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CIDSE TOGETHER FOR GLOBAL JUSTICE

CIDSE is an international family of Catholic social justice organisations. Its 18 members from Europe and North America share a common strategy in their efforts to promote justice, harness the power of global solidarity and create transformational change to end poverty and inequalities. We promote just and environmentally sustainable alternatives and believe in a world where every human being has the right to live in dignity.

What we do:

- » Undertake joint advocacy on climate justice, just food, business and human rights and finance and development. Furthermore, via special projects, we also engage in advocacy on Israel and Palestine, gender equality and sustainable production and consumption. For the latter, we are currently running a joint action, 'Change for the Planet – Care for the People'.
- » Enhance coordination and impact of programmes, working together with local partners to promote people-driven change.
- » Challenge systemic injustice, inequity and destruction of nature, namely by tackling assumptions on growth, development and consumption and by promoting true alternatives.

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

In this Annual Report, you will find information about activities carried out in 2015, and some indications about CIDSE plans for 2016.

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FOREWORD

By the CIDSE President



We began 2015 hoping for a turning point in the field of global development, thanks particularly to some highly awaited political milestones. Together with our members, we invested much energy in advocating for strong outcomes around the summits of the United Nations (UN) Third International Conference on Financing for Development (FFD3) in Addis Ababa, the UN Sustainable Development Summit 2015 in New York and the UN climate change conference (COP21 conference) in Paris. We especially invested in our climate justice work in preparation for the COP21 conference, where a global deal for climate change was eventually achieved. At the end of the year we were left with the feeling that while some progress had been made, there was – and still is – a lot to be done for the poor, and several struggles still lie ahead of us.

We were guided and motivated throughout our work by the powerful words and messages of the encyclical *Laudato Si'*, which revealed itself to be even more groundbreaking than expected. It launched a powerful call to fight climate change and inequalities at all levels of our society, and it became our constant guiding thread. It strengthened our transformational thinking and gave us hope in a year dominated by tragic events related to the refugee crisis, which even challenged the principle of global solidarity. It made us believe again in the potential of fraternity among all inhabitants of the common home that is our planet.

Shortly after the publication of the encyclical, the CIDSE network launched its three-year joint action 'Change for the Planet – Care for the People', which encourages people to change their lifestyles to move towards more sustainable ways of living. This campaign also represents a new way of working for the CIDSE family, as it implies more coordinated actions and messages among members.

'Change for the planet – Care for the People' also reflects the spirit of the new CIDSE Strategic Framework 'Acting for transformation for a just and sustainable world' – a document we have been working on throughout 2015, and which will guide the efforts of the CIDSE network from 2016–2021. Also integral to the framework is the ambition to be a growing network with regards to both membership and allies, enhancing our collaboration with partners and striving to create wider alliances and build stronger movements. We have already begun working towards this goal, and events such as the World Social Forum and the COP21 conference, among others, made it possible in 2015.

In 2015 we were also proud to celebrate our 50th anniversary: whilst there is still a lot to be done, we are happy to have already come a long way and to have been involved – as part of the wider civil society movement – in so many struggles that have made this a better world.

In 2016, regarding our objective of addressing injustices, activities planned include, among others: the continuation of advocacy work in key areas, focusing in the beginning of the year on conflict minerals; the implementation of the second year of the joint action 'Change for the Planet – Care for the People'; the organisation of a workshop on agroecology, bringing together partners from several countries, and the engagement in international events such as the World Social Forum in Canada.

We hope you enjoy reading about our activities, achievements and ambitions, and we look forward to working with you in 2016.

Heinz Hödl,
Director, KOO (Austria)



WE AIM TO ACHIEVE MOVEMENT BUILDING BY...

... enhancing collaboration with our partners, participating in movements of change, engaging in spaces where movements come together and recognising the Church's movement-building potential, within planetary boundaries.

ACTING FOR TRANSFORMATION FOR A JUST AND SUSTAINABLE WORLD

» With the ambition to challenge destructive developments and crises around us, CIDSE produced, over the course of 2015, its new Strategic Framework 2016–2021.

The new strategy commits CIDSE to work for transformational change in a bid to end systemic injustices leading to poverty, inequality and the destruction of nature. We want to reach this by questioning the dominant narratives on growth and development, while promoting people-driven, flourishing local alternatives and economies with decentralised, democratic structures and actors.

On the occasion of the World Social Forum in Tunis in 2015, CIDSE organised a session on 'Beyond development – How to

build just and sustainable societies', which focused on how to show and propose alternatives, highlighting the role of development and environmental organisations in promoting alternatives and bringing about change.

CIDSE was present at the COP21 conference in Paris, and during this time also held a discussion on systemic change. The discussion involved the participation of several partners and allies, with the aim of harnessing stronger collaboration and joining forces.

» JANUARY



CIDSE agencies commemorated the 5th year anniversary of the 2010 earthquake in Haiti.

CIDSE joined the Civil Society Alliance set up for the European Year for Development 2015.



Preceding the annual Board meeting, CIDSE invited the Directors and their accompanying bishops to discuss how to work for transformation towards a just and sustainable world.



CIDSE co-sponsored a side event in New York on 'Common but differentiated responsibilities in a financing sustainable development context'.



LAND GRABBING IN AFRICA

In November, CIDSE, together with partners and members, contributed to the organisation of a pan-African conference on land grabbing and just governance. The event highlighted the current state of land grabbing in Africa, and examined cases of resistance across the continent, as well as responses from the Church.



PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS

» CIDSE continued its efforts on food sovereignty and sustainable food systems in 2015, working on issues being addressed at the Committee on World Food Security, providing space for land grab struggles to be strengthened, advancing its work on alternatives related to the climate and agriculture nexus and highlighting its concerns on Climate-Smart Agriculture.

In March, CIDSE held a workshop on food sovereignty, exploring synergies with food producers, social movements, civil society organisations and CIDSE member organisations, and showcasing partners' concrete initiatives in advancing food sovereignty. People from different backgrounds came together to discuss three of the pillars which help sustain food sovereignty: access to markets, right to land and right to seeds. Thanks to a process of sharing and debating, tangible opportunities for collaboration between partners' and members' initiatives and processes on the ground and advocacy activities at local, national and international levels were identified.

CIDSE continued to highlight its concerns on the Global Alliance for Climate-Smart Agriculture in an updated briefing entitled 'Climate-smart revolution... or a new era of green-washing?' The document, which was released in May and led to the development of a statement signed by more than 300 civil society organisations worldwide, underlines concerns about false solutions being promoted in the name of Climate-Smart Agriculture, and proposes agroecology as the mainstream pillar for agricultural policy frameworks worldwide.

» FEBRUARY

As part of a European lobby tour on conflict minerals, Church representatives from the National Episcopal Conference of Congo (DRC) met with members of the European Parliament.



During a round table in Dublin on financing for development negotiations, CIDSE released its paper 'Why Addis Ababa Matters'. In May, a briefing note was produced, offering thoughts on the FFD3 conference follow-up process.



CIDSE's member, SCIAF (Scotland) celebrated its 50th anniversary. In September, FEC (Portugal) met Pope Francis for its 25th anniversary. 2015 was also an important year for the whole network, as it marked CIDSE's 50th anniversary.



Supported by the Secretariat, a group of CIDSE member organisations' staff started to share plans and reflections about Pope Francis' upcoming encyclical letter on ecology.



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You can pretend we aren't here, like you pretend this earth will feed us, for as long as soil cracks beneath your machinery. Our pulses know the rhythm of emergencies, just like our islands know the pacific salt that cradles them. There was a time that could preserve us...

Eunice Andrada
(The Philippines)

CLIMATE CHANGE: A GLOBAL AGREEMENT STRUCK IN PARIS

» With the COP21 conference milestone on the horizon, CIDSE advocated throughout the year for climate justice.

Among the numerous advocacy activities carried out in 2015 in view of the COP21 conference were: a high-level event at the United Nations in New York, the coordination of an inter-continental bishops' appeal and the publication of the paper 'Paris: for the People and the Planet', setting out CIDSE's vision for the Paris agreement. 2015 also marked a stronger inter-faith and ecumenical engagement from CIDSE and its allies and partners in climate justice advocacy.

Moreover, CIDSE worked throughout the year on the publication of opinion articles with allies such as Bishop Theotonius Gomes, Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez and Yeb Sano to communicate the

concepts of ecological debt and the vulnerability of certain communities to climate change. Several partners were interviewed by CIDSE as part of the series 'CIDSE Stories for Climate Justice', addressing climate justice in relation to broader issues such as gender, natural disasters and conflicts.

At the COP21 conference, CIDSE co-organised a side event on climate change and human rights with the Scottish First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon. Outside the official programme, several events were organised in Paris, especially in the context of the joint action 'Change for the Planet – Care for the People'.

» MARCH



CIDSE co-hosted a side event on European perspectives on a legally binding instrument on business and human rights in Geneva during the Human Rights Council session.



A delegation participated in a series of events with partners at the World Social Forum in Tunis. The objective was to strengthen CIDSE's narrative towards a paradigm shift and contribute towards building a global movement for change.

As part of its desire to work in greater depth on transformative change and to increase the coherence and impact of its work, CIDSE organised a workshop on food sovereignty, the right to food and the democratisation of food systems.



CIDSE and representatives from LA partner organisations attended the Civil Society Forum organised ahead of the EU-CELAC summit. The Forum concluded with a statement calling on governments to rethink EU-Latin America relations.





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 When nature is viewed solely as a source of profit and gain, this has serious consequences for society. This vision of ‘might is right’ has engendered immense inequality, injustice and acts of violence against the majority of humanity.
 Pope Francis, *Laudato Si’* 82

THE ENCYCLICAL *LAUDATO SI’*: CHALLENGING ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL INJUSTICE

» The Catholic Church’s urgent call through this milestone encyclical came at a crucial moment, as world leaders had to take critical decisions on the future of development and the care for our planet.

With this encyclical, Pope Francis underpinned the importance of our work for global justice and gave us great inspiration and motivation to continue addressing dangerous climate change.

The encyclical also reinforced the need for transformation of our societies, economies and individuals to allow all human beings to live in dignity. Humankind needs to learn to respect planetary boundaries, which requires responsibility to be taken up at all levels.

CIDSE also joined the Pope’s call for simple living and a lifestyle change, and reflected these principles in the joint action ‘Change for the Planet – Care for the People’, launched in July.

To help understand and spread the encyclical’s essence, CIDSE led several moments of reflection and action in 2015, including events at EU and UN level, as well as a high level conference ‘People and Planet First: the Imperative to Change Course’, which was organised in Rome in cooperation with the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace.

» APRIL

After participating in the UNECE regional consultation, CIDSE attended the second drafting session of the outcome document of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development in New York.



CIDSE was invited to the first of a series of meetings convened by the Vatican’s Secretariat of State with a view to preparing for the Holy See position on the COP21 conference.

The Strategic Planning Group met with the Executive Committee to start the drafting process of the CIDSE 2016–2021 Strategic Framework.



In the run-up to the COP21 conference, CIDSE launched a series of video interviews with partners and allies, showcasing stories about climate justice.



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The time has come to accept decreased growth in some parts of the world, in order to provide resources for other places to experience healthy growth.

Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'* 193



HOW TO ENSURE ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT?

» Finance should support global ambitions for sustainable development and climate justice.

CIDSE has been at the forefront of civil society organisations advocating that the financial, trade and monetary systems contribute to – rather than detract from – human rights, climate justice and reversing environmental degradation. In 2015 the spotlight was on the UN Third International Conference on Financing for Development (FFD3), which took place in Addis Ababa in July. CIDSE took on a coordinating role for the Civil Society Forum preceding the conference and played an active role in the drafting process of the Civil Society Declaration, which was handed over at the opening session of the official conference.

In Addis, CIDSE focused on a range of issues, such as the FFD3 follow-up process, public-private financing, the creation of an international tax body and fairer international taxation regulations, in addition to co-organising a number of related side events.

Prior to the Addis conference, CIDSE carried out several other activities on resources for development; among these was the event: ‘Applying common but differentiated responsibilities in a financing sustainable development context’ in January at the United Nations in New York.

» MAY



Together with the Development & Peace Foundation (sef:), CIDSE co-sponsored a debate on international tax cooperation and a second one in November, on the global garment industry and the role of the EU.

CIDSE continued its partnership with the Symposium of Episcopal Conferences of Africa and Madagascar (SECAM). Their new African Union Representative visited CIDSE as part of his induction.



CIDSE welcomed the positive message that the European Parliament sent to the European Commission and the Council via its vote for a strong regulation on conflict minerals ahead of dialogue negotiations.

CIDSE members celebrated the beatification of Archbishop Oscar Romero in San Salvador. His work with the poor inspired many members of the CIDSE network.





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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development introduced a new set of 17 goals that recognise the interdependence of economic, social and environmental challenges. However, the goals, and particularly their indicators and means of implementation, do not meaningfully address structural issues at the root of poverty, inequality, environmental degradation and climate change.

THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

» 2015 was a year of key decision-making moments, particularly for finance for development, the UN Post-2015 Sustainable Development Framework and climate change. CIDSE continued to emphasise human rights, gender equality and respect for the environment as centre pieces of the new consensus on sustainable development.

Together with its members CAFOD (England & Wales) and Trócaire (Ireland), CIDSE played a leading role in initiating the discussion on the kind of development framework that should succeed the Millennium Development Goals. When governments gathered in New York from 25–27 September 2015 to adopt the UN Post-2015 Sustainable Development Framework 'Agenda 2030', CIDSE was present with a large delegation. On the sidelines of the Pope addressing the General Assembly of the United Nations, CIDSE – in collaboration with Caritas Internationalis – brought together allies and partners to discuss how the new

encyclical of Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*, could broaden and deepen the transformation we envisioned for a new global consensus on sustainable development.

On the occasion of the Summit, CIDSE issued a statement signed by more than 50 high-level civil society and Church leaders, decision makers, academics and artists demanding greater ambitions in tackling social injustices, and calling for a new emphasis on notions of well-being, a culture of care and shared prosperity.

» JUNE

CIDSE co-hosted two debates during the European Development Days: one on the EU's role in creating a fairer and more sustainable international tax system, and the other on the public and private sector roles in addressing poor people's energy needs.



A delegation attended the climate change negotiations session in Bonn, organising two side events: one on the Catholic perspective on climate change', and the second on agriculture and climate change.



CIDSE welcomed the public release of Pope Francis' encyclical letter *Laudato Si'* on care for our common home and echoed his call to act on climate change and social injustice.



CIDSE presented its work on systemic change at a workshop on sustainable consumption and production organised for CONCORD members ahead of the CONCORD General Assembly.





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Our hope is that there will be a clear law regulating the exploitation of natural resources, and that this will oblige big companies to follow the rules and to be transparent.

Mgr. Fridolin Ambongo
(Democratic Republic of Congo)

REDUCING THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF MULTINATIONAL COMPANIES ON HUMAN RIGHTS

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

CIDSE believes that corporations should act responsibly in society and ensure that they contribute to sustainable development. In 2015, we engaged in the discussions about a binding treaty for transnational corporations, advocating in several activities for the respect of human rights in different business sectors.

We worked to create pressure for a fair legislation in the mining sector and put a stop to conflict minerals. We gathered 150 Church leaders in a statement against conflict minerals, calling for the EU to implement stricter rules for the respect of human rights. We promoted a citizens' action to ask politicians to stop conflict

minerals, calling on citizens to send a letter. CIDSE also worked closely with the Latin American network Church and Mining, which supports local fights against mining projects that violate human rights.

In 2015 CIDSE also engaged with other types of industries in which several violations of human rights have been recorded, such as the garment industry, with CIDSE taking on the role of cooperating partner in the event 'International Responsibility in the Global Garment Industry: What Role for the EU?'

» JULY



During a press conference with Naomi Klein, Ottmar Edenhofer and representatives from the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, CIDSE launched a three-year joint action 'Change for the Planet - Care for the People' on sustainable lifestyles.



As part of its 50th year anniversary celebrations, CIDSE co-organised a conference with the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace entitled 'People and Planet First: the Imperative to Change Course'.



CIDSE attended the first session of the UN intergovernmental working group on a binding treaty on business and human rights in Geneva, where it co-hosted two side events featuring testimonies from CIDSE partners.

A delegation attended the Civil Society Forum in Addis Ababa which concluded with a CSO declaration handed over to UN Secretary-General, Ban Ki-moon as well as the FFD3 conference where it co-hosted a number of activities.



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Thinking in terms of ‘gender’ could help us to challenge clichés and traditional practices, and to imagine putting into place a new set of relations between men and women, rather than continuing to see women and men as playing the same traditional roles.

Mgr. Aloys Jousten,
Eminentus Bishop of Liège



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GENDER EQUALITY AS CENTRAL TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF GLOBAL JUSTICE

» We prioritise gender equality as a cross-cutting issue in our work.

This was the starting point of CIDSE’s participation in the gender session at the event ‘Towards a world citizens’ movement’ at the World Social Forum in Tunis where people from all over the world brainstormed about how to address gender equality as a transversal concern across the sectors in which we work.

CIDSE also launched a discussion paper, ‘Gender Equality: CIDSE’s Understanding and Definition – Standing for the equal dignity of men and women’ in March. The document explains our understanding of the concept of ‘gender equality’, as inspired by

Catholic Social Teaching and rooted in the principle of dignity for all human beings. Implicit in this principle is the requirement that men and women have the opportunity to fully exercise all their human rights.

In December, when we gathered in Paris with many of our members and allies, we collaborated in the organisation of workshops with women’s groups from Africa, including WoMin and the South African Rural Women’s Assembly. CIDSE also prepared for a new blog series on gender equality, launching on its website in 2016.

» SEPTEMBER

One year after the launch of the Global Alliance for Climate-Smart Agriculture, over 350 civil society organisations restated a firm ‘no’ to Climate-Smart Agriculture in a civil society statement coordinated by CIDSE.



CIDSE and Caritas Internationalis organised a high-level event on climate change at the UN. Participants discussed how *Laudato Si’* could influence positive change, both at the COP21 conference and beyond.



Ahead of the UN Summit which adopted the ‘2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development’, CIDSE coordinated a call to world leaders, urging them to be more ambitious in tackling social injustices.



CIDSE co-sponsored a debate on climate and the papal encyclical *Laudato Si’* at the European Parliament. In November, it moderated a similar event organised by the Jesuit European Social Centre and the Hanns Seidel Foundation.

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'CHANGE FOR THE PLANET – CARE FOR THE PEOPLE' JOINT ACTION

» 2015 marked the launch of the three-year joint action 'Change for the Planet – Care for the People', promoting sustainable lifestyles and a global movement of change.

The joint action aims to enhance systemic change by proposing a prophetic new narrative of human well-being within creation, gender equality and solidarity, whereby the people and planet are at the centre of economic, social and political systems. Within this framework, the focus is on people-driven alternatives and existing solutions. The campaign was launched on 1st July in Rome during a high-level press conference which opened the event 'People and Planet First: The Imperative to Change Course' and marked the occasion of the publication of the encyclical *Laudato Si'*.

Through the use of social media, 'Change for the Planet – Care for the People' invites people to change their daily routines through more sustainable practices that reflect respect for nature and for people. In December, the campaign was present during the COP21 conference in Paris with more than 100 supporters from CIDSE's different member organisations. A five-day programme of activities was organised to discuss and share experiences on sustainable alternatives to the current food and energy consumption and production models, to learn about the linkages between ecology and spirituality, and to participate together in the large civil society mobilisation for climate justice and system change.

» OCTOBER



Delegates travelled to Rome for the Civil Society Mechanism meeting and the 42nd Session of the FAO Committee on World Food Security, where they took part in various events on agroecology.

CIDSE joined the Global Catholic Climate Movement. Several CIDSE members were also involved in ecumenical pilgrimages which converged late November in Paris for the delivery of 1.8 million signatures for climate justice.



Members of the CIDSE Latin America Platform met to exchange information on the criminalisation of partners and on how to coordinate support for regional initiatives such as REPAM and the Church and Mining initiative.

Catholic Church leaders called for urgent climate action and a major breakthrough at the COP21 conference in a statement supported by CIDSE and Caritas Internationalis.





THE GLOBAL CATHOLIC CLIMATE MOVEMENT

of which CIDSE became an active partner in 2015, is a community of Catholics responding to the Pope's call to action in the *Laudato Si'* encyclical. In 2015, they launched a petition in view of the COP21 conference which gathered 1.8 million signatures.

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LEARNING, WORKING AND SHARING WITH PARTNERS AND ALLIES

» Working in partnerships is essential to CIDSE's work and is fundamental to building a global movement of change.

CIDSE collaborated throughout 2015 with a wide range of allies, both faith-based and secular. We reinforced our cooperation with the Holy See and organised several activities with the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, especially regarding the topic of climate justice and extractive industries. We deepened our collaboration with continental bishops' conferences, and our Secretary General was also invited to join the Holy See delegation during the COP21 conference. On this occasion, CIDSE worked closely with other NGOs through coordination, joint advocacy, actions and press conferences. Outside of the official conference venue, we gathered partners and allies for joint analysis of the climate talks, strategising, planning future cooperation and looking

ahead to opportunities such as the World Social Forum in Canada in 2016. We supported grassroots organisations in their actions, and organised mobilisations around our joint action 'Change for the Planet – Care for the People', protesting in the streets of Paris and bringing activists from across our membership base together.

For our priority issues, CIDSE engages in many international civil society alliances, and is active in innovative spaces such as the smart CSOs lab – a collaboration from which, among other materials, the short film 'The Number' emerged, promoting the idea of strengthening our systemic change approach.

» NOVEMBER

CIDSE took part in the Smart CSOs conference entitled 'Re-imagining Activism' and contributed to their practical guide for the Great Transition, sharing its experience on how to bring a network organisation on board for systemic change.

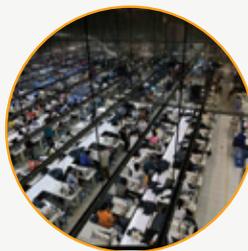


As part of the joint action 'Change for the Planet – Care for the People', an online call to action, '4 Steps for the Planet', was initiated in the run-up to the COP21 conference.

During the fourth annual UN Forum on Business and Human Rights, CIDSE co-sponsored two side events: one on trade and investment agreements and the other on human rights due diligence in law and practice.



CIDSE, together with AFJN, AEFJN and SECAM, facilitated the organisation of a conference in Nairobi on 'Land grab and just governance in Africa' which concluded with a statement and a commitment to a plan of action.



FINANCES

CIDSE is funded by membership fees. CIDSE's finances are reviewed annually by an external auditor.

CIDSE core expenditure 2015:

» Advocacy and events:	€1,138,891
» Programme cooperation:	€820,024
» Administration and management of network and Secretariat:	€27,684
» Miscellaneous:	€279,424
	€11,759

The CIDSE Secretariat also coordinates the following projects with a total budget of:

» Israel–Palestine:	€130,966
» Sustainable development:	€44,051
» 'Change for the Planet – Care for the People' joint action:	€19,517
	€67,398

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2016

Our path for global justice and towards transformational change will continue in 2016 with advocacy activities, the operationalisation of the new CIDSE Strategic Framework and Year II of the joint action campaign 'Change for the Planet – Care for the People'. Stay tuned and follow us on www.cidse.org, Facebook and Twitter.

» DECEMBER



A delegation attended the COP21 conference where a climate deal was reached after two weeks of tough negotiations. During the conference, CIDSE co-hosted a side event with Nicola Sturgeon, First Minister of Scotland.

Over 100 supporters and staff from CIDSE member organisations travelled to Paris to attend a five-day programme alongside global partners and allies and to join various COP21 civil society mobilisation initiatives.



David Leduc, the new Executive Director of CIDSE's member Development and Peace (Canada), met for the first time with the CIDSE network in Paris on the occasion of the COP21 conference.

CIDSE co-organised a debate on ecology and spirituality as part of civil society COP21 initiatives. Panelists prompted participants to make the link in their own efforts against climate change and for justice.



STRUCTURE AND STAFF 2016

» Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is composed of the Directors of the 18 CIDSE member organisations. The Board is the general management body of CIDSE and meets twice a year to review current 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)
Members	Simone Filippini (Cordaid) Eamonn Meehan (Trócaire) Bernard Pinaud (CCFD-Terre solidaire) Angelo Simonazzi (Entraide et Fraternité)
Ecclesiastical Assistant	Mgr. Stanislas Lalanne , Bishop of Pontoise, France
Treasurer	Stephan Stricker (Misereor)
Secretary General	Bernd Nilles (CIDSE)

» Working Groups

CIDSE member organisations carry out joint advocacy work on issues that CIDSE has agreed to prioritise in its 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 staff based at the CIDSE Secretariat in Brussels facilitates and coordinates the common efforts of the member organisations:

Bernd Nilles	Secretary General
Denise Auclair	Senior Policy Advisor
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