



# Annual Report 2013

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# CIDSE – together for global justice

CIDSE is an international alliance of Catholic development agencies. Its 17 members from Europe and North America share a common strategy in their efforts to eradicate poverty and establish global justice.

What we do:

- Joint advocacy in the areas of Resources for Development; Climate Justice; Food and Sustainable Agriculture; Business and Human Rights. Sustainable Development; Global Governance and Gender are addressed across all the areas above.
- Joint development cooperation, focusing on coordination, strengthening the impact of programmes and the advocacy work of our Southern partners.

As an international alliance, communication, sharing and learning are key to our work.

The work of CIDSE is coordinated by a Secretariat in Brussels, Belgium.

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# Foreword

## by the President



2013 definitely carved its own special place in history. The Catholic world witnessed a first: Pope Benedict stepped aside. This signalled a great moment of transformation in the Church, which has been further strengthened by Pope Francis. His Holiness' outspoken views on social justice together with his critique of consumerism and uncontrolled capitalism have proved a source of inspiration for many. This is particularly true for CIDSE as we promote a paradigm shift towards a just and sustainable world.

Pope Francis' unambiguous statements during a visit to Sardinia in Italy in September about the dignity of the worker resounded widely in a year marked by one of the most tragic industrial accidents in recent times. On 24 April 2013 a textile factory collapsed not far from Dhaka, the capital of Bangladesh. This catastrophe killed and wounded over three thousand - mainly women - workers trapped inside. It put private sector responsibility into sharp focus, particularly the issue of human rights responsibility throughout the supply chain. In the aftermath, many famous clothing brands were quick to defend their track-record or put in place checks on worker safety. The question remains: is it only when lives are lost that we can push the boundaries of human rights responsibility in business?

So we must ask, how best can we guarantee well-being, human dignity for all women and men and the protection of creation? To answer this, the CIDSE network has long-standing experience in working together with its members and partners in joint advocacy, campaigning and programme cooperation. In 2013 we agreed to produce new initiatives for joint action at national and international level aimed at systemic changes leading to fair and sustainable solutions by reducing overconsumption and promoting sustainable production patterns.

At an individual level, the current economic, social and environmental crises require us to consider changes in our behaviour and lifestyle. We need to change a system based on increasing production and unequal and unsustainable production levels that put pressure on planetary boundaries and increase inequality between the world's citizens.

As regards advocacy at international level, the post-2015 process offers an opportunity to advocate for systemic change that needs to be truly participative and human rights-based. This must include specific political choices and reforms leading to a more holistic development framework, binding upon South and North which links development and sustainability. Other political opportunities include the UN climate negotiations, the EU 2015 European Year for Development, a potential new WTO round of trade negotiations as well as proposals for a binding treaty on business and human rights.

With the support of a strong vision, Catholic Social Teaching and the Gospel, CIDSE is well prepared to meet the changing needs for development, care for those under threat and work for an option for the poor in concert with people of good will throughout the world.

Heinz Hödl,  
President, CIDSE  
Director, KOO (Austria)

# Towards a new paradigm

CIDSE's Southern partners have been at the forefront of many struggles, such as that against apartheid. We take the call seriously of those continuing to fight for a just and sustainable world when they challenge us, as happened in 2013 in our work towards a paradigm shift.

At a CIDSE workshop in May 2013, we observed the increasingly common challenges faced in Europe, North America, Brazil, Bolivia, South Africa, Nigeria, Zambia, India and other countries when it came to inequalities and use of resources. We concluded that we needed to move beyond the language of "development", beyond GDP growth as the measure of progress in society and beyond material consumption, to a new story of human well-being that respects creation and promotes living simply.

We used the World Social Forum in Tunis and other occasions, to create platforms for dialogue with partners on a societal transformation involving those most deeply affected by the dysfunction of today's system, as well as those aspiring to access and those benefiting most from current models. We have no pre-existing blueprint: our members are exploring new ways of working to bring about this transition.



## Paradigm shift

requires a prophetic new narrative of human well-being within creation, gender equity and solidarity inspired by Catholic Social Teaching, with an economy at the service of society within planetary boundaries

## January

### Sustainable development

CIDSE members discussed advocacy opportunities offered by the Sustainable Development Goals/ Post-2015 development framework processes. They decided to organise a workshop to clarify CIDSE's vision of a paradigm shift and gave priority to strengthening partnerships with southern partners working on this issue.



### Social media

The "We are CIDSE: Engaging via Facebook and Twitter"-project was launched. Using social media tools, each week this initiative presented and promoted a different CIDSE member organisation, as if travelling around Europe and North America.

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### Board of Directors

eRko officially became CIDSE's 17<sup>th</sup> member organisation at the annual Board meeting hosted by FEC in Portugal. Bernard Pinaud, Director of CCFD-Terre Solidaire, was elected to the Executive Committee. The report of the Strategic Framework's mid-term review was approved.



### Myanmar

Members of the CIDSE Myanmar working group discussed new developments in the political situation in the country, the changing role of the Church and how this new context affected their work on the ground and at European level.



# Fragile Goals

The official countdown to the 2015 deadline for achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) kicked off with great media coverage on 5 April 2013. Commentaries were a mixture of cynicism and hope. These sentiments are still in evidence at the UN in New York and in member states.

Feeling the pressure to deliver, the international community did agree on a road-map to produce a new framework and set new Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) post-2015. However, many questions remain unanswered and, as with the Millennium Goals Development, the outcome will have to be followed closely.

Time and time again CIDSE has stressed that human dignity and respect for human rights must be central to future goals and that they need to address the structures of our financial system as well as climate change. Our delegations to the UN and EU and our work at the World Social Forum have reinforced the voices of our Southern partners, and “sustainable development” is, today, at the heart of all the thematic areas we are engaged in. Current political discussions on a new post-2015 framework and SDGs, as well as growing awareness that business-as-usual is not working, give us the chance to promote our vision.



Delegates with Anima Mohammed, UN Special Advisor on Post-2015 Development Planning

## Post-2015

is the overarching term for the framework that will replace the Millennium Development Goals, including the review of the MDGs, the creation of Sustainable Development Goals and the UN post-2015 Development Agenda

## February



### Planning activities

CIDSE's climate change group met in Madrid to plan activities for the year ahead and decided to focus its efforts on climate finance, raising ambition levels for the UN climate summit in Poland and links with agriculture. A few days later, the food group held a similar meeting in Brussels.



### Tribute to Fred Martinache

At a ceremony in Paris, CIDSE paid tribute to Fred Martinache, former Secretary General of CCFD-Terre Solidaire (1964-1974) and first CIDSE lay President (1969-1971).

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### Human rights in Latin America

During the year, CIDSE continued to denounce human rights violations against partner organisations working on extractive industries in Guatemala and Peru.



### Israel/Palestine

A mission to Israel and Palestine was organised to visit local partner organisations, discuss their work and analysis of the issue of forced displacement as a central, overarching obstacle to sustainable development.

# In agriculture, money matters

The G8's New Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition is emblematic of current trends in agricultural policies which allow profit to trump the right to food. This is most visible in Africa, which is seen as a huge untapped market for agribusiness. The initiative, which aims largely at policy changes to attract investment in African agriculture, came under heavy scrutiny from civil society organisations for being driven by corporate interests in African markets.

CIDSE works across global food governance, agricultural investment and climate change. In 2013, the UN Committee on World Food Security (CFS) began developing a set of principles for responsible agricultural investment, which we hope will help guide governments towards investment policies in agriculture that contribute to the right to food. As the North tightens its grip on official development assistance, governments in the South find themselves constrained and increasingly looking to the private sector to deliver on their agricultural agenda.

Since biofuels were one of the main themes for this year's CFS and as the EU also grappled with its own reforms on the issue, we also included the topic in our lobby meetings and worked on a shared civil society response. While biofuels interest groups carried the day at the CSF, the responsible agricultural investment (rai) principles progressed.



## Responsible agricultural investment (rai) principles

are currently being negotiated at the CFS and are expected to be agreed in October 2014. The outcome of this process should be a set of principles promoting investment that contributes to food security and supporting the right to adequate food

## March



### Collaboration with SECAM

CIDSE attended the SECAM (Symposium of Episcopal Conferences of Africa and Madagascar) Policy Forum in Accra which paved the way for collaboration on post-2015 work. In September, SECAM representatives visited CIDSE in Brussels before joining the CIDSE delegation in New York for the UN Special event on MDGs and post-2015.



### Business and human rights

At a seminar on EU conflict minerals organised in the Belgian Senate by the Belgian Network on Natural Resources and the European Network for Central Africa, CIDSE presented its latest briefing on the value of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights as a tool for partners' work.



### Sustainable development goals

Together with the European Economic and Social Committee, ANPED and the European Environmental Bureau, CIDSE co-organised a European civil society workshop on Sustainable Development Goals and connections to the Post-2015 Agenda. The aim was to provide an opportunity to discuss SDGs in terms of process and content in order to develop practical proposals.



### World Social Forum

CIDSE launched discussions with member organisations and partners attending the World Social Forum in Tunis on how to conceptualise work towards a paradigm shift. Workshops were also organised on the right to food and the risks and opportunities posed by the post-2015 development agenda.

# Laying the groundwork for an equitable climate deal

Unless the much-needed political progress materialises, we are on the way to a +4°C world. Currently all climate commitments are inadequate, be they adaptation policies, emission reduction or international climate finance. The COP19 Climate Conference in Poland in November 2013 failed to foster the progress needed and only took the timidest of steps towards a satisfactory 2015 global deal.

Last year ought to have been a crucial year for climate, bridging existing climate commitments that have yet to be delivered or upgraded by constructing a future global climate deal to be agreed in 2015. Unfortunately the year showed how reluctant countries are to see beyond short-term interest and transform their economies and societies to low- or zero carbon.

2013 was also the year Europe failed to deliver on climate ambition and take a leading position in the international climate forum. Poland, a country that strongly relies on fossil fuel, hosted the COP. We engaged in a dialogue with our Polish counterparts and Church actors, stressing the importance of climate justice and its moral, theological and political basis. We organised a two day seminar of faith actors working towards climate justice with Southern religious leaders, development organisations and social movements.



## An equitable climate deal

is one that keeps the global temperature increase below the agreed level of 2°C, without increasing the burden on the worlds' poor or resorting to unsafe, unsustainable solutions

## April

### Ecclesiastical Assistant

CIDSE attended the ceremony to mark the installation of Mgr. Stanislas Lalanne, CIDSE Ecclesiastical Assistant, as the new Bishop of Pontoise, France.



### Sharing and learning

Hosted by CAFOD in London, CIDSE members' development education, campaigns and fundraising staff discussed how to communicate our values and measure the impact and effectiveness of education and communication. They also shared experience of working with volunteers and best practice in fundraising e.g. through events and sporting activities.



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### Country-by-country reporting

CIDSE welcomed the agreement of the European Council and the European Parliament on changes to the EU Accounting and Transparency directives which would require oil, gas, mining and forestry companies listed on European stock exchanges to publish what they paid to governments.



### Strengthening programme coordination

At a meeting in Brussels, CIDSE Heads of Programme decided to develop a pilot project in 3-4 countries aimed at collecting partners' views and ideas in order to respond to their needs for minimum coordination standards. The initiative was launched on 25 November.

# Financing sustainable development: so near, yet so far

While parts of the EU took steps towards taxing financial transactions in 2013, each such step was dwarfed by others, retreating from sustainable financing for development. Billions are lost worldwide through tax evasion and tax avoidance. At the UN General Assembly in September 2013 there seemed to be political energy to work at re-thinking our current development framework. CIDSE contributed to the work of both the OWG and the ICEFSD.

In December 2013 CIDSE organised a side-event on financing sustainable development at the session of the UN's Open Working Group (OWG) on SDGs. We also questioned the disproportionate and singular focus on the "catalytic" role of private investment. The added value of using public money to increase private investment in the global South is difficult to measure at best, as we cannot know if private money would have been invested anyway. As many such arrangements take place away from public scrutiny, it is often unclear which party bears the risk if the investment goes wrong, nor is it clear what kind of sustainable development criteria are used. The OWG is producing a report to inform negotiations on future Sustainable Development Goals.

CIDSE also played an active role in the debate on the future of resources for development in the ICEFSD.



## The Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Financing Sustainable Development (ICEFSD)

is the UN body preparing a report proposing options on an effective sustainable development financing strategy

### May

#### Rome meetings

The CIDSE Executive Committee travelled to Rome for its annual meeting with representatives of the Holy See and Caritas Internationalis. The visit took place just a few weeks after the election of Pope Francis. CIDSE welcomed the Holy Father's message of humility, social justice and respect for all of creation.



#### Visit to Eastern Europe

CIDSE's President and Secretary General travelled to Poland to meet government officials and representatives from the Catholic Church and civil society with a view to preparing for the UN climate change summit in Warsaw. They also visited eRko, CIDSE's new member organisation in Slovakia.



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#### Towards a paradigm shift

70 participants from across CIDSE membership and partners from all continents discussed a new narrative for human wellbeing. They shared initiatives and examples of alternatives that supported transition to more sustainable and equitable models of society and the economy.



#### EU Tax Summit

CIDSE supported the call by Bishops Gabriel Mbilingi and Dr. Ludwig Schwarz to EU Heads of Government asking them to put in place urgently the structural reforms needed to counter tax evasion and opacity in the financial system. In a joint letter to G8 leaders, CIDSE also joined civil society lobbying on automatic tax information exchange.



# Concrete measures for corporate accountability

**Binding regulation will help communities facing damage from transnational businesses. At EU level, 2013 saw the adoption of mandatory country-by-country reporting of corporate payments to governments in the extractives and forestry sectors.**

For people in many communities in Asia, Latin America and Africa, the 2011 *UN Guiding Principles on Business & Human Rights* could have delivered tangible improvements to their lives. However, this did not happen. States need to do much more at national level to ensure that businesses respect human rights.

Working with Southern partners we produced a briefing on how the international minimum standard could be used to reduce the risk of human rights abuses by business operations. Another briefing showed how States could introduce requirements for human rights due diligence by companies, drawing on cases of rights violations in the Philippines, Colombia and Cameroon, and highlighting examples of regulation in Peru, India, Europe and the United States.



## Human Rights Due Diligence

is the responsibility of a company to identify and assess human rights risks, prevent and mitigate adverse human rights impacts and account for how it addresses human rights impacts

### June



#### G8 New Alliance

At a panel debate with European CSOs and African farmers' organisations co-organised with MISEREOR and europAfrica, ahead of the UK G8 Summit, CIDSE launched the new publication 'Whose Alliance? The G8 and the emergence of a global corporate regime for agriculture'. This paper was a joint CIDSE-Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance initiative.

#### CIDSE mid-year meeting

Directors of CIDSE member organisations met in Ireland for Trócaire's 40th anniversary and thanked Justin Kilcullen, the outgoing Director, for his contribution to the CIDSE network. Justin was CIDSE President from 1998 to 2001.



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#### Civil Society Summit

Center of Concern and CAFOD represented CIDSE at the first C20 Summit in Moscow. In its recommendations to the Russian G20 Presidency, CIDSE argued that the Seoul Multi-Year Action Plan on development, which would end during its Presidency, was a valuable opportunity for the G20 to reflect on its role in global development and how to improve its impact to date.



#### The power of living simply

At the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Ecclesia in Europa, CIDSE supported the 'Week of Hope', a COMECE initiative, by organising a lunch debate on changing lifestyles at which Sister Philippa Rath OSB and MEP Peter Liese spoke.



# Closed off: two decades of Oslo Accords

In 1993, with the conclusion of the interim Oslo Accords, the US-led peace process between Israel and the Palestinians started. Despite a revival of talks in 2013, there is little optimism on the ground regarding an end to the occupation of the West Bank and Gaza and respect for international norms. Demolitions, displacement of Palestinian communities and the expansion of illegal Israeli settlements continue in the West Bank. The ongoing isolation of Gaza has been compounded by Egyptian restrictions and civilians remain exposed to violence.

CIDSE and our allies have long advocated that EU policies towards the region should not accommodate or indirectly support breaches of international law. In July 2013, the EU took steps towards meeting its obligations in this regard by issuing a set of guidelines formalising the EU policy of not allowing its funding to benefit illegal West Bank settlements. This is a welcome step - however, there is still much to be done to align EU policy with international obligations.

Given the EU's commitments to promote respect for international humanitarian and human rights law, as well as its influence as a major donor to the Palestinians and trading partner of Israel, there is still a range of actions it could take to address violations on the ground.



Gaza residential area affected by the November 2012 aerial bombings

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## September

### Oslo Accords' anniversary

In an article published in EurActiv for the 20th anniversary of the Oslo Accords, CIDSE stated that it was time for the EU to take a lead in the Middle East by subordinating any strengthening of its ties with Israel to tangible improvements in the occupied Palestinian territories.



### Human rights due diligence

CIDSE released a briefing defining human rights due diligence and how governments could incorporate this into legal and regulatory frameworks as a binding obligation for businesses.

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### MDGs and the Post-2015 framework

Two days before the UN Special event, CIDSE co-sponsored a side event with Global Policy Forum and Social Watch in New York that called for an ambitious negotiation agenda to formulate a MDG successor development framework that would bring about the real change needed.



### Call for climate justice

To coincide with the release of the IPCC report, CIDSE's 17 Directors jointly called for more action on climate to move fossil fuel-based economies into low-carbon societies and to support developing countries financially and technically in their adaptation efforts. Earlier in the month, together with other CSOs, CIDSE launched a video on climate finance - 'Fund what counts'.



# Gender equality – a work in progress

In 2013, CIDSE also took the opportunity of the UN process on a post-2015 development framework to advance women's rights and gender equality, as they are pre-requisites for poverty alleviation, human well-being, justice and dignity. Human rights violations and discrimination against women demand that we act.

We worked hard to agree on and adopt a common language on gender equality that will allow us with confidence to integrate the gender equality dimension into our policy positions in different areas of advocacy work and formulate precise policy demands. In the future we will also strive to share our understanding and approach with like-minded networks and organisations as well as Catholic institutions and Bishops we work with. Our aim is to support the Church and Catholic organisations in taking a strong stand on gender equality to ensure a life of dignity for women and men.

Our contribution to the UN on the Sustainable Development Goals presented a strong case for mainstreaming gender equality in each of the SDGs. It also established a self-standing goal on gender equality that address ending violence against women and girls, the inclusion of women at decision-making level and the promotion of women's and girls' education and knowledge, indispensable for equal access to resources.



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## October

### Agribusiness and human rights

At the annual meeting of the UN Committee on World Food Security, CIDSE presented its latest briefing on agribusiness and human rights plus a manual on the Global Strategic Framework for Food and Nutrition co-published with FIAN, IUF and Via Campesina. Both papers were intended as tools for partners and social movements in the field.



### New management in CIDSE agencies

Simone Filippini succeeded René Grotenhuis in Cordaid and Eamonn Meehan took over from Justin Kilcullen in Trócaire. Patrick Renz was appointed as the new Director of Fastenopfer, replacing Antonio Hautle. Earlier in the year, Lester A. Myers replaced Fr. Jim Hug in Center of Concern and Philippa Bonella replaced Patricia Chalé in SCIAF.

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### On the road to Warsaw

CIDSE attended the International Conference on Climate Change hosted by the Scottish government in Glasgow. The event, which brought together business, government and civil society, explored how climate justice can reinforce the case for a swift transition to a global low-carbon economy. Later in the month, it also took part in the Asian Bishops' conference on climate change in Bangkok.



### Paradigm shift continued

After the CIDSE workshop on paradigm shift in May, member organisations continued discussions with their staff and partners. Different initiatives took place during the second half of the year: CAFOD (July), Broederlijk Delen (August) and MISEREOR (October).

# Learning from the South

Whether at the World Social Forum or in our advocacy work at the UN, as the world changes, so does our focus. The ‘emerging economies’ alter relationships between nations and destroy the old model of ‘Northern industrial nations’ dominating the international agenda. As global problems affect people in North and South, we need to reinforce our strategic alliances with Southern partners and be ready to learn from them.

Our work for climate justice has demonstrated how faith-based organisations and southern religious leaders work with the poor who suffer most from the climate crisis. Our struggle for justice, international solidarity and an equitable climate deal by 2015 is more effective due to the efforts of our Southern partners. Our work on post-2015 development goals has benefitted from cooperation with independent Southern voices.

We continue to explore new ways of working with others. We need to take account of a new, well-organised Southern civil society. Many organisations are past or current Southern partners of CIDSE member organisations. We are open to their strategies and ideas on how to influence the political agenda.

By its nature, working for a paradigm shift is an opportunity to intensify involvement with partners to achieve social transformation. We need a vision based on the lives of those most affected by poverty, inequality and injustice.



## November



### Gender equality

As part of CIDSE's mandate to make progress in integrating the gender equality perspective in each of its priority areas, CIDSE Heads of Advocacy took part in a capacity-building workshop at their annual meeting.

### EU Dev Days 2013

CIDSE's Secretary General co-moderated the P-lab on "A new story for development by and for all?" organised by CONCORD during the European Development Days. He was also invited to chair the CONCORD steering group tasked with producing a new narrative on development and the role of development CSOs.



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### Poland climate talks

CIDSE held climate discussions with the Polish Church and civil society at the UN climate change summit in Warsaw. At a conference co-organised with Caritas Poland and Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University, participants discussed climate protection from a faith-based perspective, founded on global solidarity, the option for the poor and care for creation.



### The Joy of the Gospel

CIDSE welcomed the publication of *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation which put the poor and vulnerable at the heart of evangelisation and published a commentary on its meaning for the organisation.

# Partnerships with Southern Bishops' Conferences

Over the years, CIDSE has forged successful advocacy relationships with Southern Churches that led to shared lobby visits and advocacy initiatives at international level. Our member organisations have also set up opportunities for advocacy cooperation with Continental Bishops' Conferences.

In 2013 CIDSE dialogue progressed with certain continental Bishops' Conferences, leading to support for new programmes and increased cooperation. Frequent contact with the Symposium of Episcopal Conferences of Africa and Madagascar (SECAM) has led to shared advocacy on post-2015 towards the UN. The Latin American Episcopal Council (CELAM) expressed interest in cooperation and the Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences (FABC) collaborated with CIDSE at their conference on climate change in Thailand in October 2013.

In March CIDSE, CAFOD, Manos Unidas and MISEREOR joined the first SECAM policy forum to improve Catholic advocacy collaboration in Africa on a post-2015 agenda to serve poor communities. CIDSE met with the Brazilian Bishops' Conference (CNBB) in September and co-signed a letter to Pope Francis on the urgency of the Catholic Church addressing the climate issue.



Most Rev. Charles G. Palmer-Buckle, Archbishop of Accra/Ghana with CIDSE Secretary General



## December



### Business and human rights

A CIDSE delegation attended the second UN Business and Human Rights Forum in Geneva. With the first three-year mandate of the UN Working Group coming to a close in 2014, CIDSE published a note which set out its priorities for action to build successfully on the work of Prof. Ruggie's mandate.



### Financing for sustainable development

CIDSE attended the second meeting of the UN Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing in New York. "Money must serve not rule" was the message from the side event on financing for sustainable development co-sponsored by CIDSE, RightingFinance, Global Policy Forum and Third World Network.

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### Tribute to Nelson Mandela

In his memory, CIDSE published statements by member organisations and partners; personal reflections and testimonies as well as observations on the opportunities and difficulties that were met by Catholic organisations and individuals in particular during the struggle to bring down the apartheid system.



### Joint Action project

During the year, the groundwork was laid for a joint advocacy and campaign initiative at network level based on the vision coming out of CIDSE work on a paradigm shift towards a just and sustainable world. 'Equitable consumption and sustainable production' was selected as the main topic and a planning workshop was organised in Brussels to direct activity.

2013

# Key Publications

CIDSE has a strong tradition of publishing policy papers, reports and statements which are highly valued by decision and policy makers and journalists alike, as well as those within the CIDSE network and the wider development community. The following are a few key publications from last year:



**Whose Alliance?  
The G8 and the emergence  
of a global corporate regime  
for agriculture**  
*CIDSE and EAA  
recommendations*



**Human Rights  
Due Diligence: Policy  
measures for effective  
implementation**  
*CIDSE recommendations*



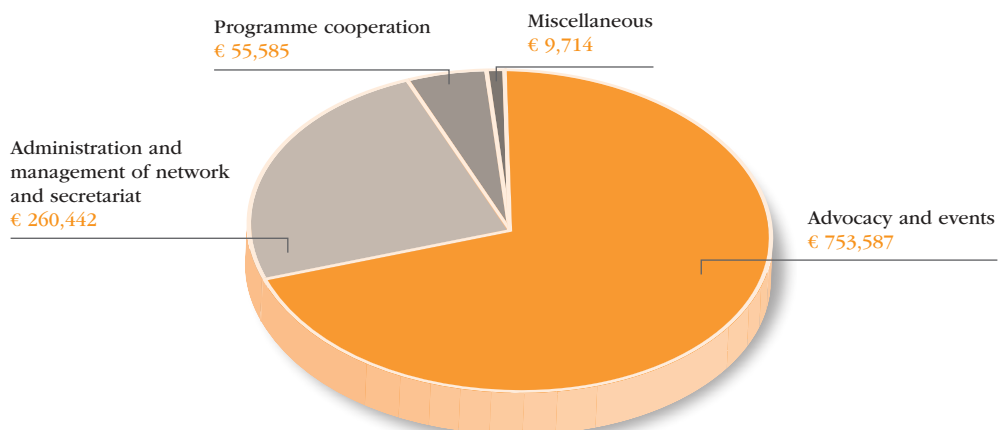
**Bringing about a paradigm  
shift: Towards a just and  
sustainable world - a new  
narrative for human well-being**  
*Interactive report  
of CIDSE workshop*

Please visit [www.cidse.org](http://www.cidse.org) for a full overview of other 2013 documents, including statements, recommendations and leaflets.

## Finances

CIDSE is funded by membership fees and receives no project funding from other sources. CIDSE's finances are reviewed annually by an external auditor.

**CIDSE core expenditures: € 1,079,328**



The CIDSE Secretariat also coordinates the following projects with a total budget of € 101,907:

- Israel-Palestine: € 64,507
- Heads of Programmes: € 30,400
- Sustainable Development: € 7,000

# Structure and Staff 2014

## Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is composed of the directors of the 17 Member Organisations. The Board is the general management body of CIDSE and meets twice a year to review current activities and formulate future strategy and policy.

## Executive Committee

The Executive Committee is the implementation and supervisory instrument of the Board of Directors.

President	<b>Heinz Hödl</b> (KOO)
Members	<b>Simone Filippini</b> (Cordaid) <b>Eamonn Meehan</b> (Trócaire) <b>Bernard Pinaud</b> (CCFD-Terre solidaire) <b>Angelo Simonazzi</b> (Entraide et Fraternité)
Ecclesiastical Assistant	<b>Mgr. Stanislas Lalanne</b> , Bishop of Pontoise, France
Treasurer	<b>Hilde Demoor</b> (Broederlijk Delen)
Secretary General	<b>Bernd Nilles</b>

## Working Groups

CIDSE Member Organisations carry out joint advocacy work on issues that CIDSE has agreed to prioritise in the Strategic Plan. Joint work is mainly carried out through working groups, platforms and forums. The CIDSE Secretariat coordinates this joint work and plays a supportive role by lobbying decision makers, networking with allies and communicating with the media.

## Staff

A team of permanent staff based at the CIDSE Secretariat in Brussels facilitates and coordinates the common efforts of the Member Organisations.

<b>Bernd Nilles</b>	Secretary General
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<b>Jean Letitia Saldanha</b>	Senior Policy Advisor
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<b>Catherine Durbin</b>	Advocacy Assistant
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