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## The First Global Assembly of the Open Forum for CSO Development Effectiveness



Montreal, Canada  
August 24, 25 and 26, 2010

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The Open Forum for CSO Development Effectiveness ([www.cso-effectiveness.org](http://www.cso-effectiveness.org)) is pleased to announce the dates for the First Global Assembly of the Open Forum process. At this Global Assembly, to be held August 24-26 2010 in Montreal, Canada, we hope to achieve the following:

- Through the Global Facilitation Group (GFG) of the Open Forum, present a draft framework on CSO development effectiveness to the Global Assembly for discussion. This framework will be based on the results from all Open Forum consultations that will have taken place until end of July 2010.
- Share, discuss and analyze the consolidated report and experiences of the Open Forum consultation process to date
- Explore the emerging perspectives on CSO development effectiveness, including the rights, roles and responsibilities of CSOs as actors in development
- Initiate a multi-stakeholder debate with governments, donors and other development actors on CSO development effectiveness and the enabling environment for CSOs.
- Renew the membership and mandate of the Global Facilitation Group.

**Background:** The Open Forum consultations began with a series of four regional workshops in Europe, Latin America, Asia and Africa, as well as some pilot national consultations in late 2009 and early 2010. Through the regional workshops, a number of platforms and networks of CSOs have organised country consultations, most of which will be taking place from March to July 2010. These consultations bring together CSOs to discuss principles for CSO development effectiveness and mechanisms, guidelines or indicators for their implementation, as well as minimum standards for enabling conditions. Where appropriate, they will include multi-stakeholder dialogues with governments, donors and other development actors.

The results of these consultations will be consolidated, and then presented and discussed at the Global Assembly as a draft holistic framework for CSO development effectiveness. The proposed framework will remain under discussion in the months following the first Global Assembly until a second Global Assembly in mid-2011, where CSOs will finalise the proposed framework and mobilise for the High-Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness in Seoul in late-2011. For more information on the Open Forum for CSO Development Effectiveness, please visit our website: [www.cso-effectiveness.org](http://www.cso-effectiveness.org).

Information on how you can participate in the Global Assembly will be forthcoming shortly! The Open Forum's Global Facilitating Group are now developing criteria for participation to ensure balanced representation of the CSOs involved in the Open Forum process as well as conditions for subsidies for participants. Please keep watching the Open Forum website for registration details, which will be available in mid-April.