



## High-Level Symposium<sup>1</sup>

***“Trends in development cooperation:  
South-South and triangular cooperation and aid effectiveness”***

**Semiramis Intercontinental Cairo**

**19-20 January 2008 - Cairo, Egypt**

### AGENDA

#### **CLEOPATRA ROOM (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)**

#### **Saturday, 19 January**

**8:30 – 9:15 am      Registration**

**9:30 – 10:00 am      Opening of Symposium**

*Official opening*

Ahmed Aboul Gheit, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Egypt

*Expectations for the Development Cooperation Forum*

Leo Mérorès, President of ECOSOC

*Keynote address*

Asha-Rose Migiro, Deputy-Secretary-General, United Nations

*Expectations for the Cairo High-level Symposium*

Sha Zukang, Under-Secretary-General, UNDESA

**10:00 am – 1:00 pm      Results-oriented cooperation: *Experiences with conditionality***

*Moderator:* Abdoulie Janneh, Executive Secretary, Economic Commission for Africa

*Panelists:* Victor Bernardo, Vice-Minister, Ministry of Planning and Development,  
Mozambique

Poul Engberg-Pedersen, Director-General, Norwegian Agency for Development  
Cooperation (NORAD)

*Discussion*

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*Panelists:* Naomi Ngwira, Director, Debt and Aid Management Division, Ministry of Finance, Malawi  
Núria Molina, Policy Adviser, European Network on Debt and Development

- Is the use of conditionality compatible with principles for global development cooperation such as national ownership and mutual accountability? How can the principles of national ownership and leadership be ensured while at the same time meeting the concerns of donor countries?
- Can continued use of ex-ante policy-based conditionality be justified in light of experiences? What explains the lack of progress in significantly simplifying or eliminating conditionality?
- Does outcome-based conditionality represent an agreeable and workable compromise between donors and programme countries? What have been the main operational and political challenges faced by outcome-based conditionality in practice?

**1:00 – 3:00 pm      Lunch**

**3:00 – 6:00 pm      Rethinking the aid quality framework: *Towards an inclusive system***

*Moderator:* Fayza Aboul Naga, Minister for International Cooperation, Egypt

*Panelists:* Juma Alifa Ngasongwa, Minister for Planning, Economy and Empowerment, Tanzania

Eckhard Deutcher, Chair, OECD/DAC

*Discussion*

*Panelist:* John Rwangombwa, Secretary-General and Secretary to the Treasury, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, Rwanda

David Roodman, Research Fellow and Chief Architect of “Commitment to Development Index”, Center for Global Development

- What are the priorities in furthering an inclusive and comprehensive framework for improving the quality of aid, including aid effectiveness? How could these priorities be integrated into the existing framework for aid quality?
- How could the ownership and leadership of programme countries as well as mutual accountability be ensured in such a process?
- How could the DCF further the global dialogue and consensus-building on strengthening the existing aid quality framework? Would the DCF have a role to play in policy review and monitoring of such a strengthened framework?

**8:00 pm      Official dinner hosted by the Government of Egypt  
(Teeba room – 3<sup>rd</sup> floor)**



## Sunday, 20 January

### 9:30 – 10:00 am **Opening of second day**

*Summary of first day*

Bader Al Dafa, Executive Secretary, Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

*The role of South-South and triangular cooperation in development*

Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General, UNCTAD

### 10:00 am – 1:00 pm **South-South and triangular development cooperation: recent trends and progress**

*Moderator:* Sha Zukang, Under-Secretary-General, UNDESA

*Panelists:* Ruy Nogueira, Under-Secretary for Economic Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Brazil

Wang Yue, Director-General, China International Centre for Economic and Technical Exchanges (CICETE), Ministry of Commerce

*Discussion*

*Panelists:* Shigeyuki Hiroki, Deputy-Director-General, International Cooperation Bureau and Sub-Saharan African Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan

Bashir Fadlallah, Senior Adviser, Islamic Development Bank

- Are some areas of South-South and triangular development cooperation producing better results than others? Under what conditions are such means of cooperation considered particularly effective in having a tangible and lasting impact?
- What are the experiences of taking national development priorities and internationally agreed development goals into account with regard to South-South and triangular development cooperation?
- How can South-South development actors play a more prominent role in the global dialogue on development cooperation? Which issues of common concern to developing and developed countries could be the focus of such dialogue?

### 1:00 – 1:15 pm **Closing of Symposium**

*Preparing for the 2008 Development Cooperation Forum*

Sha Zukang, Under-Secretary-General, UNDESA

*Official closing*

Fayza Aboul Naga, Minister for International Cooperation, Egypt