



## Chinese, South American and European CSOs join hands in progress for change

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**Beijing:** The “Second China-Europe-South America Dialogue Meeting: Civil Societies in Progress for Change” was held from 28-30 May 2013 in Beijing. More than 20 distinguished CSO delegates representing 17 organizations from the three regions attended the meeting to discuss issues of common concern relating to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and sustainable development post-2015.

This tripartite dialogue, initiated during 2012 at the Rio+20 Conference in Brazil, was hosted by the China Association for NGO Cooperation (CANGO) and co-organized by the China-Europa Forum (CEF).

The workshop had a special focus on the role of civil society in the challenge of building sustainable societies. Delegates shared cases with concrete and successful initiatives or projects, and lessons from national and international poverty eradication and sustainability campaigns and policies. They also explored potential collaborations in the future.

Moreover, the delegates discussed a joint statement and recommendations for the MGD evaluation and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) framework which would replace the MDG framework in 2015. The joint statement would include the lessons learned from the MDG process, a description of remaining regional priorities for sustainable development in China, Europe and South America, a summary of main points to be integrated into the future SDG framework, recommendations for enhanced cooperation for sustainable development between the three regions and a shared vision for the transition to a new development paradigm.

The statement and recommendations will be submitted to the national governments and inform the United Nations process on SDG development. The full statement will be available on the websites of the organizers.

The Tripartite Dialogue Platform was initiated by the CEF and its partners, and formally announced at an on-site side-event entitled “Another Future is Possible, Civil Societies in Action” on 17 June 2012 in Rio de Janeiro during the Rio+20 Summit. More than 40 representatives from the three continents attended the roundtable, covering themes of poverty eradication, sustainable societies and biocivilization.

A future tripartite meeting of the CSOs is planned for 2014.

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- Forum for a New World Governance (Chile)
- The Citizen Movement on Climate Change (Peru)
- Network for Democracy and Equity (Argentina)
- Nature Code - Center of Development and Environment (Bolivia/Europe)

### Europe

- Association 4D (France)
- ATD Fourth World (Belgium/international)
- Fondation Charles Léopold Mayer pour le Progrès de l'Homme (France/Switzerland)
- CONCORD (Belgium)
- Brott fuer Alle (Switzerland)

### China

- United Nations Association of China
- China-Europe Forum (CEF)
- China Foundation for Poverty Alleviation
- South-North Institute for Sustainable Development
- The Maple Women's Psychological Counseling Center
- Promotion Association for Mountain-River-Lake Regional Sustainable Development of Jiangxi Province
- China Association for NGO Cooperation (CANGO)