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Comments on the PPWG strategy
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- Cardoso Report

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We the peoples: civil society, the United Nations and global governance

Report of the Panel of Eminent Persons on United Nations–Civil Society Relations

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Why civil society?

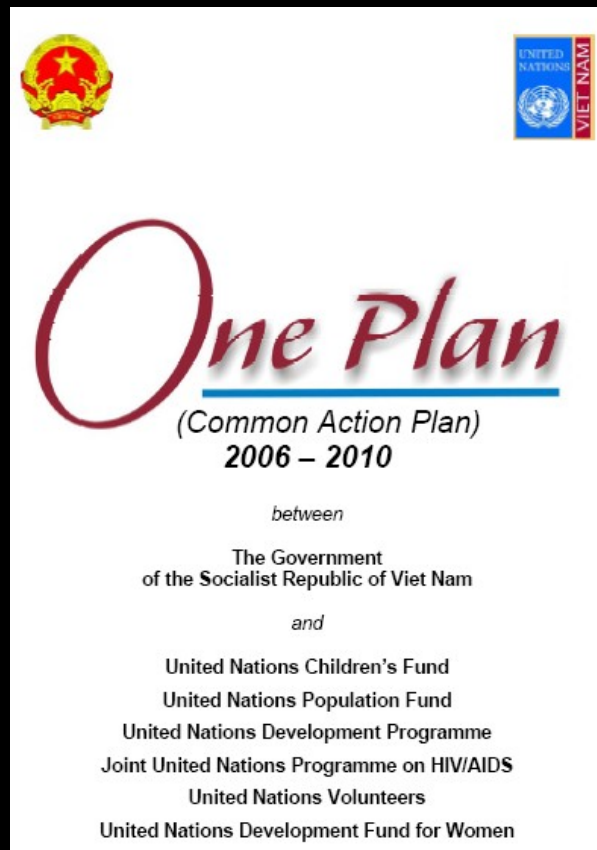


Improving the condition of the poor and excluded is the ultimate justification for the existence of UNDP

- CSOs articulate the needs and aspirations of the poor a *sine qua non* of good practice;
- Improved governance must come from within and be owned by a country and its citizens
- Grass-roots coalitions and indigenous peoples' organizations have emerged as a powerful force for social justice and equity
- Present women's organizations, in particular, with extraordinary opportunities for advocacy and policy change
- Following the human rights principle of participation, inclusion, non discrimination

Civil society in the 'One Plan'

“Enhancing capacities and mechanisms for local associations, organisations and other non-state actors to actively involve in, oversee and contribute to the reform process”



- Conducive legal framework
- Enhance capacity, integrity and accountability of civil society through training, technical assistance and other resources
- Facilitate government-civil society interaction and dialogue
- Capacities of selected socio-political organizations enhanced to take an active part in policy/law-making on civil society development and represent their member associations

UNDP and civil society in Viet Nam



- **Conducive Legal framework**
Drafting of the Law on Associations
- **Multi-stakeholder workshops**
'Participation of NGOs in socio-economic development in Viet Nam';
Workshop NGO financial sustainability
- **Research**
CIVICUS Civil Society Index Study
"Filling the gap"
- **VUSTA**
- **Viet Nam Lawyers Association**

PPWG Strategy

– UNDP linkages

1. Platform for exchange of information, knowledge and experiences
2. Thematic dialogue amongst key stakeholders at different levels
3. Enhanced role in policy advocacy

1. Experiences from VUSTA project
UNDP research, experiences, networks (also virtual)
2. Identifying thematic areas
VUSTA experiences
3. UNDP VASS project evidenced based policy making
UNDP Policy Advisors

Some small comments

- Identify strategic policy advocacy entry points
- Identify policy forums (e.g. CG, corruption dialogue)
- Develop an accompanying communication strategy
- Include a gender perspective
- Expand membership base
- Linking of capacity building to implementation of PPWG strategy



Thank you