

INVITATION

ON TRACK FOR CHANGE?

DANISH CIVIL SOCIETY RALLY 2013, COPENHAGEN
SUNDAY 27TH – MONDAY 28TH OCTOBER



Registration before 17 October: www.tagdel.dk/ontrackforchange

 *The world is changing, and so is the role of civil society
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What is the future role of civil society? Be inspired, engage in dialogue and gain a greater understanding of the challenges and opportunities civil society will face in the coming decade. Participate in the Danish Civil Society Rally 2013 and have your opinion on our role as global citizens of the future heard.

A changing world

The world as we know it is changing. In the coming two decades new, emerging economies will disrupt former North/South dichotomies and lessen the blatant inequality between North and South. Inequality is likely to increase internally within nation states. Competition over vital natural resources will increase and all over the world environmental issues and climate change will force us to alter our consumption patterns. Urbanisation will accelerate dramatically, and job creation for the coming generations living in the urban centres will remain a huge challenge. Technological development has enabled financial capital to reach previously unseen levels of power. International capital transfers have increased exponentially and pose a challenge for international financial stability and democratic governance. Yet new technologies, especially with-in communication, have also opened new spheres of social organization and spaces of resistance for global civil society.



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New partnerships and development finance

While foreign direct investment and other capital transfers have increased substantially since the mid nineties, the proportion of 'traditional' development aid in the global economy has decreased. In the future new modes of financing for development will occupy an important place on international agendas and the roles of the international institutions and multilateral donor agencies will change. This will influence development cooperation and cooperation with civil society organisations. Increasingly civil society organisations all over the world face shared agendas as the challenges become more global. Issues such as climate change, resource depletion, food security, tax havens, tax evasion, forced migration and human rights abuses will gain momentum. The civil society partners in the South will most likely no longer need the kind of support the Northern partners have been delivering, and private businesses will possibly become major recipients as well as deliverers of development aid in the future. New types of partnerships will be formed.

Input to the new Danish Civil Society Policy

The Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs is formulating a new civil society policy due to be ready at the beginning of 2014. It is therefore the right moment for the Danish civil society to meet and discuss civil society's role in the future. And the right moment to invite international friends and partners to contribute with their insights and perspectives. The outcome of the discussions during the Rally will serve as input to the new civil society policy.

Time:

Sunday 27 October 2013: 9.00am–9pm
Monday 28 October 2013: 8.30am– 4pm

Place:

Lokomotivværkstedet
Otto Busses Vej 5A
2450 Copenhagen

Registration

Registration for all participants
before 17 October:
www.tagdel.dk/ontrackforchange

Fee:

350 DKK for Danish participants.

Registration is free for invited resource persons and partners from the global south.

Online debate:

www.tagdel.dk/ontrackforchange

The final programme will be available at:

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Day 1:

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

Sunday 27th



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9–10am: Registration, tea and coffee

10–11am: Welcome and warm up - expect a surprise!

SESSION 1

11am–3pm (including lunch): Looking to the future

This session will be based on a keynote speech and three concurrent thematic debates on major trends and themes for the future role and work of civil societies.

Keynote speech

Theory of change – Who and what will be the drivers?

Will the world be a better, more just and sustainable place to live in 10–15 years time? Who and what will have been the drivers of change? What role will civil society have played and how?

Solidarity and conflict – What will be the issues and what will unite and divide us?

Poverty, inequality, climate change, accountability, human rights? What will be the issues on which we can build international solidarity and joint action? What will divide us and where will the lines of conflict be at state level, within civil society and the market?

The state, the private sector, multinational institutions and aid – Who will play what roles and how will we as civil society organisations relate to the different actors?

How will development finance and the aid architecture change and what implications will this have for the role of Danish and International NGOs? How will the role and structure of the private sector change? What role will civil society play in relation to the private sector, the state and the multinational institutions and what will be the added value?



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SESSION 2

3–7pm: New challenges and opportunities

Based on twelve parallel workshops followed by open space sessions this session will explore future opportunities and challenges within five major development themes and trends. The issues explored during this session will lead to the identification of the agendas for the second day of the Rally.

HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY

- ➔ **Solidarity, campaigning and new social media in 2020**
- ➔ **Civil society from the bottom**
- ➔ **Transformation or preservation - The role of faith-based organisations**

GREEN GROWTH

- ➔ **The role of the private sector and the emerging new social economy**
- ➔ **Green growth, green transformation and sustainable development models**

SOCIAL PROGRESS

- ➔ **The role of civil society in securing people's social rights in fragile states as well as in functioning states**
- ➔ **Urbanisation, urban displacement and the urban poor**

STABILITY AND PROTECTION

- ➔ **Fragile states, humanitarian responses and the link to development**
- ➔ **Natural resources, power struggles and conflicts – the role of civil society in 2020**

GLOBAL AGENDAS

- ➔ **Citizen engagement, global citizenship, emerging social movements and organisational forms**
- ➔ **Finance for development and the role of aid in 2020**
- ➔ **Strengthening co-operation between civil society organisations and international organisations in development practice and policy processes from the global to the local level**

7–8pm: Light dinner

A bar will be available for participants to buy their own drinks.

8–9pm: Entertainment - in Danish.

Day 2

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Monday 28th



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8.30–9am: Registration, tea and coffee

SESSION 3

9am–1pm: Suggestions for future action for Danish civil society

Co-create key messages for the future.

Based on the discussions and briefing notes from sessions 1 and 2 this session will identify the key messages and actions for our future work and serve as input to the new civil society policy.

In thematic work stations we generate the key messages for the future based on the emerging agendas of the Rally's first day's work.

1–2pm: Lunch

SESSION 4

2–4pm: On track for change?

Identifying and mandating representatives/ambassadors for the key agendas and messages

Conclusions from the discussions will be drawn up. Support for the conclusions will be sought and the representatives/ambassadors will commit to draw on the conclusions as input to the new civil society policy.



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FOLLOW-UP

NGO FORUM's standing committee/ambassadors will meet within two weeks after the Rally to discuss:

- 1) How the outcomes can be included in the development of the new civil society policy.
- 2) How emerging agendas and messages can be promoted over the coming years.

PARTICIPANTS

- Danish civil society representatives
- Danish researchers, politicians, private sector representatives, individual opinion makers and other stakeholders
- International resource persons, INGO representatives, representatives from social movements and NGOs, CBOs with particular interests and viewpoints on the future role of civil society in development

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

For participants travelling to Copenhagen, we are offering basic accommodation from Saturday night until Monday afternoon free of charge at:

Mellempfolkelig Samvirke
Fælledvej 12
2200 Copenhagen N.

This accommodation is offered on a first come, first served basis. Please notify Maria Thye Møller (mtm@ngoforum.dk) before the 9th of October 2013 if you need accommodation.

The Danish NGO FORUM will arrange transport to/from Fælledvej on Sunday morning and evening as well as Monday morning.



NGO FORUM is a Danish membership body for non-profit organisations working in international development. NGO FORUM has over 60 member organisations ranging from large bodies with a world-wide presence to smaller, specialist organisations working in certain regions or with specific groups of people. Together with the member organisations NGO FORUM facilitate active engagement between the Danish civil society organisations, the politicians and governmental bodies as well as the media.

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