

## First Newsletter for the Sixth Delegates' Conference of terre des hommes Germany



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## 1 Welcome - From the Global Soup Kitchen to a Joint Dining Table

*„Partnership must be based on the conviction that partners do share a common world and a common future; that partners are interrelated and interdependent, and that partners need to work together to build a better world or all.“*

Bert Cacayan, former regional tdh coordinator in Southeast Asia

Even if we live distant in kilometers from each other, we are all interrelated and actions in one part of the world often have serious consequences in another. This has never been more obvious than in the last few years: The global Corona Pandemic cannot be overcome, if one country stocks a lot more doses of vaccines than it needs, whilst whole populations elsewhere do not have any access. The war in Ukraine elevates wheat prices and aggravates famine in Somalia and Kenya. The biggest challenge of our times, Climate Change, is another truly global equation, which can only be solved considering innumerable variables in different parts of the world such as the use of fossil fuels, unsustainable consumerism or the deforestation of rainforests.

The approach of classical development aid has failed in solving these challenges: First of all, because they still divide the world into two: The global South and the global North. This dichotomy solidifies a paradigm, where the one is synonym for poor and “undeveloped” and the other rich and “developed”. Although there still is a clear gap in inequalities and wealth between “North” and “South”, the division increasingly runs through societies in all parts of the world: As well as there is a growing “South” in societies of the global “North”, there is also a growing “North” in societies of the global “South”. The term of “development” is old fashioned and outdated, trying to generalize the modernistic goals of a few countries as a desirable destination for the whole world, widely ignoring the need for global systemic changes. As much as the problems were sought for in one part of the world, the proposed solutions remained a one-way dead-end street: The Norths’ Development Aid for the South focused on equipping the “Global Soup Kitchen”<sup>1</sup> instead of jointly setting a dining table for all with each one bringing on the table what could be shared for a community feast (our Bolivian friends call this practice “Aptapi”).

If we understand our joint fight for child rights as a global challenge, we need to work locally but identify joint global solutions. Getting to know each other and the challenges we are facing in our part of the world, talking, discussing heatedly and passionately, laughing, eating and partying and most importantly deciding together- these are the prerequisites for a real global fight for child rights.

The Delegate's Conference is neither the solution to all of our problems, nor does it extinguish inequalities in power created over centuries. It sets a joint global dining table for us to sit, talk, laugh and develop joint ideas and utopias.

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<sup>1</sup> A term phrased by Kamal Malhorta (2000) in the Article “NGOs without aid: Beyond the global soup kitchen”, In: Third World Quarterly

*Welcome at the table!*

## 2 Pathway 23: What has happened so far? What is yet to come?

### Summarized: Delegates Conference

- In 2000, the General Assembly of terre des hommes Germany decided to **share its decision taking powers** with a wider group of stakeholders, establishing the Delegates Conference as decision taking body.
- In the Delegates Conference, elected representatives of the **project partner organizations worldwide, the International Youth Network of terre des hommes, and staff** meet
- Jointly they **decide on the Strategy of international program and project work of terre des hommes Germany** for the coming 5 years
- **Proposals are developed jointly by the stakeholders** before the Delegates Conference, in the co-decision process
- It is not only a consultation process, but a **co-decision process** as all delegates have equal voting powers

The process of the Delegates' Conference (DC) is in full progress, and we would like to give you a brief overview of milestones that have already been successfully completed and those that are still to come:

### 3 Exploration Phase (Finished)

The Exploration Phase is the first step towards the Delegates Conference 2023 (or in other words on the "Pathway 23"). Its aim is to bring all interest groups of the Delegates Conference together (project partners, youth networks, staff, volunteers of terre des hommes) and offer information with an added value, independently from the interest to participate in the co-decision process. In this phase, old and new topics related to child rights are explored and a joint basis of discussion is created. The most important element of the Exploration Phase are the Webinars with experts' inputs on topics, which are important to everybody.

We started this year with exciting **Online Seminars** with expert input on the topics of program work, in which a total of 500 terre des hommes stakeholders participated. You can find an overview in the following chart:

#### Recordings of the Online Seminars in preparation of the Delegates Conference 2023

Topic	Recording English	Recording Spanish
The Social Impacts of the Corona Pandemics on Children and Youth (13 <sup>th</sup> of December 2021)	<a href="#">Seminar: Social Impacts Corona 21 12 13 - YouTube</a>	Unfortunately not available

Current Global Challenges in Child Labor (13 <sup>th</sup> of January 2022)	<a href="#">Seminar Child Labour - YouTube</a>	Unfortunately not available
A Critical Perspective on Development I (18 <sup>th</sup> of January 2022)	<a href="#">Seminar: A Critical Perspective on Development - 22 1 18 - YouTube</a>	<a href="#">Seminario ESP A Critical Perspective on Development 22 1 18 - YouTube</a>
A Critical Perspective on Development II (27 <sup>th</sup> of January 2022)	<a href="#">Seminar: A Critical Perspective on Development II - 27-1-22 - YouTube</a>	<a href="#">Seminario: A Critical Perspective on Development II - 22-01-27 - YouTube</a>
Gender Dynamics in Child Rights (17 <sup>th</sup> of March 2022)	<a href="#">Seminar: Gender Dynamics in Child Rights 17.3.2022 - YouTube</a>	<a href="#">Seminario Gender Dynamics in Child Rights 17.3.2022 - YouTube</a>

#### 4 Future Workshops & Prioritization Phase (Running)

In the second phase, **Future Workshops** were conducted in order to analyze and define local priorities and link them to the global context. In addition, initial future visions were formulated. Future Workshops were held in South Asia, Southeast Asia, Latin America, West Africa, East Africa, Southern Africa and Germany. West & East Africa as well as the German Partners (for different reasons) do not have elected delegates. Therefore, the future workshops were held with the participation of Partner Organizations and local staff in a shorter format. Africa and Southeast Asia held presential workshops, all others were conducted in a digital format.

You will find a comprehensive summary of all the results in the annex of this newsletter.

It is now StanCom's turn to cluster the collected results and create a common information base, which will begin this work on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August.

All delegates were elected. Unfortunately, in the Middle East Region and Germany no partner representatives could be found.

#### 5 Digital Pre-Conference Phase (Still to come)

In the next step, experts' groups will prepare the **first drafts of the Strategic Goals** based on the prioritized issues from the regions. The **digital pre-conference** will be held in December 2022 and January 2023, where elected delegates will discuss, adapt, add, or reject the drafts online...

An overview of the entire Pathway with the upcoming dates can be found in the following table:

## 6 Overview Pathway 23

Until when?	What?	Newsletter
September 2022	<p>StanCom meeting on <b>August 23<sup>nd</sup></b> in order to cluster results of Future Workshops</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>End of the Future Workshops &amp; Prioritization Phase -</b></li> </ul> <p>Online poll on clusters defined by StanCom amongst all delegates (until 30<sup>th</sup> of August)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Beginning of the Drafting Phase:</b> Expert Commissions draft first proposals for Strategic Goals based on clustered results by StanCom and complete inputs of Future Workshops</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Do not forget:</u> Delegates, please contact your tdh regional offices soon about your itinerary to the Delegates Conference but latest until beginning of October. Together with the tdh regional offices they will assist you and book the flights, transports, insurance and accommodation for you participation in the Delegates Conference in June 2023 in Siegburg/ Germany. Of course, all costs related to the participation in the Conference are covered by tdh</b></p>	
October 2022	<p>End of October: StanCom receives first drafts elaborated by Expert Commissions</p>	
November 2022	<p>Delegates receive first draft of Strategic Goals</p> <p>Head Office: Includes feedbacks of StanCom into first draft of the summary of the implementation of DC´s decisions</p> <p><b><u>Do not forget:</u> Your flights should be reserved or booked, medical insurance</b></p>	<p><b><i>Second newsletter</i></b>, containing: First draft of future Strategic Goals, preliminary agenda and the topics of the DC, more details on the process for handing in further motions</p>

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	for Germany bought (obligatory for entering Germany), Visa solicitation done (if necessary) until latest the end of November.	
December 2022- March 2023	<p><b>Head Office of tdh</b></p> <p>compiles documentation of what was achieved within the existing strategic goals/ focal themes and the implementation of DC ´s 2018 decisions and sends it to StanCom before <b>6<sup>th</sup> of December</b></p> <p><b>Online Preparation Conference</b></p> <p>All delegates and stakeholder groups:</p> <p>discussion of the first draft for Strategic Goals</p> <p>discussion of first draft of documentation on achievements, implementation of DC 2018 decisions</p> <p><b>Online meetings:</b> (08.00 a.m. Bogotá, Lima/ 09:00 a.m. La Paz/ 10:00 a.m. São Paulo/ 03:00 p.m. Johannesburg, Port Elizabeth/ 04:00 p.m. Erbil/ 06:30 p.m. Pune, Delhi/ 08:00 p.m. Bangkok)</p> <p><b>8<sup>th</sup> of December</b> <b>13<sup>th</sup> of January</b> <b>20<sup>th</sup> of January</b></p> <p><u>Do not forget:</u> All regions/ delegate groups send their feedback and comments on the first draft and evaluation of achievements to StanCom secretary until <b>March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018.</b></p>	
February/	StanCom ...	<b>Third Newsletter</b> , containing:

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<b>March 2023</b>	compiles feedback from the delegates and constituencies meets (if necessary) in March/ April 2023 prepares a StanCom motion collect/reviews all contributions/motions from the various constituencies	Second draft of Strategic Goals including inputs of Pre-Conference, Evaluation of the implementation of the decisions of the Delegates Conference 2018
<b>May 2018</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> of May final deadline to hand in other motions (not directly related to strategic objectives)</b>	<b>Fourth newsletter</b> , containing:  Last updates before the Delegates Conference
<b>June 21 - 22</b>	<b>21<sup>th</sup> of June: Latest arrival of all partner delegates</b>  22 <sup>nd</sup> of June: Face to Face meeting of all partner delegates before the conference  <b>22<sup>nd</sup> of June: Arrival of all delegates</b>	
<b>June 23 - 25, 2023</b>	<b>Delegates Conference</b>  All delegates decide on future strategic goals/ focal themes for international program activities as well as other motions e.g. on joint campaigns and resolutions  <b>Political Side-Event:</b> A lobbying side-event will be conducted around the dates of the Conference (more information will follow)	
<b>August 2023</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> of August: Latest Date to send out DC documentation</b>	<b>Fifth and final newsletter</b> , containing: Documentation of the Delegates Conference

## 7 What's Up next? (Jens)

This will be the final chapter of each Delegates' Newsletter, to help you to grasp the most important information for the next weeks and month in just a few paragraphs.

## 8 What happens with the inputs from the Future Workshops?

The StanCom will meet on the 23rd of August. The most important topic of the meeting will be results of the Regional Future Workshops. StanCom will **cluster** the topics in order to identify the issues, which are most important in most of the regions.

The second important issue of the meeting will be the **formation of expert commissions**, which shall elaborate the **first proposals for strategic goals** in the topical areas clustered by StanCom. Probably until October this year, the first proposals will be sent to all Delegates for further discussion.

In the digital Preparations Conference, which consists in **three short online meetings of one and a half hour each**, all delegates meet for the first time to discuss the draft proposals.

## 9 When do we meet for the first time? (Save the date!)

The tentative dates for these online meetings are (please reserve, if possible):

- Thursday, 8th of December 2023, 08.00 a.m. Bogotá, Lima/ 09:00 a.m. La Paz/ 10:00 a.m. São Paulo/ 03:00 p.m. Johannesburg, Port Elizabeth/ 04:00 p.m. Erbil/ 06:30 p.m. Pune, Delhi/ 08:00 p.m. Bangkok
- Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> of January 2023, 08.00 a.m. Bogotá, Lima/ 09:00 a.m. La Paz/ 10:00 a.m. São Paulo/ 03:00 p.m. Johannesburg, Port Elizabeth/ 04:00 p.m. Erbil/ 06:30 p.m. Pune, Delhi/ 08:00 p.m. Bangkok
- Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> of January 2023, 08.00 a.m. Bogotá, Lima/ 09:00 a.m. La Paz/ 10:00 a.m. São Paulo/ 03:00 p.m. Johannesburg, Port Elizabeth/ 04:00 p.m. Erbil/ 06:30 p.m. Pune, Delhi/ 08:00 p.m. Bangkok

An invitation and further information will be sent around in time.

## 10 How can we make further proposals?

The process organized via the Future Workshops exists to bundle discussions and create synergies. However, the different groups of Delegates (youth network, partners, staff, executive board, presidential board) can make proposal (called "motions") at any time until 45 days before the Delegates Conference. These proposals must be submitted to StanCom (you can send them to your local StanCom member or the secretary of the StanCom, Jens: [j.kunischewski@tdh.de](mailto:j.kunischewski@tdh.de)).

Proposals have to fit into the areas of decisions of the Delegates Conference (Strategic Goals, Focal Themes, Resolutions). There are no obligatory formats for the motions.

Even on the Delegates Conference, proposals can be submitted via “ad-hoc”-motions, if they concern a topic, which is already on the Agenda of the Delegates Conference.

For further details please check the annexed “Manual to the Delegates Conference”, which is organized in the format of a glossary.

## 11 Who are my fellow delegates?

Please fill out the delegates profiles annexed, so that we can send them around with the next newsletter. This way, you can get to know each other before the Conference.

**Do you want to tell the others about issues, events, meetings on the Delegates Conference?**

You are heartily invited to send a short (!) article to Jens ([j.kunischewski@tdh.de](mailto:j.kunischewski@tdh.de)), so that we can include it into the next newsletter.

**The next Delegates Newsletter will be released in November! See you soon!**

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Annexes:

- Manuals to the Delegates Conference: **Do you speak “tdh”?** Some of you are experienced and have already participated in a DC, but the majority are newcomers to this event. We have therefore created a Delegates Conference Manual where you can look up terms and procedures.
- Executive Summary of the Results of the regional Future Workshops
- Formats for delegate profiles (to get to know each other) (Please fill out and send to Jens until the end of August!) [j.kunischewski@tdh.de](mailto:j.kunischewski@tdh.de)