

Equity & Sustainability Field Hearings

bringing voices of economically insecure, excluded or marginalized communities into the global dialogue on sustainable development

A project of IfE - *Initiative for Equality*
and over 250 partnering organizations
in 74+ countries



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- collate input from highly vulnerable (economically insecure, socially excluded or marginalized) communities
- present these collective voices in the global dialogue on Sustainable Development Goals

We need your participation!

We need Field Hearings in every country.



Goals

1. Influence the Sustainable Development Goals outcomes through these grassroots voices

IfE is partnering with Stakeholder Forum, WEP and others, bringing this input into the UN's SDG dialogue.

<http://www.sdgeinventory.org/>



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Sustainable Development Goals e-Inventory website. The header is green with the website's logo and title: "Sustainable Development Goals e-Inventory" and the subtitle "Crowdsourcing proposals for post-2015 to feed into the intergovernmental process on SDGs". Navigation links include HOME, ABOUT, SEARCH e-INVENTORY, MAKE A SUBMISSION, RESOURCES, PARTNERS, and ANALYSIS. The "ABOUT" section is highlighted, with the heading "ABOUT Sustainable Development 2015" and a paragraph explaining the website's purpose: "The SDG e-Inventory aims to provide all stakeholders with a means of inputting into the intergovernmental process on sustainable development goals (SDGs), as well as help stakeholders become better informed about the wide range of proposals that currently exist for global goals." A "Read more..." link is provided. Below the text is a collage of images showing diverse people and activities, including a woman on a motorcycle, a man in a white lab coat, and a woman in a blue headscarf.



Goals

2. Build a strong global network of organizations working for more equitable development


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Welcome!

Initiative for Equality, or *IfE* (pronounced "ee-fay"), is a global network of activists and academics working on issues related to social, economic and political equality. Along with partners and communities around the world, we develop information, goals and strategies needed to bring about greater equality; we collaborate and coordinate efforts on these issues; and we test and implement the new social, economic and political strategies. We hope you will join us!

Field Hearings gear up for Phase Two


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Goals

3. Interested groups and communities will be able to take part in a follow-up project, developing local plans to create fairer, more participatory economic opportunities



2012 Field Hearings

- 18 academic and civil society organizations
- 34 communities in Asia, Africa, and Europe
- 2700+ individuals
- 60 co-authors



Questionnaire / Reporting Template

- assess trends: health, education, the economy, politics, conflict, families, happiness, circumstances for women
- speculate about the causes
- propose changes needed
- describe perceptions of privilege and deprivation
- articulate wishes for the future

**Questionnaire for Study on
"EQUITY & SUSTAINABILITY"**

The purpose of the questionnaire is to understand the local voices regarding the meanings and way of achievement of "sustainable society", and "equality". The information will be used only for the academic purposes and personal information will not expose to others.

I. Demographics

Name: (Optional) _____
 Age: _____ Gender: M / F _____ Education: _____
 Occupation: _____ Family members: _____
 Social Class: High / Middle / Low _____ Household Monthly Income: _____
 Country: _____

II. Assess Trends

Put the applicable scale value for the following issues in perspectives of your community
 Scale: 1—Very good, 2—good, 3—quite ok / not clear, 4—bad, 5—very bad

	Now	5 years ago
a. economic wellbeing/ condition		
b. immorality, unethical practices, corruption, etc.		
c. level of efforts to maintain some standard of living		
d. the lives of children		
e. the lives of adults over 60		
f. the health care system of people		
g. the proportion of educated people		
h. the quality of services (education, health, social service, security, food...)		
i. social relationships		
j. the position of women		
k. the level of happiness		
l. level of inequality between rich and poor group		
m. the wellbeing of the poverty level people		
n. the surrounding environment quality		
o. competition for access of resources (playground, job, water, electricity)		
p. supply of resources (water, electricity, food, etc.)		
q. political situation/ stability		
r. conflict between different groups of people (politic, ethnic, institution...)		
s. city problems- traffic, crowded, waste, water logging, recreation space...		



Preliminary Results

Worsening income insecurity, social breakdown, and environmental degradation – causes seen as:

- corruption, lack of accountability and transparency
- social and economic inequality
- competition for scarce resources, growing populations, changing weather
- lack of appropriate training and planning
- lack of sufficient trust and unity among community members



Preliminary Results

- Inequality perceived as increasing greatly almost everywhere
- Wealth and poverty seen as directly associated with access to political decision-making and economic opportunities
- Modest and sustainable aspirations: a future in which basic food, housing, health care, education, and job security needs could be met



Report: June 2012

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Waiting to be Heard

Preliminary Results of the 2012
Equity & Sustainability Field Hearings



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2013: Structure of Project



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Steps & Follow-through for Partners

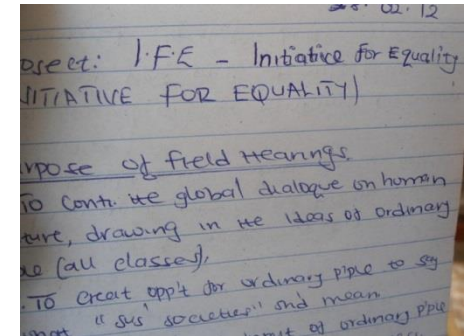
- Select communities and arrange Field Hearings
- Translate and modify Questionnaire for local use
- Conduct Field Hearings – public meeting, focus group, or individual interviews
- Expense money for partners (subject to availability)
- Submit report to global convenor (in English)
- Together we will use report to inform decision-makers and Sustainable Development Goals process
- Follow-up with communities to plan future pro-equality economic development alternatives – optional

Solving Challenges

- Accessing remote communities



- Language and cultural barriers



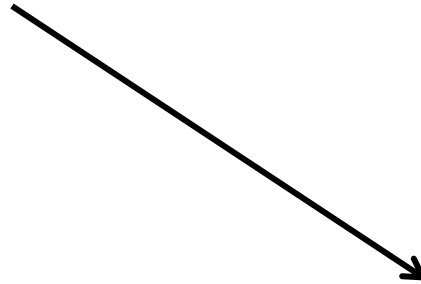
- Taking the message to decision-makers



Solving Challenges



How do we get from here...



...to here?



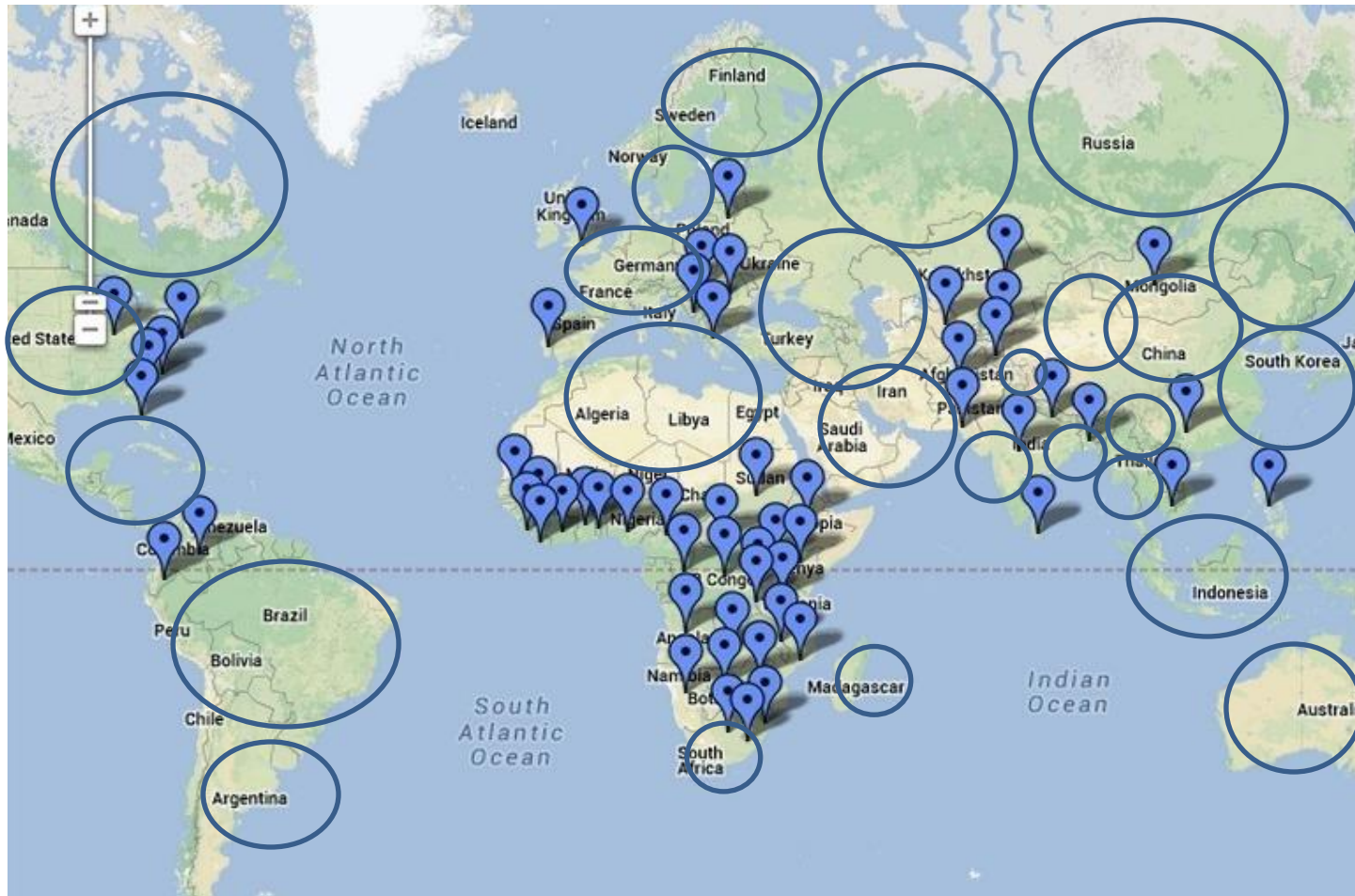
Countries with Field Hearings Partners as of 04 October 2013



*From residents of war-torn
Bukavu City, DR Congo,
to indigenous hunters
in Burundi's forests;
from displaced farmers
on the outskirts of Kunming
to fruit vendors in
Rawalpindi's markets:
this is an unprecedented phenomenon.*

*Never before have so many
marginalized communities
around the world
come together to speak out
– **collectively** –
to influence policy.*

We need you to fill in the blanks!



Co-authors 2013?

We invite you
to join us!



Thank you!

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