



Annual Report 2014

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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:

- Undertake joint advocacy in the thematic areas of Resources for Development, Climate Justice, Food and Sustainable Agriculture, Business and Human Rights and – with the support of special projects – Israel and Palestine and an enabling environment for civil society. Global Governance, Sustainable Development and Gender are addressed across all of these areas;
- Collaborate on development cooperation, with a focus on coordination and co-financing, as well as on strengthening the impact of programmes and advocacy work with Southern partners, and,
- Challenge assumptions on growth, development and consumption, as well as question our ways of working and test new approaches

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



The end of 2014 coincided with the disappointing conclusion of the UN climate negotiations in Lima, which failed to prepare the ground for a binding agreement in Paris in 2015. In response, bishops across the globe, together with CIDSE, called for urgent actions to end the fossil fuel era. We know such an outcome is possible if responsibilities are taken at all levels.

The building blocks are in place for 2015 to become a turning point: the Catholic Church has put the climate challenge high on its agenda, and in 2015 Pope Francis will publish his encyclical on the ecology to guide people and governments. Governments will participate in three crucial summits to agree on a sustainable development agenda for all, to tackle the challenge of ensuring sustainable finance for this agenda, and, finally, to secure a global climate deal. CIDSE advocates for binding agreements with human rights, participation, accountability and justice at the core.

However, no leaders' summit alone will deliver the results or changes people desperately need. People have shown on countless occasions that they can change a course of events by calling on their governments to act, but also by changing themselves. It is time to integrate people's power into political work. CIDSE hopes to build on peoples' solutions found in our work in the South and the North, and to scale them up to alternatives that deliver justice and a decent standard of living within natural boundaries. This issue was addressed at our CIDSE workshop in September, which brought together experts and leaders from our network, allies and partners. The workshop outcomes give us guidance on strategies for realising a paradigm shift, and many ideas generated will be adopted in the forthcoming 'CIDSE Joint Action' initiative, which is set to address sustainable lifestyles and contribute to building a global movement for change.

The need to challenge the current consumerism and economic models was raised by Pope Francis during his historic visit to the European Parliament in November 2014. The Pope unveiled a strong critique of the EU, highlighting how all too often economic and technical questions dominate European debate, trumping considerations of human dignity. CIDSE, alongside many bishops, challenge European decision makers on their complicity with worldwide conflicts fueled by resource exploitation for bolstering our European markets. Together, we call for binding rules to urgently halt this exploitation. Showing evidence of problems caused by our economic paradigm is as crucial as working in solidarity with the most affected people. For this reason, a group of bishops travelled to Guatemala in June to see one of the hotspots for both resource exploitation and human rights violations.

This visit, like many others prior, confirmed that women are most affected by injustice. With gender inequality being one of the greatest obstacles to achieving human dignity and flourishing, and to strengthen our work in this area, we agreed with our members and bishops on a new gender equality policy, calling on the CIDSE network – and the entire Church – to render this work a priority.

In 2014 we paved the way for harnessing key opportunities. Nevertheless, we are in a world confronted by conflict, terrorism, extremism, and many refugees dying en-route to Europe. CIDSE continues to address injustices and embrace the challenge of engaging decision makers to change course. We do so with a clear vision of the systemic transformation we would like to see in the world and full of hope and tenacity for the intense year ahead. In this spirit, we hope you enjoy reading about our work and ambitions. We look forward to working with you and celebrating, in 2015, CIDSE's 50th anniversary.

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

Acting for transformation

In the context of a changing world, CIDSE continues its work of rethinking development, with its partners at the forefront.

CIDSE believes in the need to bring about transformation of the dominant growth and development model. We want to reach a fairer share in the use of global resources, and call for governance systems in which power relations are democratised and global rules allow for the flourishing of local alternatives and economies with diversified, decentralised structures and actors.

A special session was organised at the CIDSE Directors' Mid-Year Meeting with strategic Catholic allies to discuss the role of Catholic organisations in creating change, and to explore how areas of collaboration can be increased.

These issues were also discussed during a CIDSE workshop, in September 2014, which brought together some 70 participants from among our members, allies and partners from all continents; thanks to a common effort we identified key elements to bring about transformational change.

We need to regain control over choices in our societies, democratised decision making, take a holistic approach in our strategies and go beyond North-South divisions when analysing challenges and perspectives. We also pinpointed the need to work further with social and grassroots movements, and to promote stories of change.



Transformational change

for us is based on a prophetic new narrative of human well-being grounded in creation, gender equality and solidarity, with an economy at the service of society within planetary boundaries.

January

Joint Action project

Throughout the year, Member Organisations supporting the CIDSE joint advocacy & campaign initiative on 'Sustainable lifestyles towards a global movement for change' met several times in Brussels to prepare the project, due to be launched in 2015. Various elements were discussed in different CIDSE forums, including the CIDSE Co-financing group which explored external funding possibilities.



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Board of Directors

Heinz Hödl, Director of KOO (Austria) was elected President of CIDSE at the annual Board meeting hosted by Bridderlech Deelen in Luxembourg. Simone Filippini, Director of Cordaid, and Eamonn Meehan, Director of Trócaire, were elected to join the Executive Committee. A SECAM delegation was also invited to join the meeting to share their plans for 2014 and discuss areas of possible joint work.

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Beyond 2015

As member of the Beyond-2015 European Task Force, CIDSE facilitated the organisation of a panel debate with representatives from the European Commission, EU Member States, the South Centre, the UN and civil society, with 'hot issues' on the table regarding Post-2015 discussions being up for debate. Among these issues were: universality, a human-rights based approach, the role of the private sector and how to promote policy coherence within the Post-2015 Development Framework.



Post-2015: building a credible sustainable development framework

As negotiations on the Post-2015 UN Development Framework reach their final stages, and as the sense of urgency grows, CIDSE emphasises a human rights-based approach and the need for gender mainstreaming in the debate.

What kind of official framework will development organisations need to operate within the Post-2015 context? The discussion is ongoing.

CIDSE was active in international panels and submitted inputs to the UN's Open Working Group that proposed a set of 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in July 2014. Drawing on lessons from the current failures of development policy, CIDSE stressed that it was critical for the Post-2015 Framework to take a human rights-based approach, with accountability and gender justice at its centre.

Moreover, reflecting on the outcomes of our September "Acting for Transformation" workshop on the importance of shifting the focus of power back to people, accountability during the implementation phase of the framework is a priority for CIDSE's advocacy in the next phase of the preparatory process of the Post-2015 Framework and SDGs.



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The UN's Open Working Group

was mandated by the United Nation's Conference on Sustainable Development in 2012 (also known as 'Rio+20') to propose a set of SDGs for consideration by the UN General Assembly. After more than half a year of scoping events, in March 2014 the Group started negotiating the final text that proposed 17 goals and 169 targets.

February



Developing narratives of change

Media Officers from CIDSE Member Organisations met in Aachen, Germany, to discuss how to develop narratives of change as part of CIDSE's work towards a paradigm shift, using tools such as stories of change. The group also brainstormed on potential joint media and communication activities for the CIDSE Joint Action project.

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10th Anniversary of the death of Archbishop Hurley

CIDSE participated in celebrations organised in Durban, South Africa, for the 10th anniversary of the death of Archbishop Denis Hurley. Standing alongside Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Reverend Beyers Naudé and others as a strong opponent to the apartheid regime, Archbishop Hurley was an important partner and an inspiration for CIDSE member organisations.

Agricultural investment

CIDSE sent a submission to the UN Committee on World Food Security's Principles for Responsible Investment in Agriculture and Food Systems, calling for the issues of resilience, sustainability and food systems to be included and/or reinforced in the Zero Draft Document.



Improving global food governance and promoting sustainable food systems

CIDSE continued its work on food, agriculture and sustainable trade, still looking at the Committee on World Food Security and on the way to improve global food governance as a key focus.

Collaborative efforts were carried out with CIDSE's Climate Justice Working Group through joint work on the Global Alliance for Climate-Smart Agriculture, which involved the launch of a discussion paper: 'Climate-Smart Agriculture: the Emperor's New Clothes?' The paper addresses key questions of relevance to the food-climate nexus, and served as a first step to build knowledge on alternative solutions to the food and hunger crises within the context of sustainable food systems and models of production.

CIDSE's agricultural investment work mainly focused on the G8's New Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition in Africa. In this area of our work, we engaged in discussions circulating amongst civil society, continuing to raise our concerns at both national and EU level and supporting a joint civil society statement targeted at G8 governments in September.



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'Climate-smart' agriculture

highlights concerns and flaws identified in the Global Alliance for Climate-Smart Agriculture. The concept does not address the structures behind problems and the current definition of 'climate-smart' agriculture is too broad to be useful, as it can also include damaging practices and 'false solutions'.

March

Civil society space

The CIDSE-Act Alliance research paper 'Space for Civil Society – How to Protect and Expand an Enabling Environment' was launched in Geneva, Switzerland, at a side event held during the 25th session of the UN Human Rights Council. Using the examples of Malawi, Rwanda, Colombia and Zimbabwe between 2009 and 2013, the study shows the many obstacles and risks faced by civil society.

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The Europe Experience

In the run-up to the European elections in May, CIDSE supported 'The Europe Experience', a Christian-led initiative for Europe to promote the empowerment of Christians as EU citizens. In addition, CIDSE participated in the launch event held in the European Parliament on 2nd April. CIDSE also issued a briefing on corporate accountability for the European elections.

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Business and human rights in Latin America

CIDSE partner organisations attended a workshop in Colombia organised by the International Corporate Accountability Roundtable and the Danish Institute for Human Rights, in the context of their project 'National Action Plans: State Strategies for the Implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights'.



Food and agriculture

CIDSE took part in the CSO consultation organised prior to the FAO Regional Conference for Europe and Central Asia in Bucharest, Romania. Topics included food losses and waste, as well as the implementation of the 'International Year of Family Farming'.



Climate change: towards a global deal

With the new global deal to be agreed in Paris at the end of 2015, CIDSE's work on climate justice gained momentum throughout the year.

In September, CIDSE participated in both the Interfaith Summit on Climate Change and the People's Climate March in New York. Whilst there, CIDSE also successfully engaged in lobby meetings, with the aim of setting the tone for its expectations for the 2015 global agreement and linkages with the Post-2015 Development Framework.

During the UN Climate Conference in Lima, CIDSE was involved not only in following official negotiations, but also in the People's Summit On Climate Change (organised by the coalition of Peruvian civil society), during which CIDSE held two events. CIDSE also coordinated the drafting of a bishops' statement asking for stricter climate change rules; this call was picked up extensively by the press.

Together with the Climate Action Network (CAN) Europe, CIDSE published a report on fossil fuel subsidies in Europe, which was launched during the last week of the climate talks in Lima. With Caritas Internationalis, CIDSE wrote a paper to call for a firm commitment from governments to put the poor at the centre of climate change policy.



The 'Fast For The Climate'

initiative was launched at the UN's climate negotiations in Warsaw in November 2013. The CIDSE Secretariat has been participating in this fast on the first day of every month falling on a working day, and will continue to do so until countries agree on a comprehensive and fair climate action plan that puts the world on a pathway towards phasing out carbon pollution.

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Financing Sustainable Development

Members of CIDSE's Resources for Development Working Group participated in an outreach event to discuss Global Partnerships for Financing Sustainable Development in Finland, hosted by the Finnish government. Ahead of this event, CIDSE released its vision of how sustainable development should be financed. The paper was presented to representatives of European Member States at an Expert Seminar in Brussels on 10th April.



Israel-Palestine

Ahead of the EU Foreign Affairs' Council meeting, CIDSE and Aprovech issued a joint statement on forced displacement in Area C of the West Bank, calling for stronger and more effective actions to counter illegal policies by the Israeli government.

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Sustainable Development Goals

Ahead of the 11th session of the UN's Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals, CIDSE released a stock-taking paper setting out a number of recommendations promoting human rights, accountability and gender to build a sustainable Post-2015 development framework.



Climate: The Poland experience

Tygodnik Powszechny, a Polish Catholic weekly magazine, published a series of articles covering the international conference 'Faith actors working together for climate justice,' co-organised by CIDSE, Caritas Poland and the Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in November 2013. These articles were translated into English and published in the paper 'The Poland Experience'.

Transforming finance into a maker, rather than breaker, of well-being

CIDSE advocates for reforms of the financial system for sustainable development.

CIDSE has consistently advocated for reforms of the financial system, from global financial governance reform to the implementation of appropriate and adequate rules and regulations at the national level, all with the aim of ending the negative impacts of finance and fostering the contribution of finance to sustainable development.

The publication ‘Financing sustainable development: are we up to the challenge?’ laid out the agenda CIDSE believes we need to adopt to realise the change needed. It was used as input in international discussions, with a view to the key upcoming political milestones, such as the Post-2015 Development Framework and the new sustainable development goals.

CIDSE plays an active role in influencing policy discussions on financing for development both in Europe and internationally, as well as facilitating civil society engagement in these discussions, chairing the European Financing for Development Task Force, and engaging as an active member of the Civil Society Coordinating Group for the Addis Ababa Financing for Development Conference.



The UN's **Third International Conference on Financing for Development**

will take place in Addis Ababa from 13 to 16 July 2015. The outcome should contribute to and support the Post-2015 development agenda.

May

Financial Transactions Tax

In a statement supported by CIDSE, European bishops added their voices to those of citizens and movements across the EU, urging leaders of Member States engaged in the ‘Enhanced Cooperation Initiative’ to make the right decisions regarding the design of a European Financial Transactions Tax to be launched by 1st January 2016 and the use of its revenues.



Ecclesiastical Assistant

The mandate of Mgr. Stanislas Lalanne as CIDSE's Ecclesiastical Assistant was renewed for three years. Mgr. Lalanne is Bishop of Pontoise, France.



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New management in CIDSE agencies

Alistair Dutton was appointed new Director of SCIAF, CIDSE's Scottish Member Organisation. A few days later, CIDSE's Secretary General travelled to Switzerland to meet Patrick Renz, the new Director of Fastenopfer, who took up his role in April and participated in an internal workshop focusing on Fastenopfer's paradigm shift work.



Cordaid's birthday

Cordaid, CIDSE's Member Organisation in the Netherlands, celebrated its 100th anniversary with a series of events, notably with a lunch attended by Her Majesty Queen Máxima of the Netherlands in praise of the “silent helpers” and an international conference with partners from across the globe in July.

Promoting responsible business practices

CIDSE is advocating to put a stop to human rights violations.

A step forward was taken in 2014 towards shared responsibility, thanks to the UN Human Rights Council's decision to initiate a process towards establishing an international, legally binding instrument for regulating the activities of businesses within human rights law. CIDSE contributed to this by publishing briefing notes which set out arguments articulating the need for stronger national implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. We were encouraged by the supportive statement from the Holy See that contributed to the momentum leading towards the UN resolution. Working with the Treaty Alliance global civil society coalition, we helped make space in UN discussions for partners.

Supporting partners' networking and strategising, allowing us to form interlinkages with international perspectives, continues to be a priority. We facilitated partners' participation in regional and global spaces, and supported a platform of Church organisations in Latin America working on mining.

More generally, in line with our work on rethinking development, we began to deepen our reflections on the structural causes of harmful models of business, and on sustainable alternatives.



The Church Leaders' statement

on conflict minerals, promoted by CIDSE, gathered signatures from more than 130 Church leaders from around the world calling on the EU to implement stricter rules for the respect of human rights ahead of crucial votes at the European Parliament in Spring 2015.

June



Meetings with the Holy See

The CIDSE Executive Committee travelled to Rome for its annual meeting with representatives of the Holy See and Caritas Internationalis. A few weeks later, CIDSE participated in two events organised by the Pontifical Council for Justice & Peace, including a conference on private investment and development, and another event on 'The Global Common Good: towards a more inclusive economy.'



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Bishops' tour to Guatemala

On the initiative of CIDSE's Central America Working Group, representatives of CIDSE member agencies, along with European bishops, toured Guatemala to express their solidarity with Church institutions and civil society organisations with whom they work.

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CIDSE and CONCORD

Iza Toth from Cordaid, CIDSE's Dutch Member Organisation, was re-elected to the Board of CONCORD for a second three-year mandate by the General Assembly. CIDSE remained highly engaged in the work of the Confederation, with Denise Auclair taking up the role of Co-Chair of the Policy Forum, and Jean Saldanha engaging as Chair of the Financing for Development Task Force.



Binding instrument on business and human rights

Complementary to the need for stronger national implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, CIDSE welcomed the adoption of a resolution on an international legally binding instrument on business and human rights at the UN Human Rights Council's 26th Session.



Israel–Palestine: from dire status quo to full-scale war

Still missing: the EU’s will to tackle the root causes of violence.

The challenges facing the occupied Palestinian territory escalated in 2014 from an already dire status quo of continuing occupation and daily violations of international humanitarian law and human rights law (IHL and IHRL) to full-scale war. Despite a major public outcry against this third war in six years, the European response to the Gaza crisis largely mirrored previous approaches, with the focus on aid and very little evidence of EU leverage being brought to bear on the root causes of violence.

In terms of addressing ongoing occupation-related IHL violations, some steps, in line with CIDSE positions, were taken by the EU and its Member States – notably, progress on EU legal and diplomatic responses to settlements, forcible transfer and aid destruction. The most significant was the release of advice for businesses on the human rights and IHL-related risks of involvement in settlements. These issues will require further follow-up in 2015 to ensure implementation of existing EU commitments.

Over the past years, CIDSE has built up sustained and effective advocacy work in this area. Given the dramatic situation in Gaza, it is ever more urgent to call for a more active EU approach, both to promoting respect for IHL and IHRL, and also to using what leverage it has to prevent further conflict.



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September

Acting for transformation

CIDSE held its second workshop in Brussels on the topic of working towards a paradigm shift. Some 70 participants discussed how to further develop strategies towards pathways for change. They shared initiatives and examples of alternatives supporting a transition towards more sustainable and equitable models of society and the economy.



Strategic planning

The strategic planning process to prepare the next CIDSE strategic plan (2016–2021) was launched. Moreover, CIDSE’s Secretary General was invited to join the CONCORD strategic planning group.



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Haiti

Set up after the 2010 earthquake to coordinate CIDSE members’ emergency and rehabilitation projects, the CIDSE Haiti Working Group held its last meeting in Haiti in September.



Ban Ki-moon Climate Summit

A joint CIDSE–SECAM delegation travelled to New York for the Interfaith Summit on Climate Change and for lobby meetings on the occasion of the Climate Summit convened by the UN Secretary General. They also joined the People’s Climate March which gathered around 400, 000 people worldwide – , thus far considered the largest protest in history to demanding action on climate change.



Gender equality, human rights and accountability

Bringing cross-cutting goals forward.

CIDSE worked on the preparation of concrete inputs on gender equality, human rights and accountability in 2014 in the preparatory phase of the Post-2015 Development Framework. These cross-cutting issues play a pivotal role for our Working Groups in supporting CIDSE commitments to equality, dignity, social justice and transformation.

Gender equality has been further integrated in our work, including through the organisation of training to strengthen our understanding and advocacy work. Furthermore, at the end of 2014, CIDSE leadership agreed on the paper 'Gender Equality – CIDSE's Understanding and Definition: Standing for the equal dignity of women and men'.

The gender issue was also addressed in early 2015 by the CIDSE Bishops' Forum: during this event, CIDSE members gave insights into their work, and CIDSE Bishop Lalanne as well as other Bishops presented their reflections on the importance of this work and called on CIDSE to continue its efforts. Bishop Jousten from Belgium noted: *"In its work, CIDSE strives for the dignity of both women and men. I share CIDSE's approach that sees the promotion of women's rights and gender equality as a pre-requisite for poverty alleviation, human development, human well being, justice and dignity."*



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October

EU conflict minerals

In a joint statement supported by CIDSE, bishops from across the globe urged the EU to create a consistent and binding regulation – as opposed to taking a voluntary approach – on responsible mineral sourcing ('conflict minerals'), as the European Parliament prepared to debate on legislation. CIDSE is also part of the CSO campaign on conflict minerals.



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Human rights violations

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



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EU-Latin America Relations

Together with Aprovech, CIFCA, Grupo Sur and ODHACO, CIDSE released a briefing on the future of EU-Latin America and the Caribbean relations, which was aimed at newly elected Members of the European Parliament. In early November, CIDSE's Heads of Latin America departments met to reflect on the future of cooperation in Latin America.



'Climate smart' agriculture

At the annual meeting of the UN Committee on World Food Security, the CIDSE Working Group on Food, Agriculture and Sustainable Trade presented its latest publication on 'climate smart' agriculture (CSA) in which it expresses concerns about both the definition of CSA as promoted by the international community and the lack of transparency in the governance of the Global Alliance supporting it. The group also met with Hilal Elver, the new UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food.

Learning and working with Southern partners and civil society

Building a global movement for change and acting together to address global challenges.

Partnership is at the core of CIDSE's work. The so-called 'emerging economies' are changing the dynamics between nations and have broken the old model of Northern industrial nations dominating the international agenda. Nowadays, they have well organised civil society and a great deal of experience in dealing with struggles and building movements of change that we can learn from. CIDSE wants to work towards reciprocal partnerships with various partners and allies to build a global movement for change.

Over the years, CIDSE has developed fruitful relationships with Southern Churches. Milestone successes for 2014 included the organisation of joint delegations in both New York and Lima, and the extension of support to bishops' statements on conflict minerals and climate change. CIDSE also contributed to the launch of REPAM, a network of Church organisations in the Pan-Amazonian region working on issues concerning development, natural resources and local cultures. Furthermore, a delegation of European bishops visited Guatemala in June to support local work against poverty and in favour of peace and reconciliation.



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November



Food–Climate energy nexus

A study session on energy was organised at the annual meeting of CIDSE's Heads of Advocacy in order to share knowledge, experience and ideas among member organisations regarding the energy issue and linkages with CIDSE's work on climate change, food and private sector.

Pope Francis at the European Parliament

Represented by its Secretary General in Strasbourg, France, CIDSE welcomed the address of Pope Francis to the European Parliament. Continuing on his encyclical *Evangelii Gaudium*, CIDSE sees in the Pope's message a challenge to current consumerism and models of economy.



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Common but differentiated responsibility

CIDSE invited Mariama Williams of the Geneva-based South Centre to debate about how to apply the principle of 'common but differentiated responsibility' to the financing for development agenda and the financing of the Post-2015/SDG agenda.



Facing up to climate change

Ahead of the UN Climate Change Summit in Lima, Peru, CIDSE and Caritas Internationalis issued a joint paper, calling for a firm commitment from governments to put the poor at the centre of climate change policy. Together with CAN-Europe, CIDSE also released a policy paper calling for an end to fossil fuel subsidies in Europe.

What lies ahead?

An overview on an important and highly charged 2015 for CIDSE.

In the year that marks CIDSE's 50th anniversary, 2015 is set to pose a demanding agenda for CIDSE, with international agreements signalling real opportunity for realising both significant change in the broad field of development, and for determining the future of humanity and the planet alike.

With the COP21 Conference, CIDSE will make climate justice one of its priorities throughout the year. The Papal Encyclical letter on ecology – coupled with a broader context of the need for transformation of our lifestyles – will be integral to CIDSE's preparation for Paris. The Post-2015 UN Summit and the third International Conference on Financing for Development will also be central to CIDSE's work.

2015 will see the launch of the three-year project 'Sustainable Lifestyles: towards a global movement for change'. The project, which will see the active engagement of our Members, will draw inspiration from CIDSE's work on acting for transformation and placing the emphasis on people-driven change. One landmark activity will be a common action in Paris at COP21.

Throughout 2015, CIDSE will also work on its Strategic Framework for 2016–2021, building on previous years' successes and lessons learnt.



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From Lima to Paris

During the UN Climate Change Summit in Lima, CIDSE co-organised a series of activities with Peruvian partners and Caritas Internationalis. Bishops from all continents called for a fair and legally binding climate agreement to be signed at the next Conference of the Parties (COP21) in Paris, 2015.



Preparing for Addis Ababa

Official preparations for the UN's Third Conference on Financing for Development (Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, July 2015) started in October. CIDSE attended the 2nd Informal Substantive Session in New York. At international level, CIDSE chairs the European Financing for Development Task Force coordinated by CONCORD and plays a key role in the facilitation of civil society's participation in the Addis conference.

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Business and human rights

During the third UN Annual Forum on Business and Human Rights in Geneva, CIDSE co-sponsored two side events: one on improving the protection of land and environment defenders, and the second on access to justice in extractive industries, providing a space for partners to voice their views on challenges and good practices.



New Church initiatives in Latin America

CIDSE supported the second Latin American Gathering on Churches and Mining in Brasilia, Brazil. Earlier in September, CIDSE welcomed the establishment of REPAM (a new network of Latin American & Caribbean Church organisations covering the Amazon region), and contributed to their discussions on climate change with a view to the UN summit in Lima.

2014

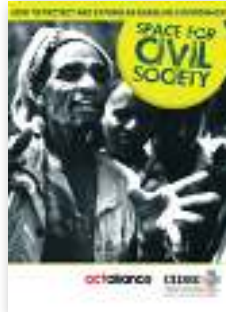
Key Publications

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



Financing Sustainable Development: Are we up to the challenge?

CIDSE recommendations



Space for Civil Society – How to Protect and Expand an Enabling Environment

CIDSE–Act Alliance research paper



'Climate-Smart Agriculture': the Emperor's new clothes?

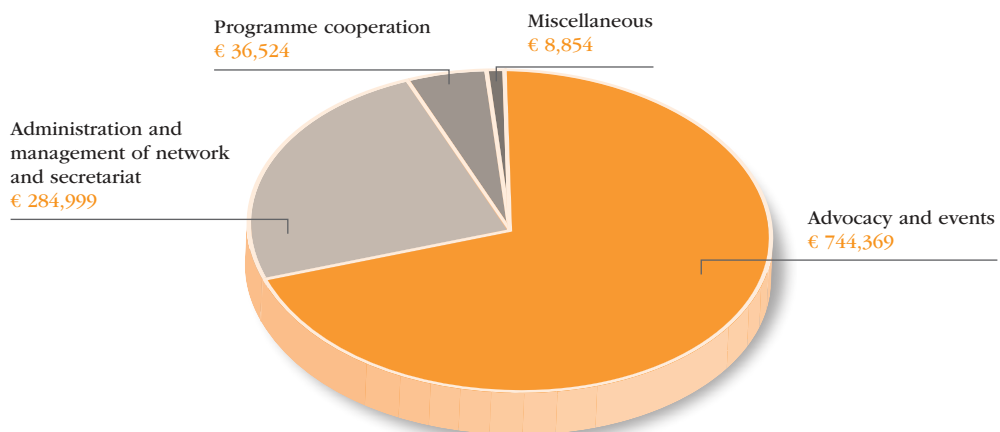
CIDSE discussion paper

Please visit www.cidse.org for a full overview of other 2014 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 2014: € 1,074,746



The CIDSE Secretariat also coordinates the following projects with a total budget of € 82,372:

- Israel-Palestine: € 53,669
- Heads of Programmes: € 28,427
- Sustainable Development: € 276

Structure and Staff 2015

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is composed of the directors of the 17 CIDSE Member Organisations. The Board is the general management body of CIDSE and meets twice a year to review ongoing activities and formulate strategies and policies for the future.

Executive Committee

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

President	Heinz Hödl (KOO)
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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, as well as through 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.

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