



Women's Rights in Development Aid Instruments

Agreements and Common Grounds

Democracy, Development, Interculturality, and Feminism

Recognize democracy, human rights, gender equality, and interculturality as axes for the structure of development and form the starting point for the Consonant Dialogues.

Development cooperation should contribute to the affirmation of women's citizenship, taking into account their multiple diversities and inequalities, strengthening social organizations and fomenting capacities that guarantee the participation of urban and rural women in all their racial, ethnic, sexual, generational, and social diversity in the struggle for their rights.

The strengthening of social organizations as actors for democracy and development is a necessary condition for the sustainability of a culture of rights and democratic living.

The most efficient and sustainable path for eradicating poverty is the full exercise of human, political, economic, social, cultural, reproductive, sexual, and environmental rights.

In the current context of development cooperation, which includes as one of its expressions the reduction of the flow of funds to Latin America, feminist networks and organizations, Spanish Cooperation and its distinct actors, UNIFEM, INSTRAW, PNUD, GENDERNET-UE, and the participants in this seminar agree to move forward in action agreements that permit more and better results for gender equality and women's empowerment in the development countries in the region, in accord with international agreements (CEDAW, Beijing, Cairo, Vienna, Copenhagen, Durban, Quito Consensus) and following up on the commitments made in the Paris Declaration, among member and donor countries and international organisms.

In this context we reaffirm the need for:

1. Strengthening the feminist and women's movements in all their diversity (indigenous, Afro-American, sexual, urban, and rural) as political and social actors, supporting their institutional development and autonomy.
2. Development cooperation should prioritize interventions sustained over time, from an efficacy perspective.
3. Create new instances of articulation among Spanish cooperation, feminist organizations, and participating international organizations, so that political confidence, transparency, and mutual responsibility can be strengthened based on the agreements reached in the two dialogues (Montevideo 2008 and Lima 2010).
4. The strategic issues planned for the feminist movement and women's organizations are central for a



n efficacy perspective, especially those referring to political, economic, social, and cultural autonomy, body sovereignty, revaluing caring work, social inclusion, elimination of racism, ethnocentricity, and every kind of discrimination.

5. Requests for Spanish Cooperation:

a) that in compliance with the goals of Spanish Cooperation's Gender Strategy, AECID's Action Plan that's being written maintain the support for women's organizations. Also, that they fulfill the across-the-board priority of diversity, with special emphasis in ethnic-racial diversity.

b) guarantee our participation as feminist and women's organizations in the consulting and decision-making processes in defining the framework of the Paris Association among Spanish Cooperation and member countries.

c) that the group of actors of centralized and decentralized Spanish Cooperation, Spanish feminist organizations, NGOs, promote the creation of a concrete articulation mechanism with feminist and women's organizations in Latin America and the Caribbean.

d) that reiterating the agreements of the Montevideo Dialogue, a mechanism and specific calls for participation in gender equity can be concentered in such a way that small and medium-sized organizations can also obtain financing to strengthen their institutions. Establish programmatic financing guidelines and simplify the procedures for obtaining resources in order to guarantee the democratization of these resources.

e) increase resources for knowledge production and follow up and social vigilance on strategic issues for women's citizenship approved in the consensus of the ALC-CEPAL Conference on Women, especially ISOQUITO.

f) that in all the Spanish Cooperation instruments, and especially in the programs for indigenous peoples and people of African descent, gender mainstreaming is deepened as well as the empowerment of women's organizations, as proposed in the Indigenous People's Strategies and the Gender Strategy, as well as in the 3rd Spanish Cooperation Director's Plan.

g) increase funds for the CEPAL Gender Observatory.

h) support the presence of feminist and women's organizations' reflections, experiences, and struggles in instruments such as the GEDEA Network and in actors linked to research and/or training such as universities and other similar actors, as a strategy relevant to the Gender Agenda and Help Efficacy.

6. Requests for UNIFEM

a) presentation and debate of the Strategic Plan 2013 and the programs being developed in the region, as well as the association agreement with Spain.

b) that the Gender Equality Fund destined to strengthening equality policies, promoted by Spanish Cooperation and administered by UNIFEM, widen its budget availability and incorporate a specific item for the presentation of proposals for strengthening regional networks.



c) that proposals that have already been reviewed by the technical committee and rated the best in all the regions be funded until the fund's available resources are exhausted, as a strategy to increase the budget, considering the current context of global crisis. To accomplish this, part of the funds of the recent strategic agreement between Spanish Cooperation and UNIFEM could be used for this purpose.

d) that a well-publicized public ideas bank is made with the 50 best unfinanced proposals presented to the Gender Equality Fund so these creative proposals are not wasted.

7. Requests for GENDERNET-UE

a) transmit to donor countries our worry about the substantial reduction of cooperation in Latin America

b) propose a legitimate regional representation of feminist organizations from Latin America and the Caribbean in aid-efficacy spaces.

c) present gender-equality best-practices proposals from Latin America and the Caribbean in annual meetings like the Consonant Dialogues.

8. Requests for INSTRAW

a) provide more detail about the Work Plan and the actions being carried out, develop more articulated actions with the feminist movement and women in the region, and promote North-South and South-South dialogues from an intercultural perspective, placing emphasis on mutual knowledge transfer and promoting pacts and agreements.

9. Requests for all the actors in cooperation

a) support and strengthen the participation of feminist and women's organizations in the 11th Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, CEPAL.

b) create a gender and development resource guide on international cooperation that includes information from the participating international organizations, bilateral cooperation, and other Spanish Cooperation actors.

c) support programs on care economy, the adoption of a convention and resolution on Decent Work of Domestic Workers to be adopted in the 99th Meeting of the International Labor Organization (ILO), and the diffusion, promotion, and follow-up of the ILO Conventions 156, Workers with family responsibilities, and 183, Maternity protection.

d) support the creation of national plans for implementing Security Council Resolutions 1325 and 1820 on Women, Peace, and Safety in which women's and feminist organizations are included from the identification phase through implementation.

e) strengthen feminist and women's organizations in Haiti as well as their participation in reconstruction actions in order to guarantee a gender focus and support solidarity actions that feminists in the region have organized.

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