

Civil Society Statement

92 Civil society organisations from 21 countries across the Asia Pacific region came together this week to develop a transformative development agenda for the future we want for our earth and communities. They selected me to speak to you about the impact of the existing economic model of development on your constituents – women, men and children of Asia Pacific who are bear the brunt of the intersecting and multiple crises of finance, environment, food, energy and democracy. Those people who see the wealth and resources they are entitled to share in being directed to the world's obscenely wealthy 1%.

I want to tell you my story to give you a sense of what the market driven economic approach to development is doing to billions of your constituents.

YOUR STORY

So ... We urgently need a new development framework. Our meeting was historical. Together we chartered a new development consensus, a framework that can address the growing inequalities of wealth, of power, of resources, of opportunities that exist between countries, between rich and poor and between men and women. The DEVELOPMENT JUSTICE framework.

Development Justice should be framed by five foundational shifts

1. Redistributive Justice
2. Economic Justice
3. Social Justice
4. Environmental Justice
5. Accountability to the Peoples

We have developed further detail on the five foundations that will be shared during this meeting. We call on you to seize the rare opportunity the post2015 development agenda presents. Be brave. Honour your constituents and the constituents of our shared world denied their rights by neo-liberal models of wealth distribution. Commit to Development Justice.