



## Criteria for Financial Support of Civil Society Participation in the MFA Forum

It was confirmed at the MFA Forum Meeting in January 2006 that civil society participation needs to be built into the MFA Forum budget. Therefore, MFA Forum budgets for in-country work and for the core functions include expenses for civil society organizations (NGOs and trade unions) to participate in MFA Forum meetings and in-country events.

The following criteria are proposed by the Secretariat for allocating funds to civil society organizations for the International Strategy and Planning Convenings that take place annually. We support civil society participants for these meetings as the budget allows, based on the following objectives:

1. To ensure representation of both the NGO and the trade union sectors at international meetings.
2. To ensure participation of civil society representatives from countries that the MFA Forum is working in at the international meetings.
3. To ensure balance of participation from across the countries that the MFA Forum is working in at the international meetings.
4. To ensure participation of civil society organizations which actively participate in one or more of the MFA Forum working groups.
5. To further the goals of the MFA Forum.

In addition, the means of the organization to participate will be taken into consideration and priority will be given to organizations that do not have sufficient funds to cover the expense of participation.

Funding will include reimbursement for economy class airfare, and hotel expenses (limited to the advised hotel and for minimal days during the convening), providing receipts. We will also provide a modest per diem.