

Webinar, 29th April at 9.30

NEW TRENDS IN COOPERATION. HOW TO BE TRANSFORMATIVE IN A DYSTOPIAN WORLD

Document to inspire the interventions

Background of the initiative

After the Covid19 emergency, what we want to see is a strengthened and cohesive cooperation system that is able to face global challenges in a transformative way. More than ever, it is time to propose and defend a cooperation system that promotes human rights, women equity, cosmopolitan values and connects with citizens nationally and CSOs locally and globally. The new Spanish government committed to reform and recover the cooperation system for the first time in 20 years. After the work carried out by social actors in the Cooperation Council during 2019 and the beginning of 2020, we propose you to embark with us in the next two months in four webinars to build a comprehensive and transformative cooperation reform proposal.

GOALS of the Webinar

- Present the challenges of a new development agenda. A cooperation and solidarity for what?
- Identify how the crisis caused by Covid will affect the cooperation system.
- Identify new trends in the international development cooperation system. Opportunities, threats and strategies to take advantage of them.
- What is happening in the international cooperation system? Between the crisis and the resignification.
- What can we learn from other countries?
- What do we keep in the backpack of the 98-cooperation system? What mistakes should be overcome?

SCHEDULE and ORIENTATIVE QUESTIONS

Strategizing beyond the storm. Challenges of a new transformative development agenda in the emerging post-covid world. (All in English)

Context

It is very disappointing how the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and Paris Agreement are evolving, not delivering the expected results as we saw in the HLPF and UNGA last year. At that moment, the Secretary General urged the main leadership to take a decade of action. In that sense, COP 25 in Madrid reaffirmed how far the world leaders are to tackle climate change as it was claimed on the streets by young people organized in a growing worldwide climate strike movement. What is emerging in the opposite direction are disruption through hegemonic rivalries, conflicts between nations and the advance of autocratic regimes that undermines multilateralism, democracy, leadership, public information and civic space. For the first time since 2001, autocracies are in the majority: 92 countries – home to 54% of the global population.

Behind the scenes we could find the failure and sickness of a fossilized, overfinanciarized and spendthrift economic system that incentives inequalities, work degradation, ecosystems depletion, climate change, corporate capture and impunity and superfluous and overconsumption.

Covid19 has deepened economic inequalities, social vulnerabilities and boosted extreme nationalism movements and a set of solutions that are still domestic-centered and very far from the needs. Globally, the UN claims for a \$2,5 bi plan and as we saw recently, ODA stagnates and IFIs only suspended highly indebted countries payments, and the EU is not able to place neither a robust Covid global response nor an internal economic solution based on solidarity. There is a clear concern that the world that could arise from the pandemic will recover the worst version of the so-called previous normality. Our society is polarized between fear and solidarity and engagement. Under this framework, civil society organizations - and development NGOs - are trying to recover the breath and place their political strategies in this disruptive scenario.

Orientative questions:

How to frame the new emerging political context:

- How to strategize in the storm and after the storm?
- What is useful and recoverable is the former pre-covid political agenda? What is useless? What is new?
- What are the threats are opportunities?
- What could be the role of the EU and Spain in the new context?

How to define a CSO transformative agenda:

- What are the key ingredients to define a political agenda (nationally as well) as transformative CSO and as development cooperation CSO?
- What are the key agendas that we need to focus on and be engaged?
- What alliances?
- How to be influential politically and how to connect with citizens?

Role of SDGs, International cooperation players:

- How Sustainable Development Agenda and National Cooperation systems could be supportive?

Inspiring documents:

- <http://www.socialwatch.org/es/node/18302>
- <https://concordeurope.org/blog/2016/11/16/sustainable-development-report-2016/>
- <https://www.civicus.org/index.php/state-of-civil-society-report-2019>
- https://www.v-dem.net/media/filer_public/f0/5d/f05d46d8-626f-4b20-8e4e-53d4b134bfcb/democracy_report_2020_low.pdf
- http://www.foeeurope.org/sites/default/files/democratic_europe/2020/for_a_europe_that_cares_for_all_-_during_the_covid-19_pandemic_and_beyond.pdf
- https://concordeurope.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Joint-Statement-on-Covid-19_with-additional-signatories-13Apr2020.pdf
- <https://www.sdgwatcheurope.org/documents/2020/04/sdg-watch-europe-steering-group-statement-on-covid-19.pdf/>
- <https://jubileedebt.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/A-debt-jubilee-to-tackle-the-Covid-crisis.pdf>
- <http://forus-international.org/en/resources/74>

TOTAL TIME FOR THIS PART 50'

Speakers:

- 10' Iara Pietricovsky ([Forus](#)) (Video)
- 10' Tanya Cox ([Concord](#))
- 10' Jean Saldana ([Eurodad](#))
- 10' Stefano Prato ([Society for International Development](#))
- 10' Questions

REST OF THE WEBINAR (without details, just for orientation)

45' Trends in the international cooperation system, opportunities and threats.

(All in Spanish)

Speakers:

- 10' CAD, finding its place within the new development agenda, between the reform and the crisis. Diego López (ITUC).

10' Trends in European cooperation within the new commission. Francesca Romana (Concord)

10' What can we learn from other cooperation systems. *Fernando Casado (Centro de Alianzas para el Desarrollo).*

15' Questions

45' What do we keep in the backpack of the 98-cooperation system? What mistakes should be overcome?

Speakers:

10' José María Medina

10' Juana Bengoa

10' Teresa Godoy

15' Questions

10' Final conclusions from the session. Marta Iglesias (Coordinadora)

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