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PARTERSHIPS NECESSARY FOR EFFECTIVE DEVELOPMENT, SAY CSOS AT GLOBAL MEET

ISTANBUL, TURKEY (29 September, 2010) —Over 180 people representing 140 Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) from all over the globe have begun discussions in the Turkish capital of Istanbul on their role in making development interventions more effective.

The First Global Forum on CSO Development Effectiveness has kicked off with CSOs highlighting the need for sustained engagement with governments and other development partners to actively influence policy decisions at all levels.

“Amongst the diversity from global participants there is unanimity on the critical role that CSOs have to play in delivering development actions which are sustainable. The real challenge is going to be for governments around world to create the right conditions that will make it possible for CSOs to be more effective.

“In a Pacific context, this means developing effective legal frameworks, including donor and developing country government recognition of the role and place of CSOs as actors in development. The challenge in the next 12 months lies in all these partners engaging in discussions to make this a reality,” said Mr Wren Green of the Council for International Development (CID) in New Zealand.

Ms Emele Duituturaga of the Pacific Islands Association of NGOs (PIANGO) said: “Our effectiveness as Pacific CSOs is important to making an impact in our development work and so the draft international framework on CSO development effectiveness to be endorsed at this global assembly is a major achievement.

“This gives us a strong basis to transform our work and improve our future relationships with Pacific governments and donors and to work together to have more impact on development actions in our Pacific region and in the rest of the world,” she said.

CSOs have also unanimously called for the inclusion of environmental sustainability in the draft Framework for CSO Development Effectiveness, particularly in the context of ecological justice.

The framework will be used to guide the work of CSOs with the aim of maximising their development actions. It will be endorsed in principle in Istanbul this week, however, will remain under discussion until a second Global Assembly in mid-2011, where CSOs will finalise the document in preparation for a high-level Forum on Aid Effectiveness in Busan, South Korea, in late 2011. (ENDS)

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