

**Regional & Local Sustainable Development
8th Congress of the International Network
“Regional & Local Development Work & Labour”
Bhubaneswar, Orissa, India, 27-30 December 2012**

in co-operation with Research Committee 10 “Participation, Organisational Democracy & Self-Management” of the International Sociological Association (RC 10/ISA) & the Hans Böckler Foundation

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3rd Call for Papers

Dear colleagues,

we invite You herewith to submit proposals for the 8th Congress of the international network “Regional & Local Development of Labour”, which has been founded in 1999 in Italy. The target is to bring together activists namely from trade unions, from the social economy and researchers in the field of labour together as well as decision makers in different public, non-governmental or private organisations. The focus lies less on the national but on the meso, i.e. the regional and local level, as there the changes, including innovations develop and are put into practice. You will find more information on the network in the annex and on its webpage: <http://www.rldwl.uqam.ca/>

Therefore the congress covers quite a broad area. We propose to cluster the debate besides the two plenaries in the following six sessions:

1. Regional and Local Sustainable Development in India
2. Regional and Local Sustainable Development in Asia
3. Regional and Local Sustainable Development in Africa & Latin America
4. Regional and Local Sustainable Development in North America
5. Regional and Local Sustainable Development in Europe
6. Microfinance Institutions

The Congress will be introduced by a pre-programme in the morning of the first day with a special focus on Corporate Social Responsibility in China by a visit to a company and a seminar.

The Congress will be organised in Bhubaneswar, Orissa, India at Utkal University <http://www.utkal-university.org/> and the Centre for Youth and Social Development <http://www.cysd.org/>. Bhubaneswar is an old and a modern city at the same time, the capital of the State of Orissa.

The sessions will be in English. Papers may focus on special and concrete projects, but invited to take into account the comparative dimension as well. Deadlines: for **abstracts 15 September 2012**, for the **full paper 1 November 2012**. As in the past, it is planned to publish the proceedings with an international publisher.

The organisation committee:

Anup Dash, Denis Harrisson, C. Lakshmana & György Széll

Provisional programme

27 December 2012

9.30 hours: pre-programme:

- Visit of a cooperative, an MFI or other institution or
- Seminar on the Social Economy of India

From 14.00 hours registration, snacks

15.00 hours: opening, Chair: Prof. Dr. Anup Dash, Utkal University

- *Welcome addresses* by the Vice Chancellor of Utkal University; Prof. Dr. Denis Harrisson, UQAM, Canada <harrisson.denis@uqam.ca>; Director of RLDWL, Dr. Isabel da Costa, President ISA/RC 10 <isabel.da-costa@ens-cachan.fr>; P.K. Sahoo, Chairman of CYSO <cysdbbsr@sancharnet.in> & Dr. Stefan Lücking, representative of the Hans Böckler Foundation <Stefan-Luecking@BOECKLER.DE>

Opening speeches:

- Prof. Dr. Muhammad Yunus, Nobel-Prize for Peace, Dacca/Bangladesh (t.b.c.)
- Prof. em. Dr. György Széll, University of Osnabrück/Germany and IFEP, University of Aix-Marseille/France <gszell@uos.de>

18.30 hours: Reception at the ...

20.00 hours: Dinner

28 December 2012

9.30 hours Session 1: Regional and Local Sustainable Development in India

Chairs: Prof. Dr. Debi S. Saini, Management Development Institute, Gurgaon, India <dsaini@hotmail.com> & Prof. Dr. C. Lakshmana, Hyderabad <proflakshmana@hotmail.com>

Keynotes: Prof. Dr. P.P. Balan, Director, Kerala Institute of Local Administration (KILA) <balanpp25@gmail.com> & Prof. Dr. Joseph Varghese, CMS College, Kottayam, Kerala, India <varghejp@gmail.com>

11.00 hours: break

11.30 hours Session 2: Regional and Local Sustainable Development in Asia

Chairs: Prof. Dr. Eun-Jin Lee, President Gyeongnam Development Institute, Changwon/South Korea <ejlee@gndi.re.kr> & Prof. Dr. Dinghong Yi, Renmin University, Peking/PRC <dinghongyi@hotmail.com>

Keynotes: Dr. Peiyuan Guo, President Syntao, Beijing, China <guopeiyuan@gmail.com> & Prof. Dr. Michal Palgi, Kibbutz Research Centre, University of Haifa/Israel (Former President RC 10/ISA) <palgi@research.haifa.ac.il>

13.00 hours: Lunch

14.30 hours Session 3: Regional and Local Sustainable Development in Africa & Latin America

Chairs: Dr. Emmanuel Kamdem, General Secretary of the Pan-African Institute for Development, Geneva & Yaoundé <sg-paid-ipd@hotmail.ch> & Prof. Dr. Yunus Dauda, University of Lagos/Nigeria <yadauda@yahoo.com>

Keynotes: N.N.

16.00 hours break

16.30 hours: Session 4: Regional and Local Sustainable Development in North America

Chairs: Prof. Dr. Denis Harrisson, Director RLDWL, UQAM, Montréal <harrisson.denis@uqam.ca> & Dr. Udo Rehfeldt, IRES, Paris

Keynote: Prof. Dr. Reynald Bourque, University of Montreal/Canada <reynald.bourque@umontreal.ca>

19.00 hours: Cultural evening with dinner

29 December 2012

9.30 hours Session 5: Regional and Local Sustainable Development in Europe

Chairs: Prof. Dr. Catherine Casey, University of Leicester/UK <cc217@leicester.ac.uk> & Dr. Volker Telljohann, IRES, Bologna/Italy <vtelljohann@gmail.com>

Keynote: Dr. Philippe Pochet, General Director of the European Trade Union Institute, Brussels/Belgium <PPochet@ETUI.ORG>

11.00 hours break

11.30 hours Session 6: Microfinance Institutions

Chair: Prof. Dr. Anup Dash, Utkal University & CYSO, Bhubaneswar, India & Prof. Dr. Serajul Hoque, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh <sj27hq@yahoo.com>

Keynotes: N.N.

13.00 hours: Lunch

14.00 hours Final session, Chair: Prof. em. Dr. György Széll, University of Osnabrück

Proposed participants: Prof. Dr. Anup Dash; Prof. Dr. Denis Harrisson, UQAM, Canada; Director of RLDWL; Dr. Isabel da Costa, ENS-Cachan, Paris/France (President RC 10/ISA); Dr. Stefan Lücking, Hans Böckler Foundation, Düsseldorf/Germany <Stefan-Luecking@BOECKLER.DE> & Dr. Emmanuel Kamdem, General Secretary of the Pan-African Institute for Development, Geneva & Yaoundé

16.30 hours: Dr. Emmanuel Kamdem, 9th Congress of RLDWL in Africa, General Secretary of the Pan-African Institute for Development, Geneva & Yaoundé

17.15 hours: Business meeting; Chairs: György Széll & Denis Harrisson

19.00 hours Farewell Party

30 December 2012

9.30 hours: Critical sightseeing tour

Practical Informations:

Registration with the attached form or via the website

The participation fee is 200 € for non-members and 100 € for members from OECD-countries; for Third-World participants 3000 INR, for students and unemployed a reduced fee of 1000 INR will be applied. The fee includes all meals, drinks & cultural events.

13.00 hours Lunch afterwards Departure

Information about the city:

<http://www.orissatourism.gov.in/bbsr.html>

Travel information

There is a regional airport, which is reached from Delhi, Kolkata and Mumbai etc.

Accommodation

We will arrange special prices with good hotels or university residences in walking distance from the venue.

Place: To be determined

The International Network for Regional and Local Development of Work and Labour (RLDWL)

History

A first workshop was organised on 24 September 1998 by the Istituto per il Lavoro, Bologna, during the 11th World Congress of Industrial Relations in Bologna, concerning institutions in the field of Work and Labour research. The meeting was quite successful and, as a result, the participants agreed that it would be useful to intensify and broaden such kinds of contacts on a regular basis. Although there are already a number of similar initiatives dealing with work and labour none of them specifically concern regional and local development.

As a result, the *International Network for Regional and Local Development of Work and Labour* was created in October 1999 on the occasion of the First International Conference on "The Role of Intermediate Institutions for Social Stability and Democracy". This event, which was held in Ravello (Italy), was organised by the Institute for Labour Foundation (IpL) and aimed to stimulate an exchange of experiences among intermediate institutions.

In November 2000 the Second RLDWL Conference took place in Rio de Janeiro. This time the Conference was organised by *Unitrabalho, the Brazilian Interuniversity Labour Study and Research Network*. The main theme of this event was the relationship between the improvement of working conditions and local and regional development, and had important consequences for the further development of the Work and Labour Network. One of the most significant outcomes of the Conference was the official adoption of the Network Statutes as proposed by the founder members. The third conference was organised in Osnabrück in May 2002 under the title "*Labour, Globalisation and the New Economy*". The fourth Conference had as its title "Transnational co-operation on social regulation" and was held at the University of KwaZuluNatal in Durban, South Africa in February 2004. The fifth Congress "Education, Science & Labour – Perspectives for the 21st Century" took again place in Osnabrück in September 2006.

Objectives

Intermediate institutions are research institutes that deal with Work and Labour issues, in particular with the relationships between new forms of work organisation, productivity, innovation, participation and employment. These institutions promote research aimed at fostering the organisational evolution of companies and public bodies, as well as adding value to work through it. The main task of these institutes is the search for a new organisational form of work and a new equilibrium in innovative strategies. In this context the regional and local dimension is particularly important.

More than sixty researchers, policy-makers and representatives of the social partners from all over the world took part at this Conference, which was sponsored by the European Commission, the International Labour Organisation, The European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions, Hans Böckler Foundation et al. The Conference created a discussion forum on issues such as: employment and development, the position of the social actors, the role of conflict, the importance of social progress and participation and the meaning of 'public good'. It evidenced that today Intermediate Institutions play an important role as actors in the dynamic world of work and labour where the main actors, i.e. trade unions, employers and policymakers, need to be assisted and encouraged to co-operate, at international level as well. In this context, one of the purposes of the network is to promote a long-term vision, where work and labour relations are not merely considered as costs and constraints, but rather as opportunities for fostering economic growth and welfare. In response to the need to foster a co-operative framework between these institutions, the *International Network for Regional and Local Development of Work and Labour* has been set up. The institutes and organisations taking part in the network deal with research, the improvement of labour conditions, the organisation of work as well as economic questions. In June 2003 a European chapter has been created during its first conference in Bologna. A second conference followed in April 2004 in Rome.

Statutes

The Network Statutes formalise the organisational structure and the aims of the Network. The most significant aims of the Work and Labour Network are the following:

the intensification of information exchanges regarding development and initiatives in the respective countries or regions by intermediate institutions, governments, trade unions, employers' associations, etc.; the exchange of researchers; the development of joint research; the organisation of biannual conferences; the promotion of the diffusion of intermediate institutions concerned with work and labour in different parts of the world; the promotion of the humanisation of work, social cohesion and democracy.

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Other members are (8):

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Publications

In 2000 the Institute for Labour Foundation published a book on Intermediate Institutions, entitled "The Role of Intermediate Institutions. The case of Research Institutes concerned with Work and Labour, Milan, Franco Angeli", and contains contributions by researchers from European and non-European institutes dealing with Work and Labour who discuss their past experiences and future challenges. Both the role and the prospects of the Work and Labour Network are discussed. The next publications, entitled "The Injustice at Work: an International View on the World of Labour and Society", edited in 2002 by György Széll and Gian Primo Cella, integrated the most important contributions to the Ravello and Rio-Conferences, "Labour, Globalisation and the New Economy", edited by György Széll, Carl-Heinrich Bösling & Johannes Hartkemeyer in 2005, which assembled the best contributions of the 2002 conference; "Education, Labour & Science – Perspectives for the 21st Century", which documents the 2006 Congress, edited by György Széll, Carl-Heinrich Bösling & Ute Széll in 2007; the sixth congress is documented in the book "Social Innovation, the Social Economy and World Economic Development. Democracy and Labour Rights in an Era of Globalization", edited by Denis Harrison, György Széll & Reynald Bourque (2009). The 7th Congress is documented in Francesco Garibaldi & Dinghong Yi (eds.), *Labour & Sustainable Development*, Frankfurt/M. et al.: Peter Lang, 2011.

The first European chapter conference is documented in "Globalization, Company Strategies and Quality of Working Life in Europe" edited by F. Garibaldi and V. Telljohann, in 2004; the second one is documented in "New Forms of Work Organisation and Industrial Relations in Southern Europe", edited by F. Garibaldi and V. Telljohann, published in 2007. The third European Congress with the theme "Workplace Participation Forum: New ways to Effective Forms of Worker Participation" took place in Rome in September 2008. The proceedings were edited by Francesco Garibaldi & Volker Telljohann under the title *The Ambivalent Character of Participation. New Tendencies in Worker Participation in Europe*, Frankfurt/M. et al.: Peter Lang, 2010. Peter Lang Publisher, Frankfurt, Berlin, Bern, Brussels, Paris, New York, and Vienna published nearly all these books <<http://www.peterlang.com/home.cfm?vLang=D&vScreenWidth=1280>>.

Information

Detailed information on the activities of the Work and Labour Network as well as other documentary materials are available on the RLDWL web site, which is being managed by CRISES: <http://www.rldwl.uqam.ca/>. A newsletter with updated information about the Network's activities is sent to the RLDWL members by email. For those of you wishing to voice any ideas, a RLDWL mailing list has been set up. Subscriptions are free. For any further information please contact the RLDWL-Secretariat (see above).

Membership

Becoming a member of the Work and Labour Network offers you the opportunity to attend the RLDWL Assemblies, to receive information about the activities of the Network and to have reduced prices for conferences, workshops and publications.



CYSD is a non-government, non-profit organisation established in 1982. CYSD works for the development of deprived and marginalised people in the remotest areas of Orissa, one of the most backward states in India. CYSD's approach focuses on Primary Education, Sustainable Livelihood and Participatory Governance. However, it also addresses issues such as disaster management, health and sanitation, child rights, HIV/AIDS prevention and drug addiction rehabilitation, and

focuses particularly on women in all areas.

By working directly with communities to improve quality of life; sharing skills with partner organisations; and carrying out research and lobbying to influence policy change, CYSD's approach is uniquely holistic.

CYSD began by providing training to development organisations and civil society groups. The Development Resource and Training Centre (DRTC) evolved to support this function. Although the organisation has developed considerably since its inception, training and capacity building remains a focal part of its approach. In fact, three District Resource Centres (DRCs) and four Rural Livelihood Training Centres (RLTCs) were recently set up in rural areas of Orissa in order to further extend the reach of CYSD's training.

Since 1985 the organisation has worked in partnership with communities and currently works in four locations. Work centres on the creation and development of women's self-help saving groups; the introduction of sustainable agricultural practices; increasing people's participation in local self-governance; and improving enrolment, retention and the quality of teaching in primary schools.

Since 1997, CYSD has conducted and published extensive research studies into a variety of issues concerning poor and tribal people in Orissa, to influence the public and policy makers to initiate change.

CYSD's disaster response programme began in 1999 when the super cyclone devastating the coastal districts of Orissa. Since then CYSD has been closely involved in relief and rehabilitation work during the floods in Orissa in 2001, 2003 and 2006, and in Tamil Nadu following the Tsunami.

CYSD is an active member of VANI (Voluntary Action Network India) and the Credibility Alliance, with a view to enhancing good governance in the voluntary sector.

VISION

A society where communities are able to:

- Make their own choices
- Meet their survival needs and aspirations
- Lead a self-reliant and sustainable life with dignity

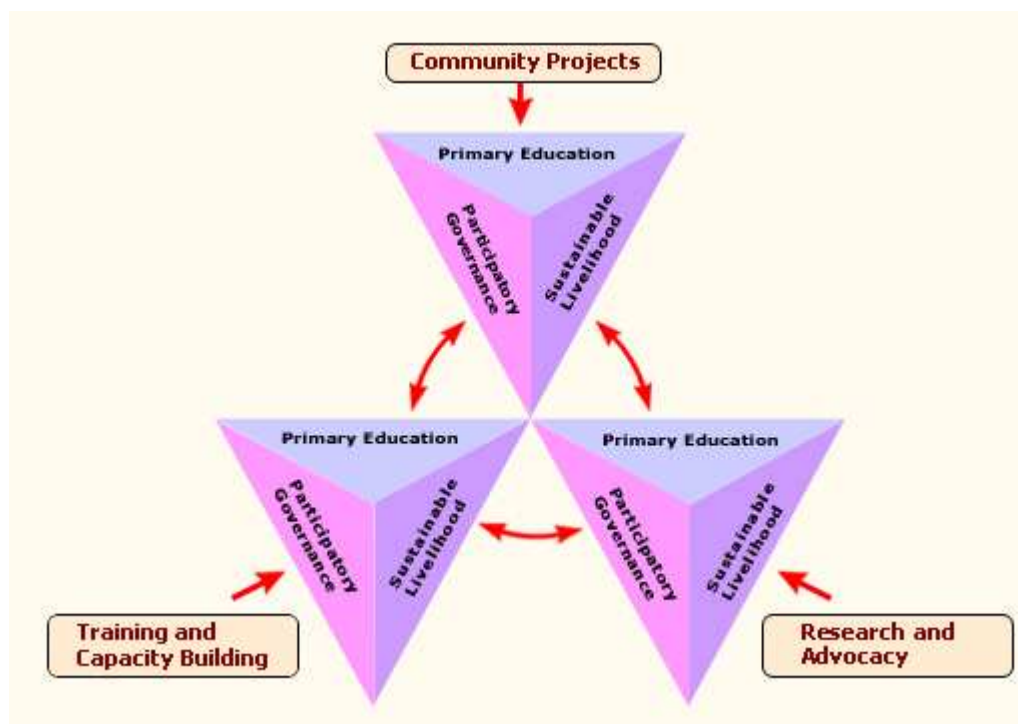
MISSION

To excel as an enabling institution, with the aim of improving the quality of life of deprived communities through:

- Participatory action
- Training and capacity building
- Research and advocacy initiatives

Strategic Model

CYSD works in three mutually reinforcing and complementary thematic areas : Primary Education, Sustainable Livelihood and Participatory Governance, with supporting themes of disaster management, health and sanitation, child rights, HIV/AIDS prevention and drug addiction rehabilitation, and focuses particularly on women in all areas.



CYSD approaches these themes through three distinct but interdependent interventions:

- In poor and remote areas of Orissa, action projects work in participation with communities. The communities own the process of development and they contribute with their resources, labour and commitment.
- Training and capacity building is undertaken at all levels from community to state level, to share what has been learnt from working with communities with a far wider audience. The four Rural Livelihood Training Centres in our project areas demonstrate new farming techniques directly to farmers from both inside and outside the project communities, and to other organisations for wider replication. The three District Resource Centres conduct extensive training, capacity building and networking initiatives across all three themes with Panchayati Raj Institutions, community groups, partner organisations and government functionaries. The Development Resource and Training Centre operates at state level to run workshops and studies with partner organisations, government departments and civil society organisations.
- Research and advocacy initiatives are undertaken on issues identified at community, state and national level for initiating pro-poor policies and schemes. The aim of the research and advocacy is to ensure that people are fully aware of their rights, and that what is promised is delivered on the ground.

Homepage: <http://www.cysd.org/>

Registration

- I will participate at the Congress "**Regional & Local Sustainable Development**",
27-30 December 2012, Bhubaneswar, India

Title(s), Name _____
 Organisation _____
 Address _____
 City-Country _____
 Telephone _____ Fax _____ e-mail _____

I will attend the following sessions:

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| 1. and Local Sustainable Development in India | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Regional and Local Sustainable Development in Asia | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Regional and Local Sustainable Development in Africa & Latin America | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Regional and Local Sustainable Development in North America | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Regional and Local Sustainable Development in Europe | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Microfinance Institutions | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| X. Final | <input type="checkbox"/> |

- I intend to present a paper. title: _____ (deadline for abstracts:
15 September 2012)

- I will take part in the sightseeing tour 30 December
 I will take part at the visit of the cooperative on 27 December
 I will take part at the seminar on the social economy in India on 27 December
 I will take part at lunch on 27 28 29 30 December
 I will take part at dinner on 27 28 29 December
 I am vegetarian
 I will transferred the participation fee of
 200 € for **OECD non-members** of RLDWL
 100 € for **OECD-members** of RLDWL (membership fee can be paid in Bhubaneswar or on the Congress account, please mention it)
 300 INR for Third-World participants
 100 INR for students & unemployed
 by bank order to ...
 I will only be able to pay after arrival

I am a member of RLDWL RC 10/ISA coming from a Third World country

- I apply for waiving of the registration fee. **Reasons:**

- I need accommodation from ... to ... low cost medium premium
 For ... persons

Place, Date _____ (Signature) _____

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