



Preparatory Meeting for the Development Cooperation Forum

9 February, 2012, New York

The Changing Context of Development: What does it mean for Cooperation and Global Partnership

The meeting will provide an opportunity for Member States, together with leading experts, to reflect on recent major rapidly changing development context and what are its implications for development cooperation and the global partnership for development. These questions need to be addressed in the preparations for the 2012 DCF and the upcoming Rio+20 conference.

The development agenda agreed at the United Nations conferences and summits is the centerpiece of international development cooperation. In a rapidly changing development landscape, there is a widely acknowledged need for rethinking and updating the agenda.

Over the past twenty years the world has witnessed strong economic growth and significant poverty reduction. These trends are being threatened by the current economic crisis. The world has also witnessed rapidly shifting economic influence and new contours of global power structure.

These trends are redefining the traditional development cooperation. This became evident in the Fourth High- Level Forum held in Busan in November 2011. New dynamics of development cooperation offer opportunities and challenges, which should be addressed.

One of the key features of the changing development landscape is the broad agreement that the world should embark on a more sustainable path to development, while keeping the focus on poverty eradication. The upcoming 2012 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development 2012 (Rio+20) is an opportunity to lay a strong foundation for such a development framework, with human beings and their well being at the centre. A key question is what are the implications for development cooperation.

The meeting will take place on 9 February 2012 from 10 AM – 1 PM and 3 PM – 6 PM at UN Headquarters in New York (Conference Room 7, North Lawn Building). For more information on the event please contact Ms. Doris Schmitz-Meiners at schmitz-meiners@un.org or at + 1 212 9634946.

Programme

Opening remarks

- H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec, President of the United Nations Economic and Social Council and Permanent Representative of Slovakia to the United Nations

Panel I “New dynamics of development cooperation: challenges and opportunities”

Moderator:

- Ms. Sigrid KAAG, Assistant Secretary-General and Assistant Administrator and Director of the Partnerships Bureau of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Presentation by panellists:

- Mr. Gerardo BRACHO, Deputy Director General at the Mexican Agency for International development Cooperation and Mexican Delegate to the DAC Paris
- H.E. Mr. Gyan Chandra ACHARYA, Permanent Representative of Nepal to the United Nations in New York
- H.E. Mr. KIM Sook, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations in New York
- Ms. Alexandra TRZECIAK-DUVAL, Deputy Director ad interim, Development Co-operation Directorate, OECD
- Ms. Renosi MOKATE, Executive Director, World Bank (Angola, Nigeria, South Africa)
- Ms. Ingrid SRINATH, Secretary General, CIVICUS

Interactive discussion with participants

Panel II “Gearing development cooperation towards sustainable development”

Moderator

- Mr. Sha ZUKANG, Under Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs and Secretary-General of the 2012 Conference on Sustainable Development

Presentations

- Mr. Gregory ADAMS, Director of Aid Effectiveness Oxfam International, United States
- Mr. Jonathan GLENNIE, Overseas Development Institute, London, UK
- H.E. Mrs. Maria Luiza Ribeiro VIOTTI, Permanent Representative of Brazil
- Ms. Ingrid SRINATH, Secretary General, CIVICUS

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