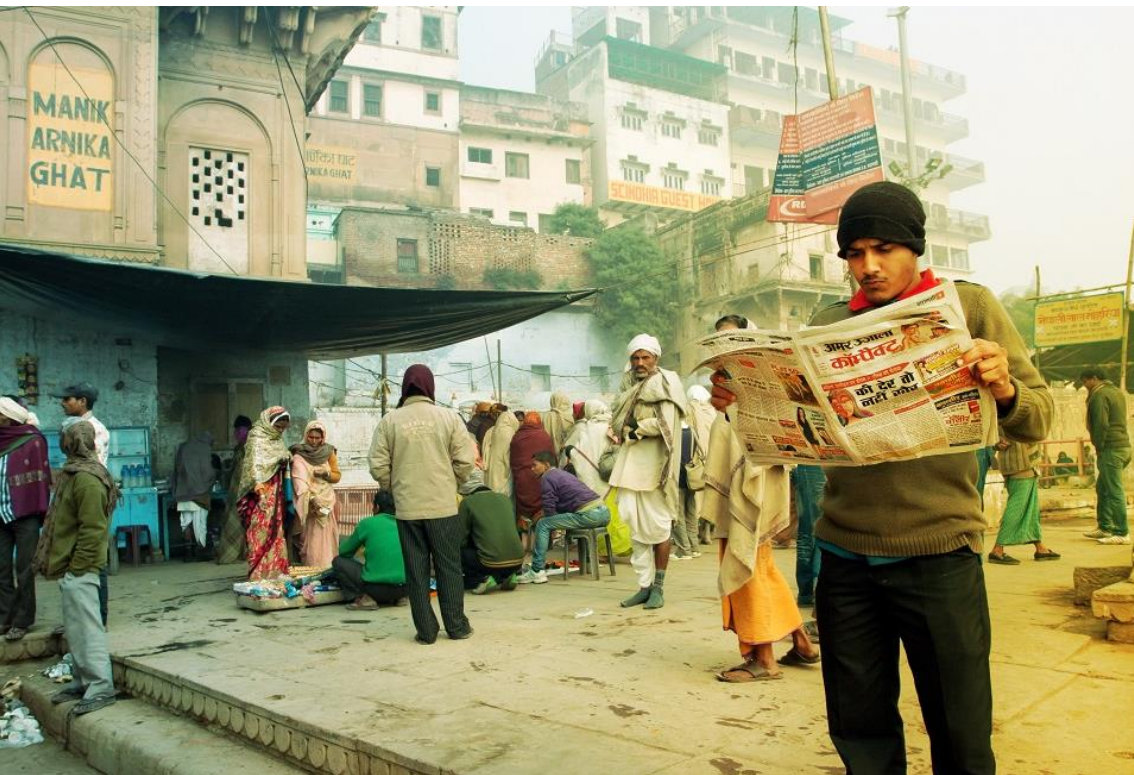




Task Team

CSO Development Effectiveness
and Enabling Environment



MSO Lunch session

Task Team on CSO
Development
Effectiveness & Enabling
Environment

21 March 2016

Video

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR EFFECTIVE DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION (GPEDC) HIGH-LEVEL MEETING

15-16 April 2014, Mexico City, Mexico



What is the Task Team?

- Multi-stakeholder network:
 - official donor countries
 - partner countries
 - CSO communities
- About 30 active participants and many affiliates
- Task Team Secretariat at ISS:
 - David Wubs-Mrozewicz (Manager)
 - Jacqueline Wood (Senior Policy Advisor – based in Ottawa)
 - Adinda Ceelen (Policy & Communications Officer)
 - Sanne Huesken (Event Coordinator)



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What is the Task Team about?

- The Task Team's work is concerned with the **role of civil society in development**.
- Agreements were made about this at a global level at various high-level fora, including in Accra in 2008, in Busan in 2011 and more recently in Mexico in 2014.



부산 세계개발원조총회
**4th High Level Forum
on Aid Effectiveness**
29 Nov -1 Dec 2011, Busan, Korea

BUSAN PARTNERSHIP FOR EFFECTIVE DEVELOPMENT CO-OPERATION
FOURTH HIGH LEVEL FORUM ON AID EFFECTIVENESS, BUSAN, REPUBLIC OF KOREA,
29 NOVEMBER-1 DECEMBER 2011



THE ACCRA AGENDA FOR ACTION (AAA)



What are these agreements all about?

- CSOs are important independent development actors
- Commitments to improve CSO participation
- Enabling environment for CSOs
- Encourage CSOs to implement practices to strengthen development effectiveness



a United Russia proposal to amend the law regulating nongovernmental organizations.

This legislation would make life difficult, if not unbearable, for NGOs that receive funding from foreign sources and are engaged in "political activities," which are broadly defined to mean basically any attempt to change government policy in any sphere or to influence public opinion related to these policies. This, of course, cuts to the core of what NGOs do and why they exist.

The new legislation will toughen the accounting requirements for these NGOs; increase the number of inspections and require that they include warnings on their Internet sites and printed materials that they are "foreign agents," which in Russian is equivalent in meaning to a spy. In addition, the penalties for noncompliance with these requirements will be increased to 500,000 rubles (\$15,200) and two years in prison.

These changes to the bill are all well and good, but Putin conspicuously retained the most important restrictions — those that apply to NGOs devoted to building democracy and an open society, election monitoring, protecting human rights, improving transparency and accountability in government and fighting corruption. The Kremlin is most concerned about these NGOs because they expose some of the worst abuses of Putin's vertical-power structure.



Shrinking Civic Spaces



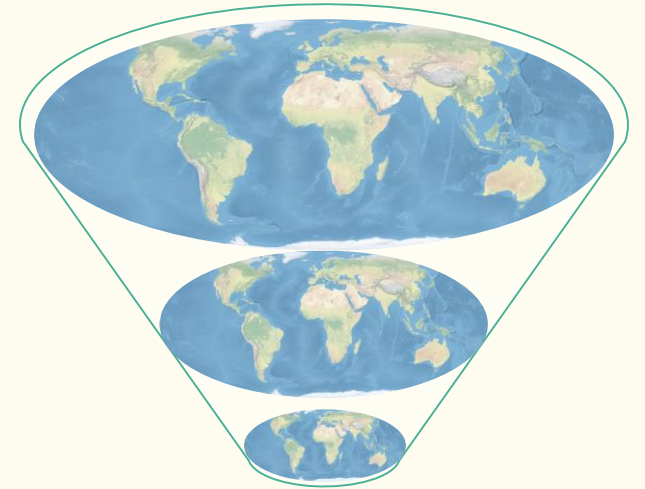
World's first HOLOGRAM protest against gag law



Why are the enabling environment and CSO development effectiveness important now?

- **Globally:**
 - Shrinking space
 - SDGs
 - CSOs will play crucial role in implementing and monitoring SDGs
- **In the Netherlands:**
 - Dutch policy for development cooperation
 - Strengthening CSOs worldwide

CIVIL SOCIETY SHRINKING SPACE



CSO DEVELOPMENT EFFECTIVENESS



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The environment that the Task Team operates in

- Global policy environment very complex:
 - Multi-lateral organizations
 - Intergovernmental organizations
 - Regional organizations
 - National organizations

- Global policy-making is a very fuzzy process



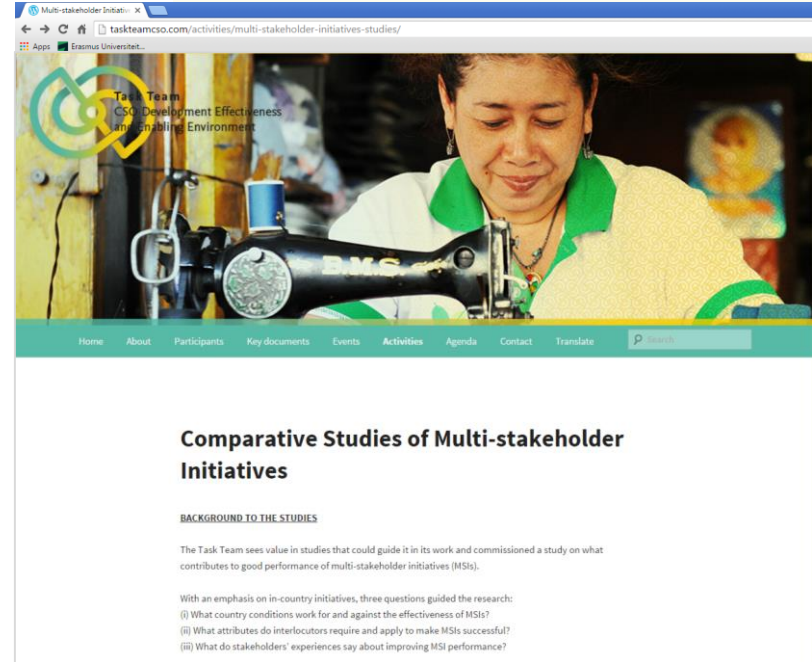
So what does the Task Team do?

- Promote commitments and tries to facilitate implementation:
 - Raising awareness on global commitments
 - Reviewing policy and practice
 - Offering recommendations
- Influence international policy making
 - GPEDC
 - SDGs



The Task Team & ISS

- TT Studies
- Study on what contributes to good performance of multi-stakeholder initiatives (MSIs)
 - Dr. Kees Biekart
 - Professor Alan Fowler
 - 🌐 Costa Rica
 - 🌐 Kenya
 - 🌐 Indonesia
 - 🌐 Kyrgyzstan



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL taskteamco.com/activities/multi-stakeholder-initiatives-studies/. The page features a header image of a woman in a green and white shirt operating a sewing machine. A logo in the top left corner of the page reads "Task Team CSO Development Effectiveness and Enabling Environment". Below the image is a navigation menu with links for Home, About, Participants, Key documents, Events, Activities, Agenda, Contact, and Translate, along with a search bar. The main content area is titled "Comparative Studies of Multi-stakeholder Initiatives" and includes a section "BACKGROUND TO THE STUDIES" which states: "The Task Team sees value in studies that could guide it in its work and commissioned a study on what contributes to good performance of multi-stakeholder initiatives (MSIs). With an emphasis on in-country initiatives, three questions guided the research: (i) What country conditions work for and against the effectiveness of MSIs? (ii) What attributes do interlocutors require and apply to make MSIs successful? (iii) What do stakeholders' experiences say about improving MSI performance?"



What activities is the Task Team currently busy with?

- Plenary session 6
- Conference on multi-stakeholder partnerships
- Monitoring Progress
 - 1st monitoring round in 2014
 - 2nd Monitoring round in 2016
- CSO Enabling Environment Guidelines



**Global
Partnership**
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Thank You!

Any Questions?