



United Nations
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC
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Stakeholder Forum¹

“Role of national and local stakeholders in contributing to aid quality and effectiveness”

**FAO Headquarters
12-13 June 2008 – Rome, Italy**

AGENDA

Thursday, June 12

Plenary Hall: Red Room

8:45 – 9:45 am Registration (main lobby area)

10:00 – 10:45 am Opening of Stakeholder Forum

Official opening
Government of Italy (*tbc*)

Expectations for the Development Cooperation Forum
Andrei Dapkunas, Vice President, ECOSOC

Welcoming remarks
Jacques Diouf, Director-General, FAO

Expectations for the Rome Stakeholder Forum
Sha Zukang, Under-Secretary-General, UNDESA

Introductory remarks

- Pier Ferdinando Casini
President, Inter Parliamentary Union
- Elizabeth Gateau
Secretary-General, United Cities and Local Governments

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- Kumi Naidoo, Secretary General, CIVICUS, Worldwide Alliance for Citizen Participation

11:00 – 1:00 pm

**Alignment of aid with national development strategies:
*role of national & local stakeholders***

Malaysia Room

Inter Parliamentary Union

Moderator

Matthew Martin, Director, Debt Relief International

Panelists

Mohammad Yaqoub, Deputy Chairman, Budget and Finance Committee, National Assembly of Afghanistan

Mintata Mint Hedeid, Chair, Finance Committee, National Assembly of Mauritania

Philippines Room

CIVICUS and Action Aid

Moderator

Kumi Naidoo, Secretary-General, CIVICUS, Worldwide Alliance for Citizen Participation

Panelists

Mudasser Hussain Siddiqui, Policy Research and Advocacy Coordinator, Economic Literacy and Budget Analysis Group, Action Aid, Afghanistan

Second panelist (tbc)

Ethiopia Room

United Cities and Local Governments

Moderator

Peter Woods, Secretary-General, United Cities and Local Governments, Asia-Pacific

Panelists

Jean-Pierre Malé, Executive Director, Observatory for Decentralized Cooperation between European Union and Latin America

Abdel Kader Sidibé, President, Association of Municipalities, Mali

- (a) How can the process of formulating, implementing and evaluating national development strategies be further strengthened through more effective engagement of stakeholders such as parliaments, civil society and local governments?
- (b) How to ensure that the process of defining areas and initiatives for support by the donor community at the country-level is nationally-led and involves a coalition of national stakeholders including parliaments, civil society and local actors?
- (c) How to strengthen the accountability of governments in both donor and developing countries for effective alignment of aid with nationally-owned development priorities? Moreover, how to ensure that decentralized development cooperation and aid delivered by civil society is delivered in harmony with national development strategies?

- (d) What kind of policies, processes and institutional structures are required at the national and local level to ensure that national ownership in aid coordination and management is effectively internalized in the development process?

1:00– 2:30 pm

Lunch

2:30– 4:00 pm

Reforming conditionality and tied aid: *towards improved aid quality*

Malaysia Room

Inter Parliamentary Union

Moderator

Hubert de Milly, Senior Policy Advisor, Aid Effectiveness Division, Development Cooperation Directorate, OECD

Panelist

François-Xavier de Donnea, Chair, Finance and Budget Committee, Belgian Chamber of Representatives

Philippines Room

CIVICUS and Action Aid

Moderator

Luca de Fraia, Policy Director, Action Aid, Italy

Panelists

Charles Mutasa, Executive Director, African Forum and Network on Debt and Development (AFRODAD)

Pauline Vende-Pallen, Third World Network - Africa

Ethiopia Room

United Cities and Local Governments

Moderator

Hubert Julien-Laferriere, Councillor, City of Lyon

Panelists

Silvana Accossato, Mayor of Collegno, President, Italian Committee of United Cities (CICU)

Paula Estebaranz Berzal, Director of Cooperation, City of Cordoba

- (a) How can the partnership between donors and programme countries be based on shared values with a focus on providing the basis for achieving results such as the realization of national and global development goals?
- (b) How to strengthen mutual accountability in the aid relationship between donors and programme countries? For example, how can parliaments, civil society and local governments play a more effective role in the monitoring of aid delivery and aid quality at the country-level?
- (c) Do outcome-based approaches, e.g. anchored in goals and targets established in national development strategies represent a potentially agreeable and workable compromise between donors and programme countries?

- (d) Can the use of conditionality be justified with regard to the rule of law, governance and human rights since such crosscutting issues are an integral part of the global partnership for development?

4:00– 5:30 pm

Assessing aid modalities: *general and sector budget support, project aid and technical assistance*

Malaysia Room

Inter Parliamentary Union

Moderator

Hubert de Milly, Senior Policy Advisor, Aid Effectiveness Division, Development Cooperation Directorate, OECD

Panelist

Nii Daku Adu-Mante, Chair, Finance Committee, Parliament of Ghana

Philippines Room

CIVICUS and Action Aid

Moderator

Sarah Mulley, Coordinator, UK Aid Network

Panelists

Antonio Tujan, Chair, Reality of Aid

Patricia Blankson-Akakpo, Network for Women's Rights in Ghana (Netright)

Ethiopia Room

United Cities and Local Governments

Moderator

Richard Smith, Senior Policy and Network Analyst, International Centre of Municipal Development, Federation of Canadian Municipalities

Panelists

Patricia Kumalo, Councillor, Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality, South Africa

Andreu Felip, Director, Catalan Agency for Development Cooperation

- (a) How can the design, implementation and evaluation of general budget support be further enhanced and what role should parliaments, civil society and local governments play in this process?
- (b) How to mainstream crosscutting concerns such as gender, environmental sustainability and human rights into general budget support more effectively?
- (c) How should technical assistance be reformed? More specifically, how can parliaments, civil society and local governments contribute to enhanced effectiveness of technical assistance by strengthening the monitoring of capacity-building results, including local and regional procurement of expertise?

Friday, June 13

Plenary Hall: Red Room

10:00 am– 1:00 pm

General dialogue

Chair

Sha Zukang, Under-Secretary-General, UNDESA

Moderator

Matthew Martin, Director, Debt Relief International

Presentations

Parliamentary Segment – rapporteur (tbc)

Civil Society Segment – rapporteur (tbc)

Local Government Segment - Christophe Chaillou, Director-General, Council of European Municipalities and Regions (AFCCRE)

Plenary discussions

Focusing on the key policy messages and recommendations from the three segments

Summary

Wrap-up of the session by the moderator

12:45– 1:00 pm

Closing of Stakeholder Forum

Concluding remarks

Sha Zukang, Under-Secretary-General, UNDESA

Official closing

Government of Italy (*tbc*)