

CEGESTI participates in Regional Consultation: Latin American Perspectives on Post 2015 Development Agenda.

April 22-23, Quito, Ecuador..

Mrs. Daira Gómez, Executive Director of CEGESTI participates in the Regional Consultation: Latin American Perspectives on Post 2015 Development Agenda. Priorities, Gaps, Opportunities.

The consultation was organized by the Institute for International Development (SIID), University of Sheffield, in collaboration with the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO) and the United Nations in Ecuador. Mrs. Gomez was invited to participate along with 40 other experts representing academia, NGOs with regional scope, intergovernmental institutions and agencies international organizations.

The aim of the "Latin American on the Global Development Agenda Post-2015" consultation was to identify gaps, opportunities and priorities for the region in the implementation of the objectives of sustainable development from the point of view of its economic, environmental and social viability.

From CEGESTI's experience, Mrs. Gómez contributed to the debate various aspects of economic viability, among which stands out:

- ♦ The need to encourage responsible businesses and strengthening entrepreneurship to achieve an inclusive and sustainable economic growth.
- ♦ Materialize favorable financing inclusive business policies that involve and benefit populations in poverty conditions.
- ♦ Promote the development of capacities and potentialities of individuals, to enable people to know their various capacities, be free to choose those who want to develop, and have real possibilities of applying them, according to the contributions of Amartya Sen.

Moreover, the group of economic viability analyzed the possible interventions that could occur in the implementation of the ODS, among which were highlighted:



Dr. Lorenza Fontana, researcher at the Institute for International Development (SIID) University of Sheffield and Mrs. Daira Gómez, Executive Director of CEGESTI.



Mrs. María Tuyuc Velásquez, President of the World Network of Indigenous Entrepreneurs and Mrs. Daira Gómez, Executive Director of CEGESTI.

- ♦ Enter policies and progressive tax reforms to finance development priorities in the region.
- ♦ Diversify production to generate added value and quality employment through active policies in science, technology and innovation.
- ♦ Ensure, by the state, access to social infrastructure (education, hospitals, utilities) and productive (roads, ports, energy) that achieve the priority objectives, even in rural areas and for vulnerable populations.

During the plenary, questions that still require further discussion to reach consensus have been raised. We will mention some of them.

Is it possible development without growth? Some experts noted that growth per se is unsustainable and post 2015 targets should focus solely on the concept of development. Moreover, several specialists said that growth in balance with other objectives such as rational use of resources, capacity building and promotion of innovation is possible and necessary to achieve development.



Group of economic viability during a work session

Does the State is fulfilling its role as administrator

of social risks? Various shortcomings of states to assume this role and the need to strengthen their capacities to implement policies, enforce laws and generally manage social risks were discussed.

Do we need new indicators to measure development? During the discussions the importance of appropriate indicators that measure progress towards development, for example, questioned whether GDP is sufficient to measure growth, or if it is necessary to move from an anachronistic measure of poverty to one that includes noted the life cycle analysis.

In the closing session, Dr. Lorenza Fontana, SIID researcher said the results of the consultation awaiting scattered between academic and governmental community to provide the basis for the generation of public policy.