Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) Forum: Ensuring Inclusiveness and Sustainability in Development Interventions

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OVERVIEW:

Building inclusive communities is the task of civil society. Improving governance and market alone will not lead to achievement of the SDGs; it requires communities to become inclusive. Until communities stop excluding people based on gender, class, religion...etc, efforts to achieve the SDGs will always fall short. Inclusive communities are vital for achieving the SDGs as well as any mission of the MDBs. Thus; it is of paramount importance to ensure inclusiveness and sustainability measures in our development efforts.

The Forum aims at exploring the best practices followed by development institutions to ensure inclusivity and sustainability in development efforts in the economic and social sectors. In specific, it aims to:

- Highlight current and future challenges and issues related to inclusive development especially in the post COVID Recovery time.
- Introduce the two important programs dedicated for supporting the CSOs, and its technical and financial support provided to CSOs during the Pandemic, which improve the CSOs roles and contribute to the inclusiveness and sustainability of their interventions.
- Showcase and share experiences of best practices in ensuing sustainability of interventions.

KEY ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED:

- How to ensure inclusiveness and equitable development in our interventions.
- What are emerging opportunities and prospects for promoting inclusive development through ongoing globalization process and technological progress.
- The importance of building a network of partners from the CSOs in the different areas of development among all OIC member countries “building their capacities and make them standby for any future emergencies”
- What are the main current challenges in achieving inclusive and sustainable growth in development?
- How is inclusive development a Multi-disciplinary issue?
- What hinders the sustainability of operations in our development interventions, and how to address these challenges
- How to improve the efficiency of the development programs provided by different actors for the sustainability of the CSOs

SPEAKERS:

Haidy Ear-Dupuy, Head NGO and Civil Society Center (NGOC) at the Asian Development Bank, leads the Bank’s engagement with civil society organizations. The NGOC, through its institution-wide network of staff in the operations, provides institutional coordination and technical support to mainstream citizens engagement, CSOs engagement, and CSOs collaboration for development effectiveness.
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Olena Koval is the Head of Private Sector Partnerships and Civil Society Engagement at EBRD. In her current role, Olena manages the Bank’s engagement with the civil society organisations, other various civic space stakeholders and private sector philanthropy players. Olena has been with the EBRD for over 20 years. Prior to moving into Partnerships, Olena was with the Business Development Unit, serving as the EBRD Head of Business Development from 2010 until 2017. Olena has a Masters in Computer Science from Lviv State Polytechnics University (Ukraine) and Masters of Research in Information Management from the University of North London. She also graduated from the Executive Strategic Marketing Management Programme at Chicago Booth Business School. Prior to joining the EBRD, Olena worked in the Ukrainian public sector and in public relations management in the UK.

Mohamed Abdelrahman is the CEO, Misr El Khair, leading a strong team of professionals and contributing to a yearly 1.5 billion pounds UNESCO prize winning organization and getting this organization to be number 1 in Egypt for the past 4 consecutive years on different levels. He built there several new functions and departments: Audit & Quality, Risk Management, Crisis Management, Business Continuity, Whistle-Blowing, Competitive Intelligence...etc. In addition to being fully responsible of the formulation and implementation of 2 out of 3 rounds of strategy with their fully fledged plans, strategic objectives, tactics, budgets and their associated organizational structures.

Mansur Muhtar joined IsDB in December 2015 as Vice President Country Programs Complex. During his tenure in Islamic Development Bank, Dr. Mansur has served as Ag. Group Chief Economist, and Ag. Chief Product and Partnerships Officer. Prior to joining IsDB, Dr. Mansur served as Executive Director in the Board of the World Bank Group (2011-2014), as well as Co-Chair of the UN Inter-Governmental Committee of Expertson Sustainable Development Finance (2013-2014). Served as Minister of Finance, Budget and Economic Development for the Federal Republic of Nigeria and as Chairman ofthe Country’s National Economic Management team (2008-2010). His contribution to the national development during his tenure is appreciated via the Nigeria National Honors Award – Officer of the Federal Republic (OFR)

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Abdimajid Moalin Abdullahi joined the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) in 2007. As Head of the Social Development in the Resilience and Social Development Department, he is currently overseeing fragility, resilience, civil society engagement, youth and women empowerment in IsDB member countries (MCS) in Africa, Asia, Latin America, Middle East and Europe. He has led the development of the first-ever IsDB policies and strategies addressing fragility, building resilience, empowering civil society, and reducing disaster risk. He has initiated and led successful transformative initiatives such as NGO Empowerment for Poverty Reduction Program, economic empowerment programs for refugees and hosting communities, IsDB Resilience Index, Resilience Report and application of efficient operational tools and frameworks. Previously, he led and managed a portfolio of over US$1.5 billion in skills
development, expanding quality of education, strengthening youth employability through education for employment (e4e) and education for competitiveness (e4c), entrepreneurship development and increasing the role of education in addressing violent conflict, and building sustainable peace and development in the MCs.