

## Global preparatory meeting

### 2010 Development Cooperation Forum

Thursday, 22 April 2010 (3 p.m. - 6 p.m.)

#### Background

The 2005 United Nations World Summit mandated the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) to convene a biennial high-level Development Cooperation Forum (DCF) to *review trends* in international development cooperation, *promote greater coherence* among the development activities of different development partners and *strengthen the normative and operational link* in the work of the United Nations. The DCF was also mandated to make recommendations on practical measures and policy options to enhance coherence and effectiveness and to promote development cooperation for the realization of the internationally agreed development goals, including the MDGs<sup>1</sup>.

The first DCF was held in New York on 30 June and 1 July 2008. It established the DCF as the focal point within the United Nations system for holistic consideration of issues of international development cooperation, with participation by all relevant stakeholders<sup>2</sup>.

The second DCF will take place on 29 and 30 June 2010 in New York. In reviewing global trends in development cooperation, it will address the broad range of issues that affect its scale, quality and coherence. This will include the impact of the economic and financial crisis and of climate change on the quantity and quality of aid. It will also look at issues pertaining to policy coherence and at the role of South-South and triangular cooperation in a changing global environment. Looking ahead to the September 2010 Summit on the MDGs, the Forum will also discuss ways to enhance development cooperation to accelerate progress towards the MDGs.

#### Briefing on the preparations for the 2010 Development Cooperation Forum

The meeting will discuss expectations for the second DCF. This will include a briefing on the preparations for the forum as well as an update on the outcome of the High-level Symposium held in Vienna on 12 and 13 November 2009 on “*Accountable and Transparent Development Cooperation: Towards a More Inclusive Framework*”. Participants will also be informed on the upcoming Helsinki High-level Symposium to be held on 3 and 4 June 2010 on the theme of “*Coherent Development Cooperation: Maximizing impact in a Changing Environment*”.

The following questions may guide the discussions:

1. How can the DCF contribute to the MDG Summit in September 2010?
2. Can the DCF provide a platform for providers and recipient countries to hold each other accountable for their respective commitments?
3. How can the DCF move forward the debate on policy coherence?
4. Should the DCF take place annually?

<sup>1</sup> See General Assembly resolutions 60/1 (2005) and 61/16 (2007).

<sup>2</sup> Outcome Document of the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (A/Conf.212/L.1/rev.1)