

**Document 1 : PROGRAMME**

*Dear all,*

*The idea of the Forum was born at the end of 2008. Following a mid-term review of its strategic priorities III on humanitarian assistance and IV on development and peace, Caritas Europa agreed (1) to re-centre its work on international cooperation matters with the objective to reinforce our cooperation with Caritas Internationalis, and (2) to create more adequate working structures focusing on funding and operational issues and on policy and advocacy.*

*The Caritas in Europe want a better world; we want to fight global poverty and inequalities. Europe, and the European Union in particular, is a key player in world affairs. If we want to change the world, we need to change Europe. With this in mind, the Caritas in Europe can contribute effectively to achieving the global agenda of our international Caritas Confederation.*

*Caritas Europa International Forum is a platform for the Caritas in Europe to exchange on a wide range of issues relating to international cooperation matters, because many Caritas in Europe are actively engaged in international partnerships for delivering development and humanitarian programmes and advocacy. We have valuable experiences to share; we have common concerns to discuss; we have joint solutions to propose.*

*This Forum was designed as a cross-sector and cross function platform in order to foster bridges between the development and humanitarian professionals as well as between the programme and advocacy specialists. The Forum emphasises the need to link relief and development, as well as practice and policy.*

*Many sessions are taking place in plenary. Sometimes, we will also ask you to break in smaller groups (in green), in order to investigate specific questions in more depth. You are free to join any break-out groups.*

*We also want the specialists counterparts in the network to have a chance to meet and discuss possible coordination and joint action. Hence, some parallel sessions (in yellow) are dedicated for participants with emergency operations background; some with development programme background; some with policy and advocacy background.*

*We wish you a nice Forum!*

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| <b>FORUM<br/>General<br/>theme:</b>                             | <b>Impact of the crises on Caritas; the poorest communities we serve, and our organisations.</b><br>[The multi-dimensional and interconnection of the current crises affecting the economic and financial stability, food security and climate]  |
| <b>Internal<br/>outcome :</b><br><i>Guiding<br/>questions :</i> | <b>Better understanding of the crises impact on Caritas organizations and recommendations for strengthening the network cohesion</b><br>- <i>How have the crises affected the MOs' funding, human resources, partnerships and ways of working? How does the future look?</i><br>- <i>How can we collaborate amongst Caritas organisations and with others more effectively to reach a greater impact? How can we improve our professionalism and accountability?</i><br>- <i>How can we strengthen the linkages between humanitarian and development assistance (LRRD) within Caritas?</i> |
| <b>External<br/>outcome :</b><br><i>Guiding<br/>questions :</i> | <b>Common analysis of the causes and consequences of the crises and policy recommendations. Adoption of a Caritas Europa International Forum statement towards European policy-makers.</b><br>- <i>What do we think the causes of the crises are? How are the crises inter-related? Where did it all go wrong?</i><br>- <i>What should be the values and principles guiding the responses to the crises?</i><br>- <i>How can Caritas contribute to the responses? How can we strengthen our policy and advocacy work at the national and European levels?</i>                              |

| Time                                    | Thematic Sessions   |  | Participants                    | Speakers and Moderators  |
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| <b>DAY 1 - 1<sup>st</sup> July 2009</b> |   |  |                                 |  |
| 10:30-10.50<br>Plenary                  | <b>Welcoming:<br/>Opening prayer.<br/>Presentation of the Forum.</b><br><i>doc1: programme<br/>doc2: participants' list</i>   | Introduction to the Forum objectives and agenda. Working methods. Stands and events.   | All                             | Speaker: Marius Wanders (CE SG)<br>Morning Moderator: Kari-Mette Eidem (Caritas Norway)<br>Prayer led by Fr. Antoine Sondag  |
| 10.50-12.00                             | <b>Reinforced cooperation between Caritas Europa and Caritas Internationalis</b><br><i>doc3: new CI and CE structures for reinforced cooperation + related doc.</i> | Presentation #1/ CE strategic goals for international development and humanitarian aid and working structures. Articulation with CI global agenda.<br>#2/ CI agenda and update.<br>And moderated discussion.   | All                             | Speakers:<br>Marius Wanders (CE SG)<br>Lesley-Anne Knight (CI SG)  |
| 12.00-12.30<br>Plenary                  | <b>Introduction to the Forum theme:<br/>Crises and poverty</b>  | An overview and a personal insight.<br>And moderated discussion  | All                             | Speaker: René Grotenhuis (Cordaid)   |
| 12:30-14:00                             | Lunch<br><i>Please visit the stands of Member Organisations to know more about what they do!</i>  |  |                                 |  |
| 14.00-16:00<br>Plenary                  | <b>Food Security Crisis</b><br><i>doc4: overview</i>  | Introduction of panellists<br>#1/ Causes and impact of food crisis and the EU policy response<br>Moderated discussion with all panellists, then with the audience.<br>#2/ Caritas projects related to food security and good practice<br>Moderated discussion with all panellists, then with the audience. | All                             | Moderator: Pavel Gruber (Caritas Czech)<br>Panelists: Jan Weuts (Caritas Belgium), Bob Van Dillen (Cordaid)<br>Moderator<br>Panelists: Christoph Petrik-Schweifer (Caritas Austria), Inma Cubillo Sainz (Caritas Spain)<br>Moderator |
| 16:00-16:30                             | <b>Coffee break</b>   |  |                                 |  |
| 16:30-18:00<br>Parallel expert groups   | <b>Policy and Advocacy</b><br><i>doc5: draft Forum statement</i>  | 1 <sup>st</sup> session to discuss the Forum statement<br>1 <sup>st</sup> informal meeting of the future CE International Policy & Advocacy working group  | Policy and advocacy specialists | Moderator: Michel Roy (Secours Catholique)   |
|   | <b>Emergency response: Caritas coordination</b>   | Confederation Coordination and mechanism.<br>Common concerns for European Caritas regarding emergency coordination and synergy with CI.  | Emergency specialists           | Moderator: Matthew Carter (CAFOD)<br>Speaker: Alistair Dutton (CI)   |

## EVENING SOCIAL EVENT (Amsterdam)

| <b>DAY 2 - 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2009</b> |  |  |  |   |
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| 8:45-9:00                               | <b>Agenda of the day + logistics</b>   |  | All  | CE secretariat  |
| 9:00-9:15                               | <b>Recap and highlights of day 1</b>   |  | All  | Speaker: Kari-Mette Eidem (Caritas Norway)                            |
| 9:15-9:50<br>Plenary                    | <b>Economic and Financial Crisis – challenges on funding for development and relief</b><br><br><i>doc6: overview</i> | Introduction   | All  | Moderator: Marius Wanders (CE)  |
|   |  | Presentation #1: Evolution and perspectives of funding for NGOs in the field of development and relief   | All  | Speaker: Izabella Toth (Cordaid)                                      |
|   |  | Presentation #2: Funding for development   |  | Speaker: Tara Bedi (Trocaire)   |
| 9:50-11:00<br>Break-out groups          | <b>Group #1: Sustainable financing for international operations</b>  | What are the main concerns regarding institutional (EU) funding and co-financing? regarding other funding sources (including private donations)? What can the network do collectively to address these concerns? | Programme specialists + co-financing specialists                           | Moderator: Izabella Toth (Cordaid)<br><br>Rapporteur tba by the group |
|   | <b>Group #2: European governments' and EU's policy on aid and resources for development</b>                          | What are the main concerns? What can the Caritas in Europe do collectively to advocate these concerns? Link with CONCORD activities.   | Policy and Advocacy specialists  | Moderator: Tara Bedi (Trocaire)<br><br>Rapporteur tba by the group    |
| 11:00-11:30                             | <b>Coffee break</b>  |  |  |   |
| 11:30-12:30<br>Plenary                  | Conclusions  | Presentation of group conclusions and plenary discussion   | All  | Rapporteurs<br>Moderator: Marius Wanders (CE)                         |
| 12:30-14:00                             | <b>Lunch</b><br><i>Please visit the stands of Member Organisations to know more about what they do!</i>              |  |  |   |
| 14:00-14:40<br>Plenary                  | <b>Impact on poverty: effectiveness and accountability of Caritas organisations</b><br><br><i>doc7: overview</i>     | Introduction   |  | Moderator: Erny Gillen (CE)   |
|   |  | Presentation #1: Caritas effectiveness and accountability framework: our principles, ethics and obligations  | All  | Speaker: Blandine Bouniol (Caritas Europa)                            |
|   |  | Presentation #2: Access to the poor - enabling environment for Caritas and NGOs: situation of fragile states, issues of protection and security  | All  | Speaker: Daniel Verger (Secours Catholique)                           |
| 14:40-15:30<br>Break-out groups         | <b>Group #1</b>  | What does effectiveness and accountability in development/humanitarian aid mean for Caritas?   | All (mix of programme and advocacy, development and emergency specialists) | A moderator and a rapporteur are appointed by each group              |
|   | <b>Group #2</b>  | How to demonstrate Caritas effectiveness and accountability? What coordination within Caritas?   |  |   |
|   | <b>Group #3</b>  | How to communicate our effectiveness and impact? Evidence-based advocacy and Caritas visibility.   |  |   |
| 15:30-16:00                             | <b>Coffee break</b>  |  |  |   |
| 16:00-17:00<br>Plenary                  | Conclusions  | Presentation of group conclusions and plenary discussion   | All  | Moderator: Erny Gillen (CE)<br>Rapporteurs                            |

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| 17:00-17:15                               | <b>Recap and highlights of day 2</b> |  |   | Erny Gillen (CE)                           |
| 17:15-18:15<br><br>Parallel expert groups | <b>Policy and Advocacy</b>           | 2 <sup>nd</sup> session to finalise the Forum statement<br>Caritas Europa campaign EY2010 against poverty and social exclusion | Policy and advocacy specialists                         | Moderator: Michel Roy (Secours Catholique) |
|   | <b>FPA holders group</b>             | To discuss common concerns: ECHO audit procedures; coordination amongst the FPA holders.                                       | FPA holders group members and co-financing specialists. | Moderator: Matthias Schmidt-Eule (DCV)     |

### DAY 3 - 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2009

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| 8:30-8:45                           | <b>Agenda of the day + logistics</b>  |   |  | CE secretariat   |
| 8:45-9:20<br><br>Plenary            | <b>Climate Crisis</b><br><br><i>doc8: overview</i>  | Introduction  |  | Moderator: Francois Jacobs (Caritas Luxemburg)   |
|                                     |   | Presentation #1: causes and impact of climate crisis + CI&CIDSE campaign                      | All  | Speaker: Mike Edwards (CAFOD)  |
|                                     |   | #2: Cordaid film – climate change adaption and Disaster Risk Reduction                        |  | Introduced by Sasja Kamil (Cordaid)  |
| 09:20-10:20<br><br>Break-out groups | <b>Group #1: Climate adaptation and DRR programmes</b>  | Operations, tools, funding, good practices, network coordination                              | Programme specialists  | Moderator: Sasja Kamil (Cordaid)<br>Rapporteur (tba by the group)                      |
|                                     | <b>Group #2: Caritas policy and advocacy on climate justice and DRR</b>                                 | EU-level advocacy; EU dimension of the CI-CIDSE campaign; involvement in VOICE and CONCORD    | Policy and Advocacy specialists  | Moderator: Carmen Cabota Samper (Caritas Spain) - tbc<br>Rapporteur (tba by the group) |
| 10:20-10:50<br>Plenary              | Conclusions   | Presentation of group conclusions and plenary discussion                                      | All  | Rapporteurs<br>Moderator: Francois Jacobs (Caritas Luxemburg)                          |
| 10:50-11:15                         | <b>Coffee break</b>   |   |  |  |
| 11:15-11:30<br>Plenary              | <b>Linking relief, rehabilitation and development</b><br><i>doc9: overview</i>                          | Brief introduction to LRRD: linking integral human development and emergency relief           | All  | Speaker: Darya Rekdal (Caritas Norway)   |
| 11:30-12:15<br><br>Break-out groups | <b>Group #1</b>   | How is LRRD rooted in Caritas values and mission?   | All (mix of programme and advocacy, development and emergency specialists) | A moderator and a rapporteur are appointed by each group                               |
|                                     | <b>Group #2</b>   | How to mainstream LRRD in MOs? What are the coordination needs?                               |  |  |
|                                     | <b>Group #3</b>   | How to change donor and public opinion on LRRD?   |  |  |
| 12:15-13:00<br>Plenary              | Conclusions   | Presentation of group conclusions and moderated discussion                                    | All  | Rapporteurs<br>Plenary moderator: Darya Rekdal (Caritas Norway)                        |
| 13:00-13:30<br>Plenary              | <b>Conclusions and closing</b><br><i>doc10: Forum statement</i><br><i>doc11: evaluation form</i>        | - Reading of the FORUM STATEMENT & Approval by raising hands<br>- Evaluation form and Closure | All  | Erny Gillen (CE President)<br>Piet Spaarman (Cordaid)                                  |
| 13:30                               | <b>Lunch</b><br><i>Please visit the stands of Member Organisations to know more about what they do!</i> |   |  |  |