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Tuesday 22 May 2007

The Hague, The Netherlands

Venue: Nieuwspoord Perscentrum, room Wandelganger I

Lange Poten 10, Den Haag, the Netherlands

10.15 **Arrival of participants**

10.30 **Opening of the International Civil Society Forum**

Welcoming of the participants, introduction to the aims of the Forum

SESSION I: The PPIAF and its role in the wider context: the World Bank, other International Financial Institutions and water privatisation conditionalities

10.45 Jorgen Magdahl Association for International Water Studies (FIVAS), Norway

Introduction to the PPIAF, its activities, its donors, etc. as well as the negative consequences of Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) in the water and sanitation sector.

Elena Gerebizza Campagna per la Riforma della Banca Mondiale (CRBM), Italy

Introduction to the role of the World Bank in promoting water privatisation in developing countries and how the PPIAF fits in.

Questions and comments



SESSION II: PPIAF Case Studies

Water privatisation processes supported by the PPIAF are frequently facing local resistance. Representatives of citizens groups will present their struggles.

- 12.00 The case of Mumbai (India): Afsar Jafri, Mumbai Paani
The case of Paraguay: Elias Diaz Peña, Sobrevivencia
The case of Malawi: Mavuto Bamusi, Malawi Economic Justice Network

13.30 LUNCH BREAK

SESSION III: Alternatives to the PPIAF

- 14.30 Nancy Alexander Citizens' Network on Essential Services, US
Analysing the problematic proposals to broaden the PPIAF's mandate, for instance by giving the PPIAF a strong role in the World Bank's new Subnational Development (SND) Program.

Emanuele Lobina PSIRU, University of Greenwich, UK
Andre Abreu France Libertes, France

Introduction of options for progressive public utility reform as well as Public-Public Partnerships (PUPs), in which public water operators assist each other to improve efficiency and expand access to drinking water and sanitation. Introduction to the UN Water Operators Partnership initiative (WOPs).

Questions and comments

Debate about the next steps in challenging the PPIAF and advancing pro-public water policies.

Closing statements by:

Ewout Irrgang MP, Socialistische Partij, The Netherlands
Vicky Cann World Development Movement, UK

16.45 Closing