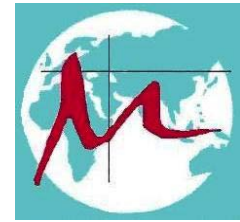




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The Global Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Civil Society Organizations

Side Event to the 48th Commission for Social Development

Date: 1:15 pm – 2:45 pm, 12 February, 2010

Place: Church Center, 777 UN Plaza, NY

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.

- Welcome:** Werner Puschra, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, New York Office
- Moderator:** Caroljean Willie, Sisters of Charity Federation
- Presenters:** Eva-Maria Hanfstaengl (author) and
Catherine Ferguson, UNANIMA International
- Discussants:** Representative from the French Mission to the UN (invited)
Steve O’Neil, Marianists International