

# CONCLUSION

With the outcomes of the workshop, we will strengthen our prophetic voice across our work on food, climate, finance, private sector and gender, and with an eye to key actions related to a post-2015 global framework and public support for sustainable development. We will stimulate further reflection and discussion within our organisations on our role as actors for change, our strategies, and how we can intensify our work with partners and allies.

As we go forward, we can be inspired by the example of Saint Francis of Assisi: Be pragmatic, in order to go beyond “developmentalism” and open our minds to new ideas. Be persistent, because the paradigm shift is a long-term process of exploring new ways which requires patience. And be polite and sensitive, so as to overcome the dilemmas people are facing all around the world.

This workshop has been an important new step in our journey towards bringing about transformation for a just and sustainable world. We look forward to building the next steps together, with the challenging and warm spirit of the CIDSE family that has infused our debates.



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## MILESTONES ON CIDSE'S JOURNEY TOWARDS A PARADIGM SHIFT

2008	Recognition of the systemic nature of global financial & economic, food, energy and climate crises
February 2009	Expert meeting on financial crisis underlines the need to build a vision of alternative development models
2010	Changing the development paradigm for sustainable development and well-being becomes central in CIDSE Strategic Framework
February 2011	Submission to the European Commission on its Green Paper on inclusive growth and sustainable development
September 2011	Conference on growth and alternative development paradigms
March 2012	Note, <i>Principles on Growth and Sustainable Development</i>
June 2012	Delegation at the Rio+20 conference on sustainable development. CIDSE recommendations: <i>The changes we Need for the Future we Want</i> . Church and civil society leaders statement: <i>Time to rethink and regain control over the future of the human family</i> . People's Summit workshop on alternative paradigms
July 2012	Discussion paper, <i>How to Bring About Social Transformation and Change</i>
October 2012	Paper, <i>Agriculture: From Problem to Solution - Achieving the Right to Food in a Climate-Constrained World</i>
January 2013	Working structure on sustainable development strengthened after the mid-term review of the Strategic Framework
May 2013	Workshop, Bringing about a paradigm shift for a just and sustainable world

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS OF CIDSE MEMBERS

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**Center of Concern:** *Human Well-Being at the Heart of Economics*, May 2011

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# ECOLOGICAL JUSTICE: FACING PLANETARY BOUNDARIES

Focus on the Global South works to address transformative changes by talking about "systems change, not climate change" and by developing and popularising 'deglobalisation' as an alternative to neo-liberal globalisation, asking probing questions about the sovereignty of natural resources, and advocating for leaving two thirds of the world's fossil fuel reserves underground in a bid to avoid dangerous climate change.

Misereor (Germany) and Public Advocacy Initiatives for Rights and Values (PAIRVI) in India are working together to promote agro-ecological approaches in agriculture in the context of climate action. PAIRVI builds the capacity of grassroots organisations to promote local, resilient, smallholder food systems based on traditional water-harvesting and lifestyles in harmony with nature (e.g. no rice or wheat, no large animals), and advocates for participation in the climate action plans at state level in India. Misereor is engaged in a social dialogue project in Germany and in six other countries to work towards defining how we want to live and can live in the future, particularly with regard to food, energy and other types of consumption, so that the poor and everyone else can live well.

The world is facing impending disastrous climate change, demonstrated by the fact that the threshold of CO2 concentration in the atmosphere identified by scientists as a ceiling has already been breached. The delay in taking effective global action to avoid a climate crisis is manifest, distracted by false solutions such as biofuels, based on flawed notions of human beings as masters of nature. This, together with the exhaustion and degradation of natural resources and the risks of commodification of nature, is resulting in critical negative impacts on the world's poorest.

Life and creation – Mother Nature itself – need to be placed at the centre of policy-making and lifestyle decisions. Living within planetary boundaries must be achieved in a holistic and transformative way, through the promotion of 'sufficiency' of consumption, rather than 'efficiency' of production. To reach this transformation will require monitoring carbon footprints, localising production and distribution chains and conquering over-consumption through 'living with less.' This concept promises a multitude of physical, social and economic benefits, such as reduced obesity rates, increased time for family and friends, happiness beyond products and real prices for real goods. Approaches to ownership and the governance of natural resources must be revised and instead be founded upon justice and equity with regard to ecological debts.

**"Any new society has to pursue not only justice for humans but also justice for Earth. If we don't feed the Earth, it will die and we'll die with it."**

Pablo Solón, Focus on the Global South

## Urgency

