

## **Vietnam Consultative Group (CG) Meeting**

### **About the CG meeting and the INGO involvement**

The CG meeting serves as a platform for discussion between Government and donor agencies on development policies and donor pledges. The first Vietnamese CG meeting was held in Paris in 1993 and since 1999 it has been held in Vietnam, co-chaired by the Ministry of Planning and Investment and the World Bank in Vietnam.

There are two meetings during a year: an informal meeting in June, usually held outside Hanoi in order to combine it with a field visit, and a formal meeting during December held in Hanoi.

The INGOs are invited to have four representatives present at the meeting, they are invited as observers sharing one seat at the round-table. INGO representatives are, like the other participants, allowed to make one comment during each session.

Normally, the four representatives divide the different sessions of the meeting between them, and then put their comments forward when relevant. Furthermore, the INGOs prepare a Statement for the Formal CG meeting in December. The statement is based on a consultation with the INGO community and is made available to all CG meeting participants. In addition to this, an annual report on all working group activities is prepared and made available in both English and Vietnamese. The four INGO representatives are elected at the INGO forum for a two-year period.

The current INGO representatives are:

- Kim N. B. Ninh, Country Representative, The Asia Foundation
- Thao Griffiths, Country Director, Vietnam Veterans of America Foundation
- Steve Price-Thomas, Country Director, Oxfam Great Britain
- Peter Newsum, Country Director, CARE