

Seminar + Panel Discussion (English / Portuguese)

26 January 2012, (Time & Venue)

Social Watch Report 2012 – Sustainable Development: The Right to a Future

The Social Watch network (see www.socialwatch.org) will launch its 2012 report on sustainable development, which includes citizen reports from 66 countries and the preliminary findings of the Civil Society Reflection Group on Global Development (see www.reflectiongroup.org) demanding a reaffirmation of the principles of sustainable development and a comprehensive redefinition of global governance and policies to make it possible.

From the “Arab Spring” to the “OWS”, citizens are on the streets around the world demanding alternative policies to the global crises –economic, financial, climate and food. In order to re-think our goals and strategies, the voices from Civil Society need to be heard. The Social Watch organizations from around the world have shaped this unique report from the grassroots, complemented with the contribution of leading civil society voices from five continents.

Social Watch and its partners invite you to a lively debate with key authors of the Social Watch Report 2012. Copies of the report will be distributed.

Speakers: **Roberto Bissio**, Social Watch, Uruguay; **Alejandro Chanona**, National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), Mexico, **Barbara Adams**, Global Policy Forum, USA, **Gigi Francisco**, Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era (Dawn), Philippines; **Wolfgang Obenland**, GPE/ Social Watch Germany;

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Rio+20 and beyond: Do we need sustainable development goals?

To move away from neoliberalism, we need an alternative development paradigm of well-being and social progress based on social, gender and environmental justice, human rights and the respect of nature. To guide and monitor policies in that sense there is a need for new metrics, i.e. new goals and indicators. One of the possible outcomes of Rio+20 will be a process towards the adoption of “Sustainable Development Goals” (SDGs) as a new framework for development and international cooperation, replacing the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) after 2015.

You are invited to a critical debate around “SDGs” with members of the Civil Society Reflection Group on Global Development (www.reflectiongroup.org) and other guests. Are SDGs a way forward, given the MDG-experience? Can they be of help to usher in a new development paradigm? Do we first need a new Charter on the Right to Sustainable Development as a normative basis for SDGs? Are SDGs for the rich or for the poor, or can they be applicable to both? How would a balanced approach to SDGs look like, that include development and human rights goals as well limits for the depletion of natural assets to stop the destruction of nature?

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