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Impact of the Global Economic Crisis and Social Integration in Action: Stories from the Grassroots

Side Event to the 54th Commission on the Status of Women

Date: Wednesday, 10 March, 2010, 10 am – 12 pm

Place: Bahai'i International Community

The food, environmental and economic crises have challenged civil society organizations (CSOs) and the communities they serve. A broad-based survey, financially supported by the United Nations Secretariat, was undertaken in 2009 that measured the impact of the crises on the operating capacity of CSOs around the world and their expectations as they look ahead. This side event will examine the current situation of CSOs as indicated by the survey and illustrated by a case in point. It also asks how to strengthen social-service delivery capacities of CSOs during crisis periods.

Moderator: Sara Burke, Policy Analyst, Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation, New York

Presenters: Eva-Maria Hanfstaengl (author), Erlassjahr
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Both surveys are available at <http://ngosteering.wordpress.com> (new online communication tool for NGOs to share experiences and elaborate strategies)

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