

## Presentation from Working Group 2

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**Motivation** of ourselves and as organisation is in the centre of the graph: e.g. need for change, justice, overcome poverty.

**Values**, principles that inform our work are citizen participation, rule of law, right for development, maximum involvement of local (Southern) partners, accountability, transparency in our action, sustainability, gender, participatory project planning, systematize good practices, social and cultural rights. There is the danger of imposing Western values on development work. There was also a debate on a Code of Conduct.

### Processes that influence our work:

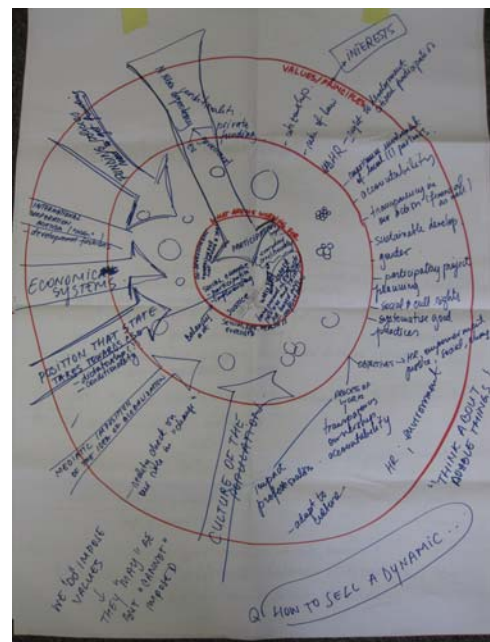
- Economic systems have big impact on our work: if neo-liberal or also room for left-wing perceptions
- Development fashions: now it's MDGs; had different fashions which were influencing our work
- Globalisation: is not very much development oriented
- Culture: the people, they are the first to influence development or put obstacles in the way of development.
- NGO dependency on funding
- NGO dependency on state's position towards CSOs (dictatorship y/n)

### Similarities and differences between new EU member states (NMS) and old member states (OMS)

There are contradictory outcomes to the first group. We do not agree that NMS have a lack of historical ties. Even if historical ties of OMS are much longer (relations over centuries; sometimes colonialism), the NMS did have historical connections to the South before 1989. A lot of countries had relations. MFAs in NMS encourage to look at the EU and less towards the own historical background. We shouldn't marginalise this information from the past.

Other points:

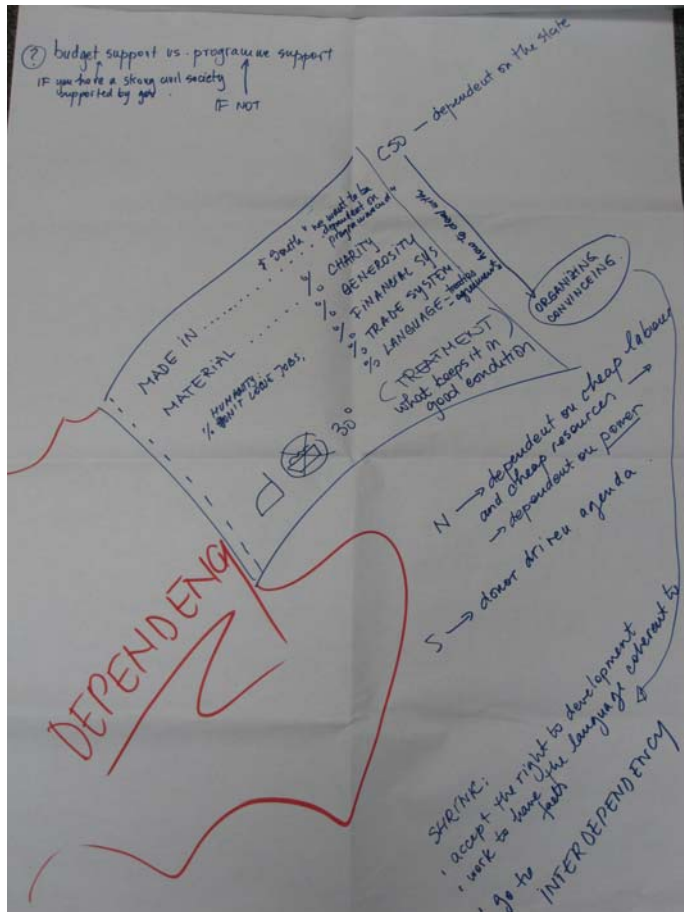
- What divides us is the discussion regarding values: many NMS are very happy about the capitalist welfare state system.
- CSOs in NMS seem more charity oriented, OMS maybe more advocacy oriented.



- OMS have more purely development oriented CSOs, NMS work also in own countries.
- NMS are critical vis a vis development; they have experienced being recipients.
- OMS have sometimes a sense of guilt; this doesn't exist in NMS.
- OMS have more diaspora and more diverse cities in their own countries
- OMS have a history of solidarity movements – e.g. for Latin America.

### Label of dependency

The label of dependency is composed of charity, generosity, the financial system, the trade system, language.



The key question is on how to overcome dependency? How to shrink this dependency? We need to accept the right of development as fundamental; to go from dependency to interdependency.

There was also a debate on budget support and programme support: budget support is positive if there is a strong civil society as a watch dog; if this is not the case programme support is the better tool.

The question of power was raised in the discussion: The point that CSOs are dependent on the state was opposed by the opinion that it is not the state who has the power, but it is us. It is our money which is processed through them. The question is how much power do we give to the state.

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