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on Mining and the Extractive Economy

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2023 saw several significant events and trends that shaped global dynamics. From escalating tensions threatening global security to the ongoing challenges of climate change and the economic crisis, the world witnessed a complex interplay of political, economic and social forces. Issues such as regional conflicts and shifts in international alliances underlined the importance of international cooperation and multilateralism in addressing common challenges. In addition, new technologies continued to disrupt traditional power structures, raising questions about governance, ethics and human rights on a global scale.

In a context increasingly polarised by extremes, CIDSE has managed to create spaces for dialogue, confrontation and empowerment for civil society, with the aim of making the voices of those suffering the consequences of global injustice heard. The proximity to communities and partner organisations from the Global South has allowed for truly transformative advocacy and an exchange of experiences to the benefit of both.

The essence of our work and our renewed mission was presented in January with the launch of the 2023-2028 Strategic Framework 'Thriving in our common home'. The current framework outlines our strategic direction and priorities for the next five years. Our new logo and brand identity reflect CIDSE's values and signal a new approach to communication and engagement.

During the year, we also had the opportunity to test and familiarise ourselves with the new working groups and a new organisational structure. This restructuring aimed to improve efficiency, coordination, and collaboration; by organising our work around thematic areas and strategic priorities, CIDSE sought to maximise its effectiveness in advocating for systemic change.

The validation and use of five systemic change lenses provide a holistic framework for improving our actions by considering their interconnectedness and long-term impact.



We also adopted a new approach to monitoring, evaluation and learning (MEL) through the development of a fully integrated MEL culture. By systematically evaluating our actions and learning from both successes and failures, we will be able to continuously improve and adapt our strategy to evolving contexts and needs.

2023 was also the year when the team moved back into the headquarters on rue Stevin after more than a year of refurbishment. The renovated building was inaugurated in September with the blessing of Mgr. Treanor, Apostolic Nuncio to the EU.

It's vital that we recognise and respond to the fear and instability that has captured the world's attention. Now, more than ever, there's an urgent need for a systemic approach to justice and the protection of our common home.

I invite you to read our Annual Report to learn more about how we can make a difference together and to discover our achievements and challenges over the past year.

Caoimhe de Barra
CEO Trócaire (Ireland) & President of CIDSE

JANUARY



25-27 January | New CIDSE governance: Caoimhe de Barra, CEO of Trócaire (Ireland) was elected **President of CIDSE** for a three-year term at the Board of Directors' meeting in Leuven.

27 January | New CIDSE strategy and logo: CIDSE Directors officially endorsed the Strategic Framework 2023-2028 '**Thriving in our common home**' and a new CIDSE graphic identity.

FEBRUARY

5-9 February | Synodal Journey: CIDSE Secretary General participated in the European Regional Consultation of the Synod on Synodality in Prague.

20 February-5 March & 20-27 February | Meetings with Partners: Staff attended the Churches and Mining Network General Assembly in **Ecuador** and visited Brumadinho (Brazil), while others met with AFSA and other African partner organisations in **Uganda**.



MARCH



7 March | Africa-EU Partnership: CIDSE co-organised a **panel discussion** on the EU Global Gateway strategy at the European Parliament.

10 March | Human rights crisis in Guatemala: A **joint civil society statement** was presented at the 52nd session of the UN Human Rights Council. In December, CIDSE also **called on Europe** to remain vigilant on the situation in Guatemala.

APRIL

14 April | CIDSE submitted a **contribution** to the UN consultation on a Legally Binding Instrument to regulate the activities of transnational corporations and other business enterprises.

28 April | Women defenders in Latin America: After successful screenings at numerous film festivals around the world, the documentary "**The Illusion of Abundance**" went on a global impact tour in Latin America.



MAY



23-25 May | Sharing and Learning: CAFOD hosted the **COMED Forum in London**, the annual meeting of CIDSE communications, education and fundraising staff.

30-31 May | Land grab in Tanzania: As part of a European advocacy tour, a **Maasai delegation was in Brussels** to denounce the forced evictions and human rights abuses they face in Tanzania.

JUNE

5-15 June | UN climate negotiations: During the COP28 negotiating session in Bonn, side events were co-organised on **Loss and Damage, NDCs** and **Agriculture and Food Systems**.

14-16 June | Mid-year meeting, Glasgow: CIDSE Directors bid farewell to outgoing SCIAF Director Alistair Dutton, new Secretary General of Caritas Internationalis, as well as to Manuèle Derolez (CCFD-Terre Solidaire) and Kees Zevenbergen (Cordaid).



JULY



5 July | Faith leaders' statement: More than 160 global faith leaders called for **strong EU legislation** ahead of the start of trilogue negotiations on the EU's Corporate Sustainable Due Diligence Directive.

20-30 July | Gender and land workshop: CIDSE facilitated the organisation of a regional workshop on women's land rights with African church and non-church actors in Uganda.

SEPTEMBER

13-30 September | Latin American Caravan for Integral Ecology: A delegation of five young people, accompanied by the Bishop of Jericó (Colombia), **travelled to Europe** to denounce the impact of extractivism and mining in their countries.

26 September | Green transition: The CSO Coalition on Raw Materials, a convergence of over 40 civil society organisations (CSOs) from the EU and beyond, including CIDSE, was **officially launched**.



OCTOBER



10 October | Israel and the oPt: **CIDSE and ACT Alliance EU** called for an immediate cessation of all hostilities and the protection of civilians in the occupied Palestinian territory and Israel.

16-20 October | Thematic Social Forum: A large CIDSE delegation attended the **2nd Global Thematic Social Forum** on Mining and the Extractive Economy (TSF) in Semarang, Indonesia.

NOVEMBER

27 November | Feminist agroecology: The **final episode of CIDSE's podcast miniseries** exploring the complexities and challenges of feminism within the food sovereignty and agroecology movements was released.

30 November | Corporate regulation: **Glencore's cases in Colombia and Peru** were presented at an event in Brussels to highlight the importance of including the financial sector in the scope of the upcoming EU due diligence legislation.



DECEMBER

2 December | Climate justice: Global faith leaders delivered a **powerful statement** on the moral case for action on loss and damage at the Faith Pavilion at COP28 in Dubai.

14 December | EU deal on CSDDD: CIDSE welcomed the **political agreement** reached on the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive and urged EU decision-makers to ensure that the final text guarantees access to justice.



Systemic Change in Action





Climate & Biodiversity

We recognise the urgent need to address the biodiversity and climate crises by advocating for the implementation of climate and biodiversity targets, in particular those set out in the Paris Agreement and the Convention on Biological Diversity. Our stance involves challenging false solutions that contribute to environmental crimes and human rights violations. Additionally, we speak out against the financialisation of natural resources, emphasising the importance of stewardship and care for our common home.

As part of the NDC Transparency Initiative, a joint project with Fastenaktion, Misereor and Bund, CIDSE continued to investigate how countries' Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) are linked to national policies and climate action on the ground, as well as the capacity of NDCs to support energy access and the diffusion of renewable energy. A [meta-study](#), presented in Bonn during the UNFCCC Climate Change Conference (SB58), compares the results of six case studies - in Brazil, Burkina Faso, Colombia, Georgia, Israel and Switzerland - carried out in 2021-2023 by research teams from local partner organisations. CIDSE was also interviewed for a [podcast](#) by CAN-Europe on how NDC commitments and pledges can be translated into actionable plans at the national level and how citizen participation can bridge the gap between global goals and local actions.

Loss and Damage was another advocacy priority for CIDSE's climate justice work. A [policy briefing](#) with recommendations on how to make the Loss and Damage Fund accessible to vulnerable communities and civil society was launched during a [side event](#) at the Bonn Climate Change Conference (SB58), co-organised with CIDSE members and allies. On 28 June, [an online dialogue on Loss and Damage](#) was held with senior Vatican officials, church leaders from climate-vulnerable countries and experts from Catholic NGOs. Over 100 participants reflected on the moral case for action on Loss and Damage, applying an ethical lens to this vital issue, drawing on Church teaching, scripture and ancient wisdom.

Subsequently, a group of Catholic NGOs, including CIDSE, Caritas Internationalis, SCIAF and the Laudato Si Movement, initiated a [statement](#) for leaders of all faiths around the world to show their support for action on Loss and Damage which was endorsed by over 600 signatories. The statement was [delivered at COP28](#) in Dubai, where world leaders agreed to operationalise the Loss and Damage Fund.

[CIDSE's presence at COP28](#) in Dubai was ensured by a delegation of staff from the Secretariat and member organisations. Advocacy priorities were the Global Stocktake, Food and Agriculture, Loss and Damage and Fossil Fuel Phase-out. During the two weeks, side events were organised as well as meetings with national delegations and parties' groups. CIDSE also played an important role in coordinating a common messaging for Catholic actors going to Dubai.

CIDSE was part of the steering committee and supported in the planning of the [gathering of 45 representatives](#) of territorial church networks from around the world in Rome, at the Vatican offices of San Calisto to reflect on the identity, vocation and mission of the "Ecclesial Networks Alliance for Integral Ecology" (ENA) in which CIDSE was represented by Anja Appel, Director of KOO. The meeting was hosted by the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development.



Integrating Feminism

Together with our member organisations and partners from the Global South, we are committed to dismantling patriarchal and discriminatory power structures to create a space for gender justice. Through this lens, we analyse and address injustices; we challenge systems that perpetuate gender inequalities, advocate for transformative change in decision-making spaces, and advance an agenda for a socially and environmentally just society and planet.

After a [planning visit to Uganda](#) to meet with partners and ally organisations, CIDSE supported the organisation of a [regional workshop](#) for Catholic actors in Eastern Africa to support advocacy for women's land rights. This learning and consultation workshop brought together around 50 participants.

After its avant-premiere at the European Parliament in October 2022, [The Illusion of Abundance](#), a documentary telling the stories of resistance of three Latin American women defenders, was selected for several film festivals around the world and won many awards. This five-year project, supported by a coalition of civil society organisations including CIDSE, combines the power of storytelling with advocacy against corporate impunity. The film was screened at events with decision-makers, including the French National Parliament. It continues its successful journey with a year-long [global impact tour](#) in Latin America, which started in the summer.

The CIDSE podcast mini-series "[A journey through feminist agroecology](#)", launched in 2022, has been completed. The [third and final episode](#) explores the complexities and challenges of feminism within the food sovereignty and agroecology movement.

CIDSE continued to blog on women's rights and gender equality across a range of issues and through a variety of voices:

- Carolina de Moura, journalist, activist with [Instituto Cordilheira](#) and protagonist of the documentary [The Illusion of Abundance](#), met CIDSE staff during a trip to Brussels. Her life, like the lives of many others, was turned upside down when a toxic mining waste dam owned by Vale S.A. burst in Brumadinho, Brazil in 2015. In an [interview on ecofeminism](#), she talked about her work with women in her community and how she is putting ecofeminism into action in her struggle.
- During the [Right to Say No speaker tour](#) in Europe, Danila Andagoya and Nathalia Bonilla, two activists resisting mining activities in the territory of the Chocó Andino community in Ecuador, shared their [testimonies and views](#) on the challenges and opportunities for a socially just energy transition from a women's perspective.
- CIDSE [amplified the voices of 8 Palestinian women](#) sharing their stories of life under occupation in the West Bank, collected by the NGO "[Haqel, in defense of human rights](#)" in the booklet 'I raise up my voice'. The intention was to make their stories visible as a catalyst for empowerment and to provide a channel for women from different communities and geographical locations to have their voices heard and to connect them in their common struggle.



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Decolonising Systems of Power

Thanks to our day-to-day work with our members, we actively support civil society organisations (CSOs) and local communities from the Global South in their pursuit of dignity and justice, working to enhance their access and participation in regional and international political spaces. Additionally, we promote collaboration between CSOs in the Global North and South, recognising the importance of co-shaping actions to address global challenges, and foster solidarity and transformative advocacy across borders.

The Right to Say No for communities affected by extractivism was discussed in various fora over the year. During a [Right to Say No speaker tour](#) in Europe, partners from Ecuador participated in meetings and events together with other human rights defenders and decision-makers interested in hearing their experiences and concerns about the threats that poorly regulated extractive activities pose to their territories. CIDSE co-hosted a [Global Café](#) to exchange organisational strategies and network with partners.

CIDSE also supported the second [Latin American Caravan for Integral Ecology](#), organised by the Churches and Mining Network in collaboration with European church and civil society organisations. Five young people from territories affected by mining and extractivism, accompanied by the Bishop of Jericó (Colombia), denounced the new form of colonisation generated by an economic model based on the plundering of Mother Earth, the dispossession of life, and continued accumulation of capital at the expense of rights. Their voices were heard in the [European Parliament](#), in Belgium, Spain, Italy and Germany. The delegation also met with religious congregations, faith organisations and Bishops' Conferences, to join forces in defence of life and our common home.

As a member of the International Steering Committee and co-leader of the European Coalition, CIDSE played an important coordinating role for the [2nd Global Thematic Social Forum on Mining and the Extractive Economy](#) (TSF) held in Indonesia, in October, and was well represented with a strong delegation of members, partners and secretariat staff. The Forum brought together a diverse range of participants (including indigenous and local communities, trade unions, faith-based groups and civil society) from all over the world who are resisting mining and extractivism in their territories under the slogan 'No to Mining and Yes to Life'.

CIDSE joined the [CSO Coalition on Raw Materials](#), a group of over 40 civil society organisations advocating for sustainable raw materials policies that protect both people and the planet, in the face of rising global demand for minerals essential for the green and digital transitions. Besides coordinating activities and sharing expertise, an important role of the Coalition is to amplify civil society voices which have been sidelined for too long and to foster a fairer future.

A [Tanzanian Maasai delegation](#) met with government and European Union officials, faith-based and civil society groups during a two-week visit to Germany, Austria, Italy and Belgium. The aim was to denounce the ongoing evictions which are forcing tens of thousands of Maasai pastoralists to leave their ancestral homeland in the Loliondo and Ngorongoro areas of the Arusha Region, disrupting their traditional way of life, and threatening their very existence, and to secure international support for their plight. The advocacy tour generated an important wave of solidarity from European counterparts. CIDSE contributed to and supported the tour and the creation of MISA (Maasai International Solidarity Alliance).



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Human Rights

We advocate for governments and international bodies to uphold, protect, and fulfil human rights. We call upon them to embrace a human rights-based approach across various policy domains, including economic, political, and environmental ones. Through this lens, we keep challenging political structures that perpetuate human rights violations and denouncing instances of shrinking civic space and inconsistency in the application of International Law. Additionally, we stand in solidarity with human rights and environmental defenders, offering support in their tireless pursuit of justice and accountability.

In March, CIDSE, together with more than 50 civil society organisations, [called on the UN Human Rights Council](#) to urge Guatemala to guarantee judicial independence, to prevent and investigate attacks against human rights defenders and to guarantee a transparent electoral process. CIDSE [stood in solidarity with the people of Guatemala](#) who peacefully protested after the 20 August elections to demand that the results of the presidential elections be respected and [called on the EU, its Member States and Switzerland](#) to remain vigilant on the situation in Guatemala to ensure that the democratically elected President Bernardo Arévalo and his Vice-President Karin Herrera are officially inaugurated on 14 January 2024 and not further criminalised under legal pretexts.

Brazilian land defenders Maria Moreira Da Silva (Movimento dos Trabalhadores Rurais Sem Terra) and Saulo Reis (Comissão Pastoral da Terra) were in Belgium as part of the Entraide et Fraternité Lenten Campaign. In a [video interview](#), they shared the violence their communities face from agribusiness and mining activities, and the importance of agroecology in their lives.

During [a visit to Brussels](#), Dana Golan, Co-Director of Ofek and Ori Givati, Advocacy Director of Breaking the Silence, met with CIDSE to discuss the Netanyahu government's planned judicial overhaul. They explained how the weakening of the Supreme Court and the erosion of democratic norms in Israel could have a significant impact on Palestinians, both in Israel and the Occupied Territory. Following the 7 October attack and the escalation of violence that has caused unspeakable human suffering for both Palestinians and Israelis, CIDSE joined the many voices worldwide [calling for an immediate ceasefire](#) with an urgent and immediate end to the siege of Gaza and humanitarian access to all civilians in Gaza. In a blog on the occasion of the [75th anniversary](#) of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, CIDSE's Secretary General recalled the centrality of human rights and humanitarian law as a collective reference for all, and how an immediate ceasefire in Gaza, the return of hostages and the opening of borders to humanitarian aid were first essential steps to regain some dignity for all.

In October, a delegation of organisations from Mozambique travelled to Europe to [denounce extractivism and corporate abuse in Cabo Delgado](#), northern Mozambique, in the context of a degrading local situation and ongoing negotiations at EU and UN level on policy processes to prevent cases of corporate abuse by transnational corporations. The initiative was supported by a broad alliance of church and non-church organisations, including CIDSE, [CCFD-Terre Solidaire](#), [Focsiv](#) and MISEREOR.



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Transforming Economic and Political Systems

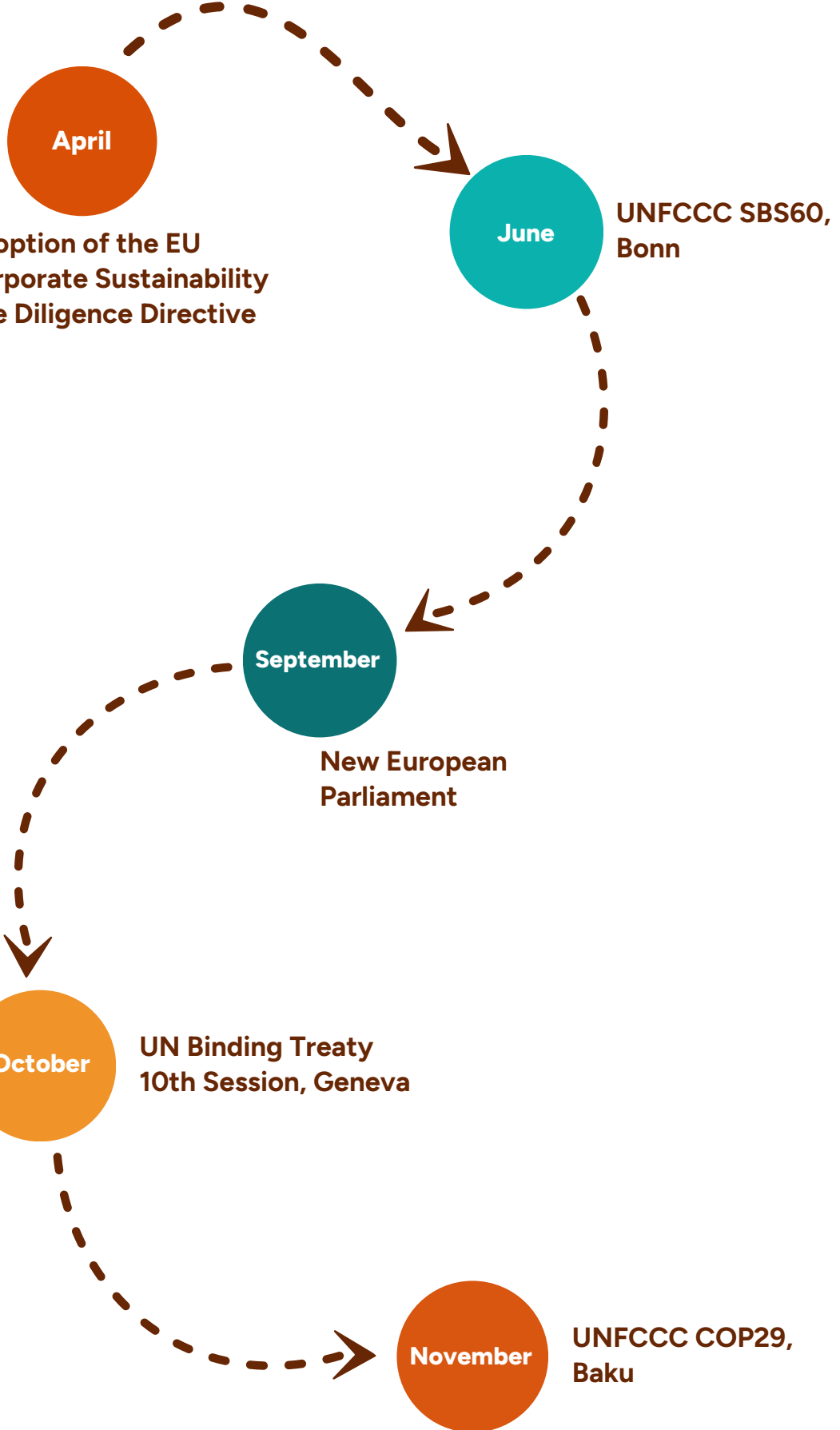
As public awareness grows, economic and political systems that promote environmental crimes and human rights abuses are increasingly discredited. We join the global voices challenging injustice and giving visibility and support to concrete, just, sustainable and transformative alternatives. Our critiques and actions target the appropriation of resources that favours the corporate sector and wealthy nations over the Global South; we advocate the push for real multilateralism that rebalances the power of people over profit.

In May, CIDSE co-signed the Open Letter: "[A post-growth Europe critical to survive and thrive](#)", led by Timothée Parrique, Kate Raworth, Vincent Liegey, European Environmental Bureau, European Youth Forum, Friends of the Earth Europe and the Wellbeing Economy Alliance, published all over Europe on the first day of the European Parliament's Beyond Growth Conference. The initiative was supported by more than 270 signatories from civil society organisations, academics and experts.

More than 200 signatures were collected from faith leaders calling for a strong EU legislation ahead of the trilogue negotiations on the proposed Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CSDDD), which started in September. The [statement](#), signed by leaders of other faith groups, including many women signatories, renewed with more detail the 2020 [Catholic Bishops' call](#). The recommendations focused on the proposed text and were based on the experiences and plight of partner organisations and communities affected by corporate abuse.

As the EU negotiations on the CSDDD entered a crucial phase in November, CIDSE co-organised a [public event](#) with Fair Finance International, Oxfam International, S&D and the Justice is Everybody's Business campaign to highlight why the financial sector should be included in the scope of the EU law, using the cases of the impacts of Glencore's mines in Colombia and Peru. Despite the changes to the proposed Directive, the [political agreement reached in December](#) between the European Commission, the Council and the Parliament, was welcomed as a crucial first step towards the regulation of companies.

CIDSE continued to advocate for a UN legally binding instrument on transnational corporations and other business enterprises and commissioned [an analysis](#) of the main changes introduced in the Third Updated Draft released in July and under negotiation at the 9th session of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group. The study's recommendations formed the basis of the CIDSE delegation's lobbying in Geneva which also argued for the active involvement of the EU and its Member States in the negotiations. In this regard, CIDSE successfully provided input to the report of the European Parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee (AFET) to be voted on in 2024, which will form the basis of the EU mandate in Geneva.



Coming Up



Board of Directors

The Board is composed of the Directors of CIDSE's 18 member organisations. The Board meets twice a year and is responsible for the general management of CIDSE, in particular for reviewing current activities and formulating policies for the future.

In 2023, CIDSE bid farewell to Kees van Zevenbergen (Cordaid/The Netherlands), Manuèle Derolez (CCFD-Terre Solidaire/France) and Alistair Dutton (SCIAF/Scotland) and welcomed their successors, Heleen van den Berg, Inès Minin and Lorraine Currie.

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee is the implementing and supervising arm of the Board of Directors:

- President: Caoimhe de Barra (Trócaire).
- Members: Anja Appel (KOO), Axelle Fischer (Entraide et Fraternité), Bernd Nilles (Fastenaktion) and Ricardo Loy (Manos Unidas).
- Secretary General: Josianne Gauthier (CIDSE).
- Spiritual Advisor: Mgr. A. Tesfaselassie Medhin (Eparchy of Adigrat/Ethiopia).
- Treasurer: Thomas Vercruyse (Entraide et Fraternité).

The Spiritual Advisor, the Treasurer and the Secretary General are non-voting members.

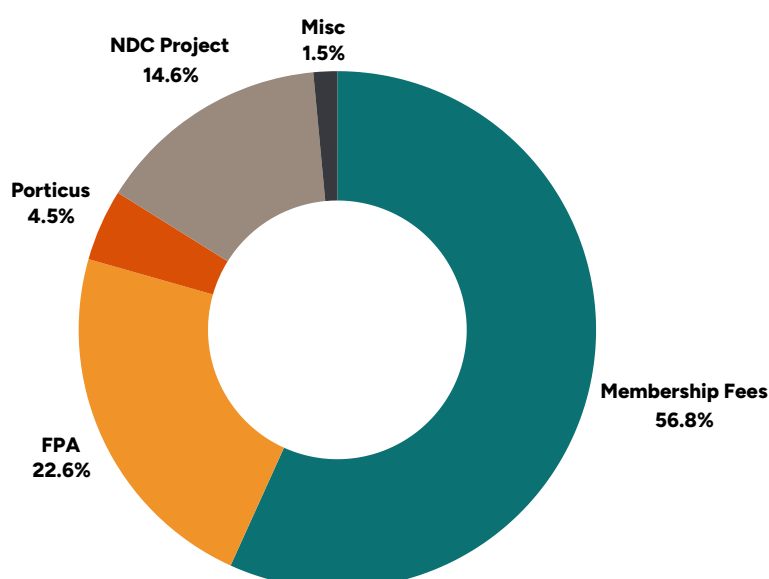
The CIDSE network is funded by membership fees, additional funding from members for special projects and external funding.

In 2023, CIDSE received external funding from:

- The European Commission Directorate-General for International Partnerships (DG INTPA) as part of the Framework Partnership Agreement: "Experience, Learning, Sharing through joint action and strategic planning to achieve global justice." (2019-2023).
- Porticus for the project "Transformative advocacy towards integral ecology – Development of a new Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL) framework for CIDSE and its members" (2021-2023).

Income 2023

Membership Fees	€ 1,298,650.00
European Commission Framework Partnership Agreement (FPA)	€ 517,933.61
Porticus	€ 102,521.40
Misereor NDC Project	€ 34,516.00
Miscellaneous	€ 33,991.66
TOTAL	€ 1,987,612.00

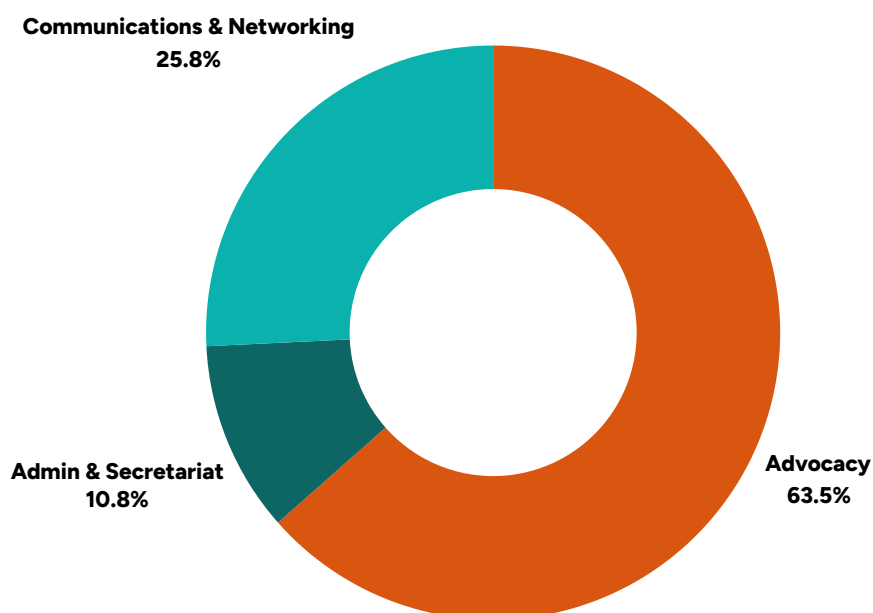


CIDSE is grateful to all its network members, as well as to the European Commission and Porticus for making the work presented in this report possible.

Expenditure 2023

Advocacy*	€ 1,188,366.86
Communications & Networking Events	€ 482,192.11
Administration & Secretariat	€ 201,381.41
TOTAL	€ 1,871,940.38

*CIDSE's 2023 advocacy work covered the following thematic areas: Systemic Change, Energy and Extractivism, Food and Land, and Fighting Corporate Power.



In 2023, the CIDSE Secretariat also coordinated the following project: Israel-occupied Palestinian Territory: € 76.002.29.

CIDSE's financial year runs from 1st January to 31st December. The 2023 financial statements have been audited by an external auditor, Clybouw Achiel, Andre & Co bvba, Belgium, in accordance with Belgian accounting standards.



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CIDSE (Coopération internationale pour le développement et la solidarité) is an international family of Catholic social justice organisations. We work with global partners and allies to promote justice, harnessing the power of global solidarity to achieve transformational change for people and the planet. We challenge systemic injustice and its destructive impacts through connecting, mobilising, influencing and telling stories of change. We promote environmentally and socially just alternatives to allow everyone to thrive in our common home. CIDSE's work is guided by Catholic Social Teaching and Gospel values.

About CIDSE

CIDSE's work promotes food sovereignty and land justice, addresses impunity and corporate power and explores the relationship between energy and extractivism, while striving for a model of sufficiency. We take a systemic approach to our thematic work, with a focus on human rights, decolonisation, feminism, climate and biodiversity justice, as well as on challenging prevailing economic and political systems, and exploring alternatives.

CIDSE member organisations work together in working groups, platforms, and fora on the issues defined in the strategic framework. The CIDSE Secretariat facilitates the working groups and ensures communication between member organisations and the overall coherence of CIDSE's work.

Our Members

CIDSE brings together [18 member organisations](#) from Europe and North America.



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Belgium



Canada



England and Wales



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Luxembourg



the Netherlands



the Netherlands



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Collaborations

CIDSE works closely with various local and international alliances and organisations such as [Caritas Internationalis](#), [Caritas Europa](#), [COMECE](#), [Franciscans International](#), [JESC](#) and the [Laudato Si' Movement](#). We are member of [CONCORD](#), [Climate Action Network Europe](#) (CAN Europe), as well as a founding member of the [European Laudato Si' Alliance](#) (ELSiA).

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Based in Brussels, the [CIDSE Secretariat](#) facilitates and coordinates the common efforts of its members, represents CIDSE at the EU and international levels, and undertakes advocacy activities and other initiatives in collaboration with its members to contribute to systemic change and global justice. The Secretariat is organised into teams which coordinate different working groups to achieve CIDSE's objectives.

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