



HOW WE WORK

The CIDSE Secretariat in Brussels coordinates the joint work of teams of experts from our member organisations; lobbies decision makers at the UN and EU level; networks with allies; and communicates with the media.

WHAT WE DO

- » Undertake joint advocacy using an integrated approach across themes, campaigns and programmes;
- » Engage in development cooperation by working together with our partners to promote people-driven change worldwide;
- » Challenge systemic injustice, inequity and destruction of nature, as well as assumptions on growth, development and consumption.

THEMATIC AREAS

- » systemic change » land rights » business & human rights
- » climate & energy » climate & agriculture » gender equality
- » sustainable lifestyles » finance & development
- » Israel & Occupied Palestinian Territory



CIDSE members



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DEFINED BY VALUES

CIDSE is an international family of Catholic social justice organisations. Our drive to care for humanity and our common home is rooted in Catholic social teaching. Our members share a common strategy to challenge systemic injustice and inequity, and work for transformational change by promoting just and environmentally sustainable practices.

STRENGTH IN UNITY

CIDSE plays the role of connector, influencer and storyteller. Our wide network offers us a rich panorama of experiences and lessons, which we gather and offer publicly. We share knowledge through innovative storytelling to engage relevant audiences and stakeholders. Our overview of expertise allows us to spot opportunities to form and nurture alliances. In turn, we stay engaged on the latest political developments and harness our collective power to jointly apply pressure on intergovernmental institutions right when it's needed.



THE REVELATIONS WE SHARE

- » Directly informed the negotiation process and content of a binding treaty on business and human rights - **'Removing Barriers to Justice'** and **'Ensuring the Primacy of Human Rights in Trade and Investment Policies'**
- » Encouraged governments and stakeholders to consider *Laudato Si'* and Catholic social teaching in their responses to climate change - **'Climate Action for the Common Good'**
- » Outlined the application of international humanitarian and human rights law to displacement in Occupied Palestinian Territory and Israel - **'No Place Like Home'**
- » Proposed systemic alternatives and denounced false tech solutions to meet the climate goal of 1.5°C - **'The climate urgency: setting sail for a new paradigm'**
- » Defined agroecology for movements as a key pillar of a just and sustainable food system through a report and multimedia dossier - **The Principles of Agroecology**
- » Exposed the need for a binding treaty with a multimedia case study of catastrophic corporate negligence in Mariana, Brazil - **The Mud that Brought Destruction**
- » Leading by example the shift to sustainable lifestyles using human stories of personal transformation in two documentaries - **Stories of Change** and **Energy to Change**
- » Encouraging reflections on **gender equality** and **systemic change** by managing **two blog spaces** about these integral processes.



HAVE IGNITED MOVEMENTS

- » Forming and joining **partnerships, regional networks, peoples' movements, change agents and broader coalitions** that are too numerous to list completely here.
- » Co-established the platform **"Our Land is Our Life"**: a space to build synergy and support collaborative resistance to corporate land grabbing at different levels.
- » Co-organised with FEC and Broederlijk Delen **summer camps** in 2017 and 2018 on sustainable living practices. Some attendees became **volunteers in the CIDSE delegation** at the UN Climate Change Conferences (COP).
- » Catalysed a shift in approach to addressing systemic inequalities and abuses of power by bringing together CIDSE members and partners for the **Systemic Change Forum**.
- » Leading member of the **Treaty Alliance**, a global civil society alliance jointly advocating for an international binding treaty.
- » Hosted **events at COP meetings**, the People's Climate Summits and the **World Social Forums** on sustainable lifestyles, extractivism, a just transition, agroecology and *Laudato Si'*.
- » Shared strategies to resist land grabbing between African Church institutions and social movements by organising **several conferences on land grabbing** in Africa.