

## Global Policy Forum on Development

Thon Hotel City Centre  
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1210 Brussels  
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#PFDGlobal

DRAFT AGENDA	
Monday, 23 March	
14:00-17:00	<b>PFD Regional Meetings</b>
	<b>Objective:</b> <i>This session will allow PFD members to meet by region in order to discuss priorities, key messages for the meeting and to prepare inputs for the session on geographic programming.</i>
Tuesday, 24 March	
8:30-9:00	<b>Registration</b>
9:00-10:30	<p><b>Session 1: The European Commission's new priorities and the role of our partners</b> <b>Session leads: PLATFORMA and CONCORD</b></p> <p><b>Objective:</b> <i>PFD members will discuss the way forward for the implementation of EU development policy with a focus on the priorities of the new EU Commission, the role of partnerships in general and the PFD in particular.</i></p> <p>Debate with <b>Koen Doens</b>, Director General, Directorate General for International Cooperation and Development, European Commission, <b>Tanya Cox</b>, Director, CONCORD Europe and Civil Society Organisations PFD Co-chair and <b>Frédéric Vallier</b>, Secretary General, Council of European Municipalities and Regions, Local Authorities PFD co-chair.</p>
10:30-11:00	<b>Coffee break</b>
11:00-13:00	<p><b>Session 2: Jobs and Growth</b> <b>Financing for development and the role of the private sector in creating jobs and growth</b> <b>Session leads: ITUC, Cooperatives</b></p> <p><b>Objective:</b> <i>This session will look at the priority area of jobs and growth. It will include how we finance for development, via current instruments such as the EU External Investment Plan, blending, and European Fund for Sustainable Development and how we can work towards job creation and growth, leaving no one behind.</i></p>

13:00-14:00	<b>Lunch</b>
14:00-16:00	<p><b>Session 3: Green Deals</b>  <i>Ensuring equality and leave no one behind</i>  <b>Session lead: ITUC</b></p> <p><b>Objective:</b> <i>This session will open a debate around the external dimension of the Green Deals and the role of our partners in ensuring that those most affected by the climate crisis are included in solutions. The session will present the Green Deals and introduce plans for next steps in order to kick off the discussion.</i></p>
16:00-16:30	<b>Coffee break</b>
16:30-18:00	<p><b>Session 4: Digitalisation</b>  <b>Session leads: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</b></p> <p><b>Objective:</b> <i>This session will look at the priority area of digitalisation; what it means and what it can bring in a development cooperation context. The challenges of a human centric digital transformation and what can be done to reduce the digital gap between developed and developing countries.</i></p>
18:00-20:00	<b>Networking cocktail</b>
<b>Wednesday, 25 March</b>	
9:00-10:30	<p><b>Session 5: Gender equality and the EU Gender Action Plan 2021 - 2025 (GAP III)</b>  <i>Broader consultation with invited guests</i>  <b>Session leads: AIMF, CONCORD, APRN</b></p> <p><b>Objective:</b> <i>This session will kick off with feedback from the review of the second Gender Action Plan and invite discussion of evidence-based input to strengthen the third gender action plan</i></p>
10:30-10:45	<b>Coffee break</b>
10:45-13:15	<p><b>Session 6: Programming under the Multi-annual Financial Framework (MFF) 2021 – 2027</b>  <b>Session leads: Cooperatives, PLATFORMA, CONCORD</b></p> <p><b>Objective:</b> <i>This session will start with an update on the MFF and on the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument and on the preparation of the programming phase. It will provide an opportunity for comment and debate, looking at the role of and opportunities for CSOs and LAs throughout the MFF to work in partnership with the EU, including at partner country level. It will focus on geographic and thematic programming and provide an opportunity to hear recommendations from partners and dialogue on potential strategies moving forward.</i></p> <p>After an opening plenary, we will break out by LA and CSO constituencies to discuss geographic and thematic programming recommendations in more detail. Discussion will include inputs on geographic and thematic programming (Civil Society Organisations; Human Rights and Democracy; and Global Challenges).</p>
13:15-14:15	<b>Lunch</b>

14:15-14:45	<b>Session 7: Plenary feedback and programming recommendations</b>
14:45-16:15	<p><b>Session 8: Africa Strategy</b></p> <p><b>Session lead(s): CONCORD with an African organisation</b></p> <p><b>Objective:</b> <i>This session will provide an update on the EU's new strategy for Africa, bringing the Europe and Africa relationship to a next level, building on previous milestones and reflect on joint priorities.</i></p>
16:15-16:30	<b>Coffee break</b>
16:30-18:00	<p><b>Session 9: Post-Cotonou and relations with African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries</b></p> <p><b>Session lead(s): CONCORD with an African organisation</b></p> <p><b>Objective:</b> <i>This session will provide an opportunity for PFD members from ACP countries to discuss the state of play and next steps in the post-Cotonou agreement.</i></p>
<b>Thursday, 26 March</b>	
9:00-10:00	<p><b>Session 10: Conclusions and recommendations</b></p> <p><b>Objective:</b> <i>This session will allow PFD members to discuss the outcomes document from the meeting before sharing some of the conclusions and recommendations in the next session.</i></p>
10:00-10:30	<b>Coffee break</b>
10:30-12:00	<p><b>Session 11: Exchange of views with EU Commissioner for International Partnerships, Jutta Urpilainen</b></p> <p><b>Session leads: PLATFORMA and CONCORD</b></p> <p><b>Objective:</b> <i>In this session, PFD members will share outcomes of the forum's discussions with Commissioner Jutta Urpilainen.</i></p>
12:00-13:30	<b>Lunch</b>