work (Info System UN Foundation & Aidmatrix)
- Entrusting ReMA AC to approach The Giving Pledge signatories or/and WINGS
- Ideas for linking up with IAAI event at UN in Vienna 23rd of October (topic: global coordination of innovative resource mobilization for education and science), potentials: European Foundation Center; EU Member States (have been very much advocating for strong civil society participation at Rio+20)
- PR strategy – press release?