

SIDE-EVENT TO THE THIRD INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE ON FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT

*UNLOCKING PEOPLE'S CAPACITY AS A MEANS OF IMPLEMENTATION:
THE HUMAN FACE OF FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT*

July 15 2015, 3:30 – 6:00 pm
Hotel Elilly, Board Room Large

SPEAKERS:

Moderated by: **Serik Tokbolat**, Bahá'í International Community

- **Yetnebersh Nigussie**, Executive Director,
Ethiopian Center for Disability and Development
- **Dereje Wordofa**, International Director for Eastern and Southern Africa,
SOS Children's Villages International
- Additional speakers to be confirmed



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ORGANIZERS:

Bahá'í International Community, SOS Children's Villages

IN COLLABORATION WITH:

International Disability Alliance, International Disability and Development Consortium, the NGO Committee on Financing for Development, Soroptimist International, and the UN Millennium Campaign

BACKGROUND:

The success of the outcome document of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development will, in many ways, hinge on identifying realistic and effective means of implementation. Critical in this regard will be reframing the role human capacity will play in contributing to the global commitments on sustainable development. As the 21 June draft Accord of the Conference states, solutions can be found by “unlocking the transformative of people” themselves – critical and often overlooked agents of change.

It has been widely acknowledged in drafts of the Accord that financial resources on their own will not bring about a more equitable and peaceful global order. Intimately connected will be the integrity and stability of governing institutions and elected public officials, peaceful and cohesive societies, as well as a sense of personal agency and responsibility, which can bend human



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energies and talents toward the betterment of society. Put simply, the ability of people – individually and as members of communities and institutions – to achieve something they collectively value is an indispensable means of translating the vision of the post-2015 and financing for development agendas into reality. **People's participation is a critical means of implementation.**

Discussions thus far have called for United Nations agendas to be people centered and this must also be clear in the Addis Ababa outcome document. People should be active participants in their own right and not only passive recipients of development. Effective means of implementation therefore need to ensure that the contributions of those who have traditionally been treated largely as passive recipients of aid are meaningfully integrated into global and local processes of development and that the proper means are dedicated for this to happen. **Investing in the potential of people to contribute to their own and their country's development, is investing in true, successful and sustainable development.**

This side-event will address questions about how to **galvanize the human resources** needed to achieve transformative global progress and how to develop participatory and inclusive mechanisms for the achievement of the Financing for Development goals and to support the implementation of the post-2015 agenda at all levels. Participants will discuss how to tap the potential of people's participation as a key means of implementation across the board and how the lens of human relationships – between individuals, communities, and nations – illuminates potential paths forward. Finally, the discussion will offer ideas on how the Financing for Development conversation can be people centered and ensure that the needs of the most marginalized groups are directly addressed by the commitments made here in Addis Ababa.



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