

Calgary Workshop

Only 6 evaluation forms were received from the Calgary workshop, representing the views of only 13% of the 47 participants (although several participants came only to individual sessions).

The respondents had mixed views about the forum overall: 2 rated it "excellent", 3 rated it "average", and 1 rated it "poor". Participants enjoyed discussing concepts and theories of civil society and the sharing of knowledge, experiences and ideas that took place.

In terms of resource people, 2 respondents found them to be excellent while 4 gave them an average rating.

The most useful sessions, according to the 5 respondents to this question, were the sessions on: Theory and Concepts of Civil Society (found useful by 4/5 of respondents); Reflections on Civil Society in South Asia (3/5); Donor/Development Policies and Strategies (2/5) and Ideas for Canadian, South Asian and North/South Collaboration (2/5).

The respondents also made some comments on what they found to be lacking or weak in the workshop. One commented that most of the presentations were too academic, while another thought that the debate was on a superficial level. There was also a comment that there was too much emphasis on maintaining existing systems and relationships. Also, one of the respondents reflected a view shared by several participants that more attention should have been paid to the impact of globalization and the agendas of transnational corporations on the roles of government and donors.

Constituency

Based on the 6 responses to this question, it appears that the workshop participants were involved in advocacy (4/6), community development (4/6), program/project management (2/6), and research, teaching and academic activities (2/6).