

STATEMENT of Asia-Pacific Regional CSO Engagement Mechanism (AP-RCEM)

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I speak on behalf the RCEM, a regional engagement platform of social movements and civil society network and organizations in Asia-Pacific. We affirm that the OWG-SDG outcome must be central in the post-2015 development agenda, both in substance and process. Goals and targets that are most strategic for Asia-Pacific such as those on human rights, social and economic justice, gender equality, community empowerment, decent work, labor migration, climate change, environment, governance and accountability must be preserved, even strengthened. The SDGs must be transformative in reality in order to end poverty, marginalization and inequality.

The principles that underpin the SDGs must guide the post-2015 development agenda as a whole including MoI and Review. This must be explicitly stated in the political Declaration. Adherence to basic human rights, gender empowerment, transparency, inclusiveness and accountability, CBDR and the Rio principles should frame the discussions in financing, technology facilitation and capacity building. Communities, including women must be active participants in all phases of the technology cycle, including technology assessment, not just as mere recipients of technologies. New technologies must be evaluated with active participation of potentially-affected sectors and communities to ensure cultural appropriateness, social and economic equity, and environmental sustainability.

As we engage in the FfD3 processes and as it feeds into the MoI pillar of the post-2015 development agenda, we expect that systemic issues in trade, aid, capital flows and global financial architecture that are the root of many development issues will be squarely tackled in Addis. While there may be opportunities in integrating other MoI such as technology transfer into the FfD3 process, we are concerned that this may not be strategic since the heart of such crucial issues as IPR and technology assessment are beyond the scope of FfD.

Borrowing the House analogy used by the Netherlands' Ambassador this morning: While the political Declaration comprises the Roof, the SDGs and MoI are the pillars/foundations, and Follow-up and Review is the floor of the post-2015 development agenda, we strongly believe that Development Justice principles will make this house a Home for the world's poor, marginalized and disempowered.

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