

**COMMITTEE FOR DEVELOPMENT POLICY  
THIRTEENTH SESSION**

**UN Headquarters, New York, Conference Room 7 [NLB]  
21-25 March 2011**

**[CLOSED MEETING]**

**PRELIMINARY AGENDA**

**Monday, 21 March 2011**

**10:00–10:30: Inaugural session**

Welcome address by CDP Chair, Prof. Frances Stewart

Address by President of ECOSOC, H.E. Ambassador Lazarous Kapambwe,  
Permanent Representative of Zambia to the United Nations

Address by Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Mr. Sha  
Zukang (tbc)

Remarks by DESA/DPAD Director, Mr. Rob Vos

**10:30-11:00: Organizational session**

Introduction by CDP Secretary, Ms. Ana Luiza Cortez

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

**11:00 - 13:00: Education beyond the ABCs: input to the 2011 Annual Ministerial  
Review**

[The 2011 Annual Ministerial Review (AMR) will review progress and advances achieved in the implementation of internationally agreed development goals on education within the framework of the MDGs and Education for All agenda. The Committee will focus its analysis on strengthening the links between education, especially higher education, and strategies of human resource development in less developed countries. While many low-income countries have made significant progress towards the goal of achieving universal access to primary education, major concerns remain regarding the adequacy and quality of education that is provided, particularly beyond primary level.

Issues requiring special consideration include the identification of the types of education needed for skill development, the delivery and financing of such education and how the problems of unemployment among workers with tertiary education and the brain drain of highly skilled professionals should be managed. There is also a need for rethinking global support programmes for education in the light of these emerging issues. The recommendations will be formulated to advise ECOSOC in its deliberations and decision making on new and/or additional measures to facilitate and expedite the implementation of the UN development agenda.]

Introduction of the report

*Prof. Wahiduddin Mahmud on behalf of CDP sub-group on education*

Discussion

**13:00-15:00:** Lunch

**15:00- 16:30: Education beyond the ABCs (cont.)**

Plenary discussion and recommendations to be forwarded to ECOSOC

**16:30-18:00: The UN development agenda beyond 2015**

[In September 2010 the Millennium Summit of the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to make recommendations for further steps to advance the UN development agenda beyond 2015 (draft resolution A/65/L.1). However, it is unlikely that several of the MDGs will be fully achieved by 2015 in many countries. A particular failure is the maternal mortality objective. The millennium development agenda was largely based on social and aid policies but lacked insights on possible national and overall macro economic development models that would be consistent with the achievement of the MDGs. The CDP will play a role in the strengthening of the UN development agenda beyond 2015 by analyzing emerging alternative development models which could contribute to an improvement in human wellbeing. To be compatible with the achievement of the MDGs—and the international development strategy to be followed beyond 2015—such new development paradigm(s) have to tackle the food, trade/financial, climate crises and the growing inequality which have been besetting the world economy during the last 10-20 years.

Some of the questions this initiative will try to address include:

- Are targets helpful?
- If so, which MDGs targets should be introduced in the post-2015 era? Which of them should be assigned greater priority? What are the inter-linkages among?

- Which of them creates synergy with others? How strong is the link between achieving the MDGs and economic growth?
- How best can the macro-economy and inequality be addressed in the post-2015 package?
  - How can the environment better be incorporated in the goals?
  - What is the global amount of R&D resources needed to shift to a low-carbon model within a given horizon? What other incentives (besides carbon taxes and tradable emission certificates) need to be put into place to facilitate such shift?
  - Should 'goal 8' (the obligations of developed countries) be made more explicit and quantitative?
  - Should global economic integration proceed at the same speed observed in the past despite the absence of 'global stabilizers' offsetting the growing contagion and instability caused by local crisis which are easily transmitted in an increasingly integrated world economy?
  - What global financial regulation should and is likely to be introduced?

This initiative is part of a larger research programme whose main conclusions and recommendations are anticipated to be forwarded to ECOSOC in 2012. The research programme is also expected to generate advice for ECOSOC regarding its deliberations on the occasion of the 2012 Annual Ministerial Review (possibly on science, technology and innovation for the realization of the MDGs) and the Development Cooperation Forum]

16:30-17:15: Introduction and overview of the research programme (please see Annex)  
*Prof. Giovanni Andrea Cornia*

17.15- 18.00: Speed /modalities of global economic integration (Chapter 6)  
*Prof. José Antonio Ocampo*

*(Each session includes 20 minutes for general discussion)*

**18:30- 20:00:** Reception for CDP members and guests  
Conference room DC2 building, 19<sup>th</sup> floor  
Room DC2-1949 (location tbc)

**Tuesday, 22 March 2011**

**10:00-13:00: The UN development agenda beyond 2015 (cont.)**  
*(Each sub- session includes 15 minutes for general discussion)*

- 10.00-10.35 Why do we need new development models (Chapter 2)  
*Prof. Frances Stewart*
- 10.35-11.10 Key current problems (Chapter 3)  
*Mr. Rob Vos*
- 11.10-11.45 Should MDGs continue post-2015? (Chapter 4)  
*Prof. Sakiko Fukuda- Parr*
- 11.45-12.20 Which development in China and other giants? (Chapter 5)  
*Prof. Yongdin Yu*
- 12.20-13.00 Ageing, population growth, migration (Chapter 9)  
*Ms. Ana Cortez*

**13:00 -15:00: Lunch**

**Development Policy Seminar Series**

Outcome Document of UN LDC IV:  
Framework Issues and Strategic Concerns  
*Dr. Debapriya Bhattacharya*  
*Distinguished Fellow, Centre for Policy Dialogue, Dhaka*  
*Former Special Advisor on LDCs to the S-G of UNCTAD*

**Conference room B (NLB)**

**13:15 - 2:45**

**15:00-18:00: The UN development agenda beyond 2015 (cont.)**

*(Each session includes 15 minutes for general discussion)*

- 15.00-15.35: The climate challenge (Chapter 7)  
*Prof. Hans Opschoor*
- 15.35- 16.10: Comparing different development strategies (Chapter 10)  
*Profs. G.A. Cornia and Milica Uvalic*
- 16.10-16.45: Minimum common denominator of new models (Chapter 11)  
*Prof. G. A. Cornia*
- 16.45-17.20 Role of aid in future development (Chapter 12)  
*Prof. José Antonio Alonso*

17.20-18.00 Which enabling environment? (Chapter 13)  
*Prof. Norman Girvan*

**Wednesday, 23 March 2011**

**10:00 – 11:00: The Upcoming IV UN Conference on the LDCs and Project on Capacity building for LDCs**

[Presentation on recent developments on the negotiations leading to the IV United Nations Conference on Least Development Countries (Istanbul, May 2011). Additionally, the Secretariat will provide an update on the implementation status of its capacity building project for LDCs. The project takes stock of exiting international support measures specifically designed for LDCs and assesses the extent of their use by beneficiary countries. It is expected that the information to be made available, in addition to sharing of experience and lessons learnt, will allow LDCs to make better use of these measures as well as better prepare themselves for graduation]

*Ms. Ana Cortez and Mr. Roland Mollerus, CDP Secretariat*  
 Discussion on implications for future work of the Committee

**11:00 to 13:00: Preparing for the 2012 triennial review of the list of LDCs**

[At its plenary session in 2010, CDP decided to assess whether climate change and conflict constitute structural impediments for the development of the least developed countries and should therefore be taken into account in identifying LDCs. Furthermore, and in preparation for the 2012 triennial review of the list of LDCs, the Committee will review the criteria used for the identification of LDCs and examine whether there is a need to introduce further refinements to the indicators. Finally, as requested by the Council (resolution E/2010/L30), CDP will monitor recent socio-economic development progress of graduating countries]

The graduating countries  
*Mr. Matthias Bruckner and Mr. Namsuk Kim, CDP Secretariat*

Introduction of the report on the review of the criteria,  
*Prof. Frances Stewart, on behalf of the subgroup*

Plenary discussion

**13:00 -15:00: Lunch break****13:15 – 14:30: CDP Side Event, Conference Room A (NLB)**

Briefing for delegations on CDP deliberations on the UN development agenda beyond 2015

*CDP sub-group on the UN development agenda beyond 2015*

**15:00 – 16:30: Preparing for the 2012 triennial review of the list of LDCs (cont.)**

Plenary discussion on conclusions to be forwarded to ECOSOC

**16:30 – 18:00: International migration in times of crisis**

[International migration is an agent of change and creation of new social realities and responses, both in the countries of origin and in the host countries. Emigration opens up opportunities of development for people and countries that must be exploited. Yet, it can also have negative effects (in terms of vulnerability, loss of human capital, deconstruction of families and communities and tensions in host societies). The policies carried out by the countries regarding migration could be essential to determine the equilibrium between contradictory effects. The economic crisis adds another concern, since migrants from developing countries have become one of the social sectors most affected by recession.]

Introduction of the report

*Prof. José Antonio Alonso*, on behalf of the sub group

**Thursday, 24 March 2011**

**10:00-11:30: International migration in times of crisis (cont.)**

Plenary discussion on recommendations to be forwarded to ECOSOC

CDP Bureau meeting with ECOSOC bureau  
(time and date still to be confirmed)

**11:30 – 13:00:** Subgroups to revise, amend and redraft recommendations to be included in CDP report.

**13:00-14:30:** Lunch

**14:30- 17:30:** Subgroups to revise amend and redraft recommendations to be included in CDP report. (cont.)

**17:30 – 18:00:** Draft reports to be circulated to the plenary

**Friday, 25 March 2011**

**10:00 – 13:00: Presentation of revised texts and recommendations**

Recommendations to ECOSOC on:

Education

Migration

Revision of the LDC criteria

Monitoring of graduating countries

**13:00 – 14:30:** Lunch

**14:30-16:30: CDP agenda for 2011**

Discussing and establishing the CDP agenda of work for the year ahead:

- The triennial review of the list of LDCs will take place during CDP's plenary meeting in 2012. The review will:
  - (i) Determine which countries should be added to or graduated from the list of least developed countries in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1998/46 of 31 July 1998; and,
  - (iii) Monitor the development progress of countries (Cape Verde and Maldives) that have graduated from the category as requested by the General Assembly resolution 59/209 of 20 December 2004, paragraph 12.
  
- Monitoring of the development progress of countries graduating from the list of least developed countries as repeatedly requested by the Council over the past few years.

- Follow-up to the LDC IV Conference: Smoothing the transition from the list of LDC. The GA already adopted a resolution requesting the Secretary General to submit a report on the issue at the 67<sup>th</sup> session. Smooth transition provisions are likely to be included in the Istanbul Plan of Action. It is important that CDP maintains its leadership in this process and already submits its views on how to strengthen existing smooth transition mechanisms to the 2012 substantive session of the Council. The results from the Development Account project will assist the Committee in reviewing existing support measures and in assessing the utilization of these measures. The research and analysis of the results will give the CDP a benchmark against which to measure the existing smooth transition measures and offer concrete inputs for proposals to improve these measures.
- The UN development agenda beyond 2015: input to the Council's deliberations in its capacity as the principal body for policy dialogue and recommendations on economic and social development and the need to consider the UN development agenda beyond 2015.
- Possible contributions to the high level segment of the substantive session of ECOSOC: the Annual Ministerial Review (AMR) and the Development Cooperation Forum (DCF) the topic of the HLS has not yet been decided. A possible theme is "science technology and innovation for realizing the MDGs by 2015". It would be important to make use of existing synergies, in which case elements of the research project (beyond 2015) on climate change and R&D (chapter 8 in the annex) could be a specific contribution. Similarly, chapter 13 (see annex) on aid could produce relevant policy recommendations for the consideration of the DCF in 2012.

**16:30- 17:00: Adoption of the recommendations of the CDP report**

**17:00 – 17:30:** Working methods, timeline, pending issues, other matters and closing of the meeting

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