Different Dimensions of Globalization

 All the organizations that participated in this study highlighted certain aspects of globalization that will prove that globalization leads itself to multifaceted interpretations. These dimensions may be grouped under the following categories: *economic, political, social, technology and cultural.* Table 1 below shows the range of understanding and the array of approaches of these organizations.

Table 1: Different Dimensions of Globalization

Dimension	Globalization is...
Economic	*a global economic process or activity* *openness* *interdependence* *integration of economies* *neo-liberalism* *free trade or liberalization, deregulation and privatization* *unequal growth/trade* *imperialism or financial imperialism* *an imperialist schema, plan or instrument that serves the interests of imperialist powers and their TNCs*

Political	• *the instrument of the status quo*
	• *neo-colonialism*
	• *the preservation of the strength of imperialist states and the subordination of neo-colonial states*
	• *the diminution of the role of or paralysis of sovereign nation-states*
	• *the abdication of state responsibility a political offensive*
	• *an imposition of global governance/financial institutions*
	• *mutual imposition of treaties by member nations of international bodies upon one another*
	• *a political offensive*
Social	• *the further marginalization of marginalized/vulnerable sectors (women, children and peasants)*
	• *a threat to least mobile sectors, the environment and indigenous cultures*
	• *the destruction of ecosystems, environment and natural resources*
	• *curtailment of workers rights, internationalization, contractualization, flexibilization of labor*
	• *removal of direct support from the State*
	• *solidarity of civil society groups*
	• *globalization of learning*
	• *agricultural modernization*
Technology	• *inescapable, inevitable or natural*
	• *the shrinking world*
	• *technology-driven*
	• *technology-dependent*
	• *advancement in information communication technology (ICT), technology and transportation*
	• *homogenization of knowledge*

Cultural	• *cultural interchanges*
	• *a one-world culture*
	• *homogenization*
	• *counter-diversity*
	• *consumerism*
	• *a one-way thing*
	• *a Western imposition; the influx of Western ideas*
	• *cultural aggression by the West/US*
	• *intimidation of neocolonies*
	• *commodification of cultural heritage of neocolonial countries*

Acknowledgment of the richness and diversity of the perceptions of these organizations on globalization is vital to a better appreciation of their concerns on the said phenomenon. But grappling with perceptions is not an easy task as it may at times lead to trivialization or confusion. To avoid these caveats, a more detailed discussion of each dimension of globalization is therefore in order.

The results of the interviews were summarized and tabulated in detail according to the five (5) distinct categories that were mentioned above. The order by which these answers and responses is presented here is based from the most emphasized to the least emphasized dimension of globalization across different civil society groupings.