

## CIVIL SOCIETY GROUP REPORTS

### Group #1 Report

**Subject** : Discussion on the Charter of Civil Society and the formulation of recommendations with a view to integrate youth and women's groups in development.

All that God created, he created double (heaven and earth- the sun and the moon- life and death – boy and girl). To apply this philosophy of duality, which is divine, Group 1 chose two rapporteurs (one man and one woman)

### Feedback on the Charter of Civil Society

- a) positive feedback
- b) elements missing
- c) suggestions

### Positive

- The Charter in a wide framework speaks of universal values
- It gives value to the whole human being

### Elements Missing

- Sanctions which ought to be taken against a country which violates the charter
- Mechanisms for amendment

### Suggestions

- To consolidate all the articles of Haitian Civil Society
- So that Haiti does not miss this chance that CARICOM offers, one ought to establish the following:
  - a) A motivation campaign
  - b) Integrate courses of civic education, on human communication and human relations
  - c) Begin with decentralization and deconcentration. We are going to apply the example from today in making the choice of a woman coming from Port au Prince and the 14 other members coming from the provinces to be part of the delegation going to Barbados.
  - d) Sanctions against the thieves of the State
  - e) Add a chapter on the rights of youth
  - f) Making the Charter available in Creole
  - g) Seeking to make Creole one of the languages used in CARICOM
  - h) Dialogue between government and governed
  - i) Integrate women and youth in the domain of education
  - j) Linguistic exchange between Haitian youth and youth of other countries
  - k) Professional training
  - l) Making Civil Society use the tools existing in the countries of CARICOM
  - m) Putting forward the potential of women and youth
  - n) Integrating the problems of youth and women on the agenda of CARICOM quantitatively and qualitatively

## REPORT GROUP 2

**Subject:** The role of Government and Civil Society in the implementing of the Single Market.

Group 2 had delegates from the North, North East, Central Plateau, South East, Artibonite, Grande Anse, the West and the North East.

They insisted that the necessity of a partnership of the public sector and civil society organized to implement the reforms and the indispensable mechanisms for the functional integration of Haiti in the Single Market of the Caribbean.

In the cadre of that partnership, the following is necessary:

- The unblocking of the political instability
- Identify the advantages and disadvantages for Haiti in this integration
- Assure that the interests of Haiti are safeguarded and respected
- The civil society ought to ensure a transparency in the decisions taken within the Haitian state and CARICOM
- The national production ought to be stabilized, encouraged and guided
- The means of production ought to be available: e.g. credit
- Establish infrastructures for local and regional commerce
- Study the effects of the Single Market on the Haitian currency
- Put an emphasis on the questions of education and health, the integration and the stabilization of women and youth, the integration of traditional medicine in the health system
- Depoliticize the functions of organizations and the economic and social sectors
- Civil society ought to work for the national production through commerce, industry and human development
- Put an emphasis on the popularization of the objectives of CARICOM and the responsibilities of membership.
- In the framework of tourism, put the accent on our cultural potential (visual arts, music, arts and craft)
- Encourage investment of those who have capital in the agricultural production and agro industries
- Ensure a policy of true decentralization which will permit a better organization of local markets, commercial exchanges, transport among others
- Ensure a modernization of the Haitian economy with fiscal reforms, the cleaning up of public finances, a better allocation of resources and a rationalization of the budget
- Finally take all necessary reforms so that Haiti will not be a parasite country in CARICOM

## REPORT GROUP #3

**Subject:** Identify the strategies for financial development especially for the poor and the marginalized.

The group was made up of 33 persons who represented the grass roots of civil society of Haiti.

### Formulation of proposals

- Establishment of a partnership on the national scale so as to benefit from the experience of member countries
- Considering that Haiti is a poor and underdeveloped country, it is imperative to define the strategies of technical and financial development adapted and durable to the profit of the poor people of the country.

### Strategies of financing for the development of Haiti

1. A massive augmentation of the national production
2. establish a programme of technical training and the sensitizing of the population
3. Strengthen the authority of the state
4. take coercive measures against functionaries of the state who abuse their power
5. Clean up the fundamental structures of the state
6. develop technical capacities of artisans giving them the necessary means
7. give technical assistance to tradesmen who do not have the opportunity to practice
8. encourage and develop the tourism sector on a national scale to reopen the tourism industry
9. Invest more in cooperatives and establish community stores
10. development of a programme of micro-financing in the informal sector
11. Create road infrastructure on a national level
12. Establish a programme of restoration of land and prevent deforestation
13. Educational, civic and social training of citizens
14. Improving the goods and services of the state
15. Take security measures permitting foreign and local investors to implant enterprises to jump start the country  
(N.B. proposal of one person)

## GROUP # 4

**Subject:** Ways to improve dialogue and collaboration between actors in Civil Society and actors in government

We, here present, represent the different national and regional groups, propose the following points to improve the network of dialogue.

1. Exchange available information between all the actors in
  - a) discussing the salient points between the groups
  - b) exchanging available information and informing our collaborators of our plans and projects
  - c) keeping in mind the global context of modernization
2. Identify one of the key representatives on the regional level to transmit the information
3. The representatives ought to serve as facilitator between the actors mentioned
4. Encourage the training/education of members of the network of dialogue and collaboration in:
  - a) encouraging a transparency between organizations
  - b) encouraging a spirit of collaboration between ourselves on the national level
5. Establishing ways and means to have a constant and direct dialogue between government and people at all levels (communes, municipalities, departments, nation) and also between those responsible for different public services of the country
6. The duty of citizens is to make the leaders of the country responsible and to involve themselves in the governance of the state
7. Work towards the elaboration of a national plan of development conceived by civil society and present it to the leaders