

International NGOs and network resources

ALOP. The Latin American Association of Development Promotion Organizations

(Asociación Latinoamericana de Organizaciones de Promoción) is an association of non-governmental development organizations (NGDOs) from 20 Latin American and Caribbean countries. Founded in 1979, ALOP constitutes one of the most enduring efforts at integrating the NGDOs of the region.

Among its goals are: the creation of a meeting place for the NGDOs that constitute its membership; the design of development proposals for different sectors and at the global level that take into account the experience and knowledge of its associates; the establishment of a proactive relationship with the development actors in Latin America and the Caribbean; and improving the effectiveness of the NGOs working in the area of development by promoting the modernization of their management and technologies and promoting their sustainability.

www.alop.or.cr

Amnesty International is a world-wide movement of people acting on the conviction that governments must not deny individuals their basic human rights. Amnesty International's yearly country by country report is available at:

www.amnesty.org

AI Report 2006 This Amnesty International Report documents human rights abuses in 150 countries around the world. It highlights the need for governments, the international community, armed groups and others in positions of power or influence to take responsibility. It also reflects the vitality of human rights activists globally, whether in local initiatives, international summits or mass demonstrations.

<http://web.amnesty.org/report2006>

AI Campaign on Treaty Bodies disseminates information on the activities of treaty bodies and encourages NGOs and individuals to participate in their work. The website presents a general introduction to the main functions of treaty bodies; a consideration of state party's reports and consideration of individual complaints and a section on the role of NGOs in the work of treaty bodies.

www.amnesty.org/treatybodies

ANND. The Arab NGO Network for Development is a democratic, voluntary, civil, independent, non-sectarian, and non-religious organisation consisting of Arab NGOs and national networks active in the fields of social development, human rights, gender, and the environment. The membership of ANND consists of 30 NGOs and 9 national networks from 12 Arab countries. The network has adopted a strategy of advocacy in three main areas; development policies, democracy and reform initiatives, and globalization and trade. In all the aforementioned areas, ANND's objectives are raising awareness and building the capacities of its members and other civil society groups.

www.annd.org

APC and ITeM are developing a joint project to monitor the implementation and follow-up of the platforms for actions by governments, UN agencies and multilateral organizations, in line with agreements made at the WSIS and other international (global and regional) fora. In the framework of this project, an yearly report will be published which is intended to provide a tool for activism at national, regional and global levels by assessing the political will to turn the agreed commitments into concrete programmes, plans and initiatives that the governments are carrying out, and the involvement of civil society in them.

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ATD Fourth World is an international NGOs dedicated to overcoming extreme poverty. Its goal is to explore all possibilities of partnership with families living in chronic poverty and to encourage more private citizens and public officials to join this effort.

www.atd-quartmonde.org

The Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives

offers an alternative to the message that we have no choice about the policies that affect our lives. The Centre undertakes and promotes research on issues of social and economic justice. It produces research reports, books, opinion pieces, fact sheets and other publications, including *The Monitor*, a monthly digest of progressive research and opinion.

www.policyalternatives.ca

Choike is a portal dedicated to improving the visibility of the work done by NGOs from the South. It serves as a platform where NGOs can disseminate their work and at the same time enrich it with information from diverse sources, presented from the perspective of Southern civil society.

Choike offers:

- A directory of NGOs organised in categories and sub-categories. This is not an exhaustive list but a selection of useful and relevant sites. The directory only contains Southern NGO websites; relevant information from other sources can be found in separate sections.
- A search engine that enables you to find information in the directory's websites. It is a tool designed to allow you to search the sites selected by Choike on the basis of their quality and relevance. NGOs that wish to include the Choike search engine on their websites can do so at the Choike portal.
- A selection of materials produced by NGOs which contain information of relevance to civil society and to people who are interested in what NGOs have to say. These materials can be accessed through in depth reports, articles, news, events, books on line, newsletters, or special projects as IFIs Latin American Monitor and WSISpapers.

- In-depth reports on key issues, which provide comprehensive information and reflect different views, in particular highlighting the position adopted by civil society on these issues.
- Dissemination of NGO actions and campaigns.

Choike is hosted by the Third World Institute (ITeM) in Montevideo, Uruguay, an independent non-profit organisation

www.choike.org

CIDSE The International Cooperation for Development and Solidarity is an alliance of 15 Catholic development organisations from Europe and North America. Since 1967, CIDSE member organisations share a common strategy on development projects and programmes, development education and advocacy.

www.cidse.org

Citizens' Network on Essential Services

works to democratise national and global governance by supporting citizens' groups in developing and transition countries that are engaged in influencing policy decisions about basic services: water, power, education, and health care. CNES contends that citizens and their elected representatives should explore substantive policy alternatives to determine the kind of service provision that can best serve their social, environmental, and development goals.

www.servicesforall.org

CLADEM The Latin American and Caribbean Committee for the Defense of Women's Rights is a women's organisations network that in all Latin America and the Caribbean are committed to unite our efforts to achieve an effective defence of women's rights in the region.

www.cladem.org

COHRE The Centre on Housing Rights and Evictions promotes and protects the right to housing for everyone, everywhere. Its work involves Housing Rights Training; Research and Publications; Monitoring, Preventing and Documenting Forced Evictions; Fact-finding Missions; Housing and Property Restitution; Women's Housing Rights; Active Participation and Advocacy within the United Nations and Regional Human Rights Bodies and activities in all regions of the South.

www.cohre.org

CONCORD is the European confederation of relief and development NGOs. Its 21 national associations and 19 international networks represent over 1.600 NGOs, which are in turn supported by millions of people across Europe. CONCORD coordinates analysis and debate, organizes political action campaigns, and regularly engages in dialogue with the European Institutions and civil society organizations.

www.concordeurope.org

Corporate Accountability aims to facilitate the flow of information among NGOs and social movements who believe that their governments, private sector and civil society need to make greater efforts to ensure the accountability of business and industry, especially transnational corporations, to society. It contains information about ongoing civil society campaigns on corporate accountability and about NGOs and trade unions who are active in this field. It provides comprehensive material on codes of conduct, multi-stakeholder initiatives and intergovernmental processes, as well as best and worst practice cases of corporate behaviour. Its website makes available documents and publications on corporate accountability and links to relevant research institutes and databases.

www.corporate-accountability.org

DAWN Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era is a network of women scholars and activists from the economic South who engage in feminist research and analysis of the global environment and are committed to working for economic justice, gender justice and democracy.

www.dawnorg.org

Dignity International was created by the Council of Europe's Globalisation without Poverty Campaign 1998-2000. Dignity International was established as an independent NGO in 2003. Its mission is to work with the poor and marginalised communities around the world on education and training (capacity building for human rights) programmes focussed on economic, social and cultural rights in the context of its work to promote and defend all human rights for all.

www.dignityinternational.org

EEPA (Europe External Policy Advisors) is a Brussels-based centre of expertise on EU external policies. EEPA works on a wide variety of subjects, including legal frameworks, the annual budget and programming. It also works on specific policy areas such as children's rights, gender equality and HIV/AIDS. EEPA conducts lobbying and advocacy, does research and analysis, organises conferences and works on information dissemination.

www.eepa.be

ESCR-Net The International Network on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights is a collaborative initiative of groups and individuals from around the world working to secure economic and social justice through human rights. ESCR-Net seeks to strengthen the field of all human rights, with a special focus on economic, social and cultural rights, and further develop the tools for achieving their promotion, protection and fulfilment. Through ESCR-Net, groups and individuals can exchange information, and develop a collective voice, amplify their actions, develop new tools and strategies.

www.escr-net.org

EURODAD The European Network on Debt and Development is a network of 48 development NGOs from 15 European countries working for national economic and international financing policies that achieve poverty eradication and the empowerment of the poor.
www.eurodad.org

EUROSTEP European Solidarity Towards Equal Participation of People is a network of autonomous European NGOs working towards peace, justice and equality in a world free of poverty. Its membership, rooted in their own societies, works together to influence Europe's role in the world, particularly in pursuing the eradication of injustice and poverty. It advocates changes in Europe's policies and practice based on the perspectives drawn from direct experiences of an active involvement of its members and their partners in development in over 100 countries across the world.
www.eurostep.org

FES - Dialogue on Globalization As part of the international work of the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Dialogue on Globalization contributes worldwide to the debate on globalization and global governance. It is based on the premise that - through an inclusive and responsive global policy approach - globalization can be shaped into a direction that promotes peace, democracy and social justice.

Through conferences, workshops and publications Dialogue on Globalization addresses "movers and shakers" (politicians, trade unionists, representatives from NGOs, international organizations and academia) both in developing countries and in the industrialized parts of the world.
www.fes-globalization.org

GCAP (Global Call to Action against Poverty) is a worldwide alliance committed to making world leaders live up to their promises, and to making a breakthrough on poverty in 2005. It is an alliance between a range of actors around the common cause of ending poverty: existing coalitions, community groups, trade unions, individuals, religious and faith groups, campaigners and more. You can find updated information about the campaigns in different countries all over the world at:
www.whiteband.org

Gender Watch EU The main objective of the project consists in enabling women NGOs/networks in NMS, Accession Countries and EU Neighbouring Countries to cooperate in monitoring and lobbying the EU on its development policies in order to make the EU commitment to advance gender equality and its translation into policy, action, and allocation of resources reflected in EU assistance to countries of the region.
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www.neww.org

HIC (Habitat International Coalition) is the global movement specialized in human settlements since 1976, which comprises some 450 members in 80 countries, in the North and South. They include NGOs, community-based organizations, social movements, academic and research centres, professional associations and like-minded individuals dedicated to the struggle against deprivation of well-being and for realizing the human right to adequate housing for all. Further information on HIC's mission, members and activities can be found at HIC's Housing and Land Rights Network, Middle East and North Africa:
www.hic-mena.org

Information on the HIC's Latin American Secretariat:
www.hic-al.org

Human Rights Watch is an independent NGO supported by contributions from private individuals and foundations worldwide. Human Rights Watch is the largest human rights organization based in the United States. Human Rights Watch researchers conduct fact-finding investigations into human rights abuses in all regions of the world. Human Rights Watch then publishes those findings in dozens of books and reports every year, generating extensive coverage in local and international media.
www.hrw.org

ICAE (International Council for Adult Education) is a global partnership of adult learners and adult educators and their organizations, and others who promote the use of adult learning as a tool for informed participation of people and sustainable development. In the emergence of knowledge-society the ICAE promotes lifelong learning as a necessary component for people to contribute creatively to their communities and live in independent and democratic societies.
www.icae.org.uy

ICSW (International Council for Social Welfare) is an international NGO which represents national and local organisations in more than 50 countries throughout the world. ICWS works for the cause of social welfare, social justice and social development. It publishes Social Development Review which focuses on the monitoring of governmental and non-governmental action referred to the World Summit on Social Development.
www.icsw.org

IDS (Institute for Development Studies) is an internationally renowned centre for research and teaching on development, established in 1966. IDS also hosts many innovative information and knowledge management services.
www.ids.ac.uk/ids

IHRIP (International Human Rights Internship Program) works to help strengthen the human rights movement by facilitating the exchange of information and experience among human rights organisations. IHRIP supports professional development and exchange projects for the staff of human rights organisations and activists. Drawing on the experiences of activists in countries around the world, the Program has also produced a number of informational and training resources, most recently on economic, social and cultural rights.
www.ihrip.org

IPS (Inter Press Service) is civil society's leading news agency and an independent voice for development coming from the South. IPS intends to inherit the goals of the former co-operative of journalists and to carry forward its ideals. It is a public-benefit organisation for development co-operation. Its main objective is to contribute to development by promoting free communication and a professional flow of information to reinforce technical and economic co-operation among developing countries.
www.ips.org

Jubilee Research@ NEF is the official successor organisation of Jubilee 2000 UK. Jubilee research maintains contact with the campaigning groups around the world which have taken on the work of the Jubilee 2000 campaign.
www.jubileeresearch.org

KAIROS The Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives unites churches and religious organisations. They deliberate on issues of common concern, advocate for social change and join with people of faith and goodwill in action for social transformation.
www.kairoscanada.org

LDC Watch was established after the Third UN Conference on the LDCs, by civil society activists who took part in the Conference. It is an alliance of well-established regional and national civil society organisations based in the Least Developed Countries with support from development partner countries. LDC Watch monitors the implementation of the BPOA, ensures that civil society is included in this implementation, and acts as a coordinating group for LDC civil society activities, particularly in relation to the key issues of poverty reduction, trade, debt, human rights, good governance and conflict. Its members implement a programme of lobbying, networking and advocacy at national and international levels to ensure that the BPOA is implemented by LDC governments and their development partners.
www.rrn.org.np/ldc_watch/index.htm

Mani Tese is an Italian NGO operating at the national and international level to further justice, solidarity and respect among peoples. Its objectives are to raise public awareness about the causes of poverty in the South, lobbying policy makers and institutions on this issue, and implementing development projects which besides responding to the needs of the poor may initiate a process of self determination and self reliance.
www.manitese.it

MARCOSUR Feminist Articulation Organisations from Uruguay, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay, Argentina, Bolivia and Peru, national coordinators and networks, founded this initiative at a meeting in Montevideo in September 2000, with the following three basic objectives: to politically influence the debates and the process of regional integration in a way that broadens citizenship and deepens democracy; to strengthen articulation between social movements and in particular, to use the feminist presence established within these joint spaces to empower and influence the whole of society; and to consolidate the MARCOSUR Feminist Articulation as an active current of thought which will foment organisation at regional level, with a basis in national organising processes, in order to strengthen women's political influence in the processes of regional integration and in defence of economic, social and cultural rights.
www.mujiresdelsur.org.uy

ODI (Overseas Development Institute) is Britain's leading independent think-tank on international development and humanitarian issues. ODI's mission is to inspire and inform policy and practice which lead to the reduction of poverty, the alleviation of suffering and the achievement of sustainable livelihoods in developing countries. ODI's work centres on its research and policy groups and programmes.
www.odi.org.uk

OXFAM International is a confederation of 12 organizations working together with over 3,000 partners in more than 100 countries to find lasting solutions to poverty, suffering and injustice.
www.oxfaminternational.org

Public Citizen is a national, non-profit consumer advocacy organisation founded by Ralph Nader in 1971 to represent consumer interests in the US Congress, the executive branch and the courts. Public Citizen fights for openness and democratic accountability in government, for the right of consumers to seek redress in the courts; for clean, safe and sustainable energy sources; for social and economic justice in trade policies; for strong health, safety and environmental protections; and for safe, effective and affordable prescription drugs and health care.
www.citizen.org

Reality of Aid Project is a major north/south international non-governmental initiative focusing exclusively on analysis and lobbying for poverty eradication policies and practices in the international aid regime. It brings together more than 40 civil society networks working in the field of international cooperation in the 22 donor countries, in Asia, the Americas and Africa. The Reality of Aid project aims to contribute to more effective international aid and development cooperation strategies to eliminate poverty, based on principles of North/South solidarity and equity.
www.realityofaid.org

REPEM (Women's Popular Education Network) is a non-profit civil society organization founded in 1981. It brings together 140 NGOs and women activists and academics of the Latin American and Caribbean countries. REPEM is the regional representation for Latin America of DAWN (Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era) and the Management Office of GEO/ICAE (Gender and Education Office of the International Council for Adult Education).

www.repem.org.uy

SAPRIN (Structural Adjustment Participatory Review International Network) is a global network established to expand and legitimise the role of civil society in economic policymaking and to strengthen the organised challenge to structural adjustment programmes by citizens around the globe. The network is working with a broad range of citizens' groups in various countries on four continents to organise public processes to assess the real impact of World Bank and IMF-supported economic-reform programs and to chart a new course for the future.

www.saprin.org

SUNS The South-North Development Monitor is a unique source of information and analysis on international development issues with particular focus on North-South and South-South negotiations. Over the years SUNS has provided unique in-depth coverage of the activities of the Non-Aligned countries, the Group of 77 and other regional and inter-regional groups of the South and the NGOs. The SUNS has been an important source of information, from the Southern perspective, of the processes of negotiations, formal and informal, of GATT and the Uruguay Round, the Mid-Term Review Process, the Brussels Ministerial Session and since then, the UNCTAD Conferences, and of the entire debates and dialogue on environment/development issues, the Earth Summit and other major UN Conferences, as well as their follow-up.

www.sunsonline.org

The **Tax Justice Network** is a global network which arose out of meetings at the European Social Forum in Florence, 2002, and at the World Social Forum in Porto Alegre, 2003. It is a response to harmful trends in global taxation, which threaten states' ability to tax the wealthy beneficiaries of globalisation.

www.taxjustice.net

The **Third World Network** (TWN) is an independent non-profit international network of organisations and individuals involved in issues relating to development, the Third World and North-South issues. Its objectives are to conduct research on economic, social and environmental issues pertaining to the South; to publish books and magazines; to organise and participate in seminars; and to provide a platform representing broadly Southern interests and perspectives at international fora such as the UN conferences and processes. Its recent and current activities include: the publication of the daily SUNS (South - North Development Monitor) bulletin from Geneva, Switzerland, the fortnightly Third World Economics and the monthly Third World Resurgence; the publication of TWN Features; the publication of books on environment and economic

issues; the organising of various seminars and workshops; and participation in international processes such as UNCED and the World Bank - NGO Committee.

The TWN's international secretariat is based in Penang, Malaysia. It has offices in Montevideo, Uruguay (for South America); Geneva, Switzerland; and Accra, Ghana.

www.twinside.org.sg

Third World Network-Latin America publishes the monthly magazine *Revista del Sur* and *Tercer Mundo Económico*:

www.revistadelsur.org.uy

www.redtercermundo.org.uy

Third World Network -Africa publishes *African Agenda*:

<http://twnafrica.org/>

Tobin Tax Initiative, CEED/IIRP is a proposal to tax currency transactions on foreign exchange markets, through multilateral co-operation, and to utilise the revenue for basic environmental and human needs. Such a tax will tame currency market volatility and restore national economic sovereignty.

www.ceedweb.org/iirp/

Trade Observatory is a joint project between IATP (Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy), Friends of the Earth International, and Centre for International Environmental Law that monitors WTO activity in Geneva in an effort to facilitate advocacy by civil society actors to redress imbalances in the world trading system. WTO Watch has merged with the IATP Trade Observatory to provide the most comprehensive collection of information resources related to trade, globalisation and sustainable development.

www.tradeobservatory.org/

Transparency International is an international non-governmental organisation devoted to combating corruption, bringing civil society, business, and governments together in a powerful global coalition. Through its International Secretariat and more than 90 independent national chapters around the world, it works at the national and international level to curb both the supply and demand of corruption.

www.transparency.org

WEDO (Women's Environment and Development Organisation) is an international advocacy organisation that seeks to increase the power of women worldwide as policymakers at all levels in governments, institutions and forums to achieve economic and social justice, a healthy and peaceful planet, and human rights for all.

www.wedo.org

WEED was founded in 1990 as an independent non-governmental organization with offices in Berlin and Bonn. WEED is campaigning for the globalization of democracy, justice, human rights and environmental sustainability. WEED thinks that this requires a fair world economic system, a fundamental change in international institutions like the IMF, World Bank and WTO and a democratization of our World Order.

www.weed-online.org/themen/english.html

World Council of Churches is a fellowship of 342 churches, in more than 100 countries in all continents from virtually all-Christian traditions.

www.wcc-coe.org

The **World Guide** is a reference book updated every two years. It includes more than 240 countries of the world with their history, maps, statistics and the main challenges they face. The World Guide 2005-2006 contains a round-up of global issues such as the current armed conflicts and human security, the economies of the future, energy (its shortcomings and alternatives), Latin America today, the Information Society and the actual beneficiaries of Official Development Assistance. The World Guide is currently available in Spanish, English and Italian.

The publication is regularly updated in Spanish online:

www.guiadelmundo.org.uy

World Social Forum is an open meeting place where social movements, networks, NGOs and other civil society organizations opposed to neo-liberalism and a world dominated by capital or by any form of imperialism come together to pursue their thinking, to debate ideas democratically, to formulate proposals, share their experiences freely and network for effective action. Since the first world encounter in 2001, it has taken the form of a permanent world process seeking and building alternatives to neo-liberal policies.

In Brazil:

www.forumsocialmundial.org.br

The 7th World Social Forum will be held from January 20 to 25, in Nairobi (Kenya).

www.socialforum.or.ke

WorldWatch Institute is an independent research organization that works for an environmentally sustainable and socially just society, in which the needs of all people are met without threatening the health of the natural environment or the well-being of future generations. By providing accessible and fact-based analysis of critical global issues, Worldwatch informs people around the world about the complex interactions between people, nature, and economies.

www.worldwatch.org

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