Annex 6
A Study of Formal Relationships between Civil Society and Multilateral Bodies: Accreditation and Other Consultative Modalities – PowerPoint Presentation

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Three distinctive types of CSOs from the point of view of their representation

1. Organizations represent the views of their members.
2. Organizations represent the rights of those voices that are not heard, such as children, the poor, and refugees. In other words, they defend the interests of society's under-served population.
3. Organizations address wider issues such as environmental issues and human rights issues.

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Institutionalized Modality

- A non-state actor has its own governing body and organizational structure and interacts with a multilateral as one collective organizational entity.
- A non-state actor is fully integrated in the multilateral organizational structure and governance;
- It is on an equal footing with the multilateral.
- It has rights and responsibilities.

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Accreditation/Consultation Modality

- The multilateral concerned defines criteria of non-state actor engagement and it grants a prescribed status.
- The relationship between the two parties is vertical.
- Non-state actor interacts with the multilateral individually, as an individual entity. Non-state actors do not have an official collective entity.
- Non-state actor is not integrated into the multilaterals structure.
- Non-state actor has privileges (benefits) and obligations as defined by the host multilateral.

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Cooperation Agreement Modality

- The multilateral draws up a contractual agreement, defining selection criteria, the nature of activities, as well as administrative and financial procedures.
- The relationship is a vertical, contractor and service-provider relationship (though their relationship is often called a "partnership").
- Non-state actor interacts with the body as an individual entity (individual organization applies or bids to get a contract).
- Non-state actors are not an integral part of the multilateral.
- Non-state actor provides certain services under specific terms and conditions and gets remunerated as prescribed by the multilateral.

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Lessons Learned

- Do the homework
- Build trust and credibility
- Work on multi-levels, various channels and leverage points
- Understand governments' behaviour patterns
- Limitations of accreditation modality

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Key Elements/Components for Accreditation

1. Statutory provisions/defining documents (where terms of reference are set out)
2. Eligible organizations (e.g. type, geographical reach)
3. Type of accreditation (e.g. temporary, on-going)
4. Category/status
5. Requirements (e.g. proof of NGO status, proof of activities, financial information)
6. Eligible issues for CSO input into multilateral decisions (e.g. economic, social, religious)
7. Benefits (e.g. access to documents, the ability to place items on the agenda, the ability to participate in discussions)

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Key Elements/Components for Accreditation (Continued)

8. Obligations (e.g. reporting requirement)
9. Process for gaining accreditation
10. Decision making body, its composition & process
11. Maintaining the status
12. Procedures for the withdrawal or suspension of consultative status
13. Right to redress (e.g. refused accreditation, lost status)
14. Secretariat

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Level & Nature of Civil Society Engagement

Levels of CS engagement	Institutional modality	Accreditation modality	Operational collaboration modality
Decision-making	Voting rights		CSOs on the Governing Board
Influencing	Mandatory consultation		
		Participate in discussion	Project/field operation specific
		Place items on the agenda	Little system-wide engagement
		Deliver written or oral statements	Influence through
		Attend formal meetings/sessions	monitoring, evaluating etc.
		Chance to interact with delegates etc.	
Access		Seating during meetings	Project/field operation specific
		Meeting space for CS meetings	
		Access to documents	
		Access to facilities	
Nature of relationship with	Equal partner	Host and Guest	Contractor and service provider
multilaterals	Rights and responsibility	Privileges and obligations	Service provision and remuneration

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