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## Impact of the Global Economic Crisis on Civil Society Organizations

*Side Event to the Fourth High-Level Dialogue on  
Financing for Development*

**Date:** Tuesday, 23 March, 2010, 1:15 pm – 2:45 pm  
**Place:** UNHQ, North Lawn Building, Conference Room 5

In the run-up to the Fourth High-Level Dialogue on Financing for Development, the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, the Chilean Mission, and the NGO Committee on Financing for Development host a panel discussion on the impact of the global crisis on CSOs worldwide and the constituencies that they serve. The event will highlight a 2009 assessment<sup>1</sup> financed by the UN-Department of Economic and Social Affairs in which 640 CSOs worldwide contributed responses. The report provides new insights into regional differences in response to the crisis, and—for those CSOs experiencing drops in revenue—strategies they are adopting in order to maintain their institutions and continue to provide social-services during periods of crisis. This event will also address recommendations suggested by the responding CSOs on how to strengthen social development during periods of crisis and beyond and will hear from selected NGO case studies.

**Welcome Remarks:** **Werner Puschra**, Director, Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation

**Moderator:** **Steve O'Neil**, Marianists International

**Panelists:** **H.E. Eduardo Gálvez**, Ambassador, Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Chile to the UN  
**Eva-Maria Hanfstaengl**, Author of Study; Member, Erlassjahr  
**Fatima Rodrigo**, International Press Association

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<sup>1</sup> Both surveys are available at <http://ngosteering.wordpress.com> (new online communication tool for NGOs to share experiences and elaborate strategies) and <http://ngosocdev.wordpress.com>