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**Preparing for the 2010 Development Cooperation Forum
Vienna High-level Symposium**

12 – 13 November 2009 - Vienna, Austria

DRAFT AGENDA

Venue: Vienna International Centre (M-Building: Board Room)
The M-Building is accessible via the B-Building from the VIC Plaza.

*“Accountable and Transparent Development Cooperation:
Towards a More Inclusive Framework”*

Goal

The goal of the first High-level Symposium to prepare the ECOSOC 2010 Development Cooperation Forum (DCF) is to discuss and agree on a set of recommendations for global and national mutual accountability mechanisms as well as for international aid transparency and information sharing. The Symposium aims to galvanize the commitment of a wide range of stakeholders (including developing and developed countries, civil society, parliamentarians and local governments) to change by promoting broad agreement on issues for action in mutual accountability. It will also facilitate discussions on the DCF’s upcoming work in South-South development cooperation and policy coherence.

Co-Chairs: *Sylvie Lucas, President of the Economic and Social Council*
Irene Freudenschuss-Reichl, Director-General, Department for Development Cooperation, Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs, Austria

DAY 1, Thursday 12 November 2009

8:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Registration

Morning Session

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Opening of the Symposium

Official Opening

Michael Spindelegger, Austrian Minister of Foreign Affairs (via video message)

Expectations for the second DCF in 2010

Sylvie Lucas, President of ECOSOC

Expectations for the Vienna Symposium

Sha Zukang, Under-Secretary-General, UNDESA

Introductory Remarks

Ruth Picker, Global Responsibility – Austrian Platform for Development and Humanitarian Aid

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Key challenges for mutual accountability and aid transparency

Introduction to Agenda *Irene Freudenschuss-Reichl, Director-General for Development Cooperation, Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs, Austria [5']*

Moderator: *Hardeep Singh Puri, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations in New York [5']*

Lead presentation: *Matthew Martin, Development Finance International [15']*

Discussants: *Auguste P. Mahiga, Permanent Representative of the United Republic of Tanzania to the United Nations in New York [5']*

Tony Tujan, International Director and Research Director of IBON Foundation, Co-Chair of Better Aid [5']

Q&A [25']

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Promoting mutual accountability mechanisms at the global and regional level

Moderator: *Martin Dahinden, Director-General, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, Switzerland [5']*

Panelists: *Eckhard Deutscher, Chair, Development Assistance Committee, OECD [7']*

Somchith Inthamith, Director-General, Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Planning and Investment, Lao PDR [7']

First respondent: *Jeff Balch, Director, European Parliamentarians for Africa (AWEPA) [5']*

Interactive Plenary Discussion [60']

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Lunch

A buffet lunch will be served outside the conference room

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Thematic Lunch Session: Gender equality and gender perspectives on mutual accountability

Chair: *Irene Freudenschuss-Reichl, Director-General, Department for Development Cooperation, Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs, Austria [5']*

Panelists: *Esther Muiru, National Coordinator, GROOTS Kenya [5']*

Anne Schoenstein, Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID)/Women's Working Group on Financing for Development [5']

Q&A [40']

Afternoon Session

3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Mutual accountability reviews at the country level

► PANEL 1: Lessons learned and key gaps of national mutual accountability mechanisms

Moderator: *Javier de Cossio Asin, Principal Advisor, Peruvian Agency of International Cooperation [5']*

Panelists: *Victor Bernardo, Vice Minister, Ministry of Planning and Development, Mozambique [7']*

Jean-Max Bellerive, designated Prime Minister, Haiti [7'] (tbc)

First respondent: *Kilontsi Mporogomyi, Member of Parliament, Tanzania [5']*

Interactive Plenary Discussion [50']

► PANEL 2: What could be good benchmarks and guidelines for well-functioning national mutual accountability mechanisms?

Moderator: *Carlos Braga, Director, Economic Policy and Debt Department Poverty Reduction and Economic Management Network, World Bank [5']*

Panelists: *Madalo Nyambose, Assistant Director, Debt and Aid Management Division, Ministry of Finance, Malawi [7']*

Masiko Kabakumba, Member of Parliament and Minister of Information and National Guidance, Uganda [7']

First respondent: *Arjun Karki, International Coordinator, LDC Watch, Nepal [5']*

Interactive Plenary Discussion [50']

Introduction to break-out sessions [co-chairs]

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. DCF Stakeholder consultations on global, regional and national mutual accountability and aid transparency

Building on the panels and plenary discussions, three parallel caucuses are organized by DCF stakeholder groups to agree on a set of recommendations/positions on global, regional and national-level mutual accountability mechanisms and on aid transparency:

GROUP 1: G77 and China

GROUP 2: Other Member States

GROUP 3: Non-governmental DCF stakeholders

(Prior to the session each group will appoint one moderator and one rapporteur to report back to the plenary on day 2. There will be NO interpretation for break-out sessions.)

8:00 p.m. Official Reception at the Austrian Ministry of European and International Affairs

DAY 2, Friday 13 November 2009

Morning Session

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Presentation of results from DCF Stakeholder consultations

Moderator: *Paul Isenman, Independent Consultant [5']*
Rapporteur of GROUP 1: G77 and China [7']
Rapporteur of GROUP 2: Other Member States [7']
Rapporteur of GROUP 3: Non-governmental DCF stakeholders [7']

10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Strengthening international aid transparency and information-sharing

► PANEL 1: Review of trends and progress to make aid more transparent

Moderator: *Bruce Jenks, Assistant-Secretary-General and Assistant Administrator, Bureau of Resources and Strategic Partnerships, UNDP [5']*

Panelists: *Tony German, Director, Development Initiatives [7']*

Désiré Yassigao, Coordonnateur du Secrétariat Technique National du Document Stratégie de réduction de la Pauvreté, Ministère du Plan, de l'Economie et de la Coopération internationale, Central African Republic [7']

First respondent: *Patricia Akakpo, Netright, Ghana [5']*

Interactive Plenary Discussion [50']

► PANEL 2: Key messages to increase the transparency and predictability of aid

Moderator: *Saudatu Sani, Member of Parliament, Chair of the Committee on MDGs, Nigeria [5']*

Panelists: *Dedi M. Riyadi, Deputy Minister, National Development Planning Agency (BAPPENAS), Indonesia [7']*

Dirk Dijkerman, Representative of the United States to the OECD/DAC [7']

First respondent: *Henri Valot, CIVICUS [5']*

Interactive Plenary Discussion [50']

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Lunch Break

Afternoon Session

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Strengthening South-South and Triangular Cooperation

Moderator: *Mustafa Sahin, Deputy President, Turkish International Cooperation and Development Agency (TIKA) [5']*

Lead presentation: *Alison Johnson, Development Finance International [10']*

Discussants: *Datuk Hamidan Ali, Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the United Nations in New York [7']*

Talaat Abdel-Malek, Economic Advisor to the Minister of International Cooperation, Egypt [7']

Dileep Kumar Das, Ministry of Finance, Joint Secretary, Bangladesh [7']

Q&A [45']

4:30 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. Enhancing policy coherence

Moderator: *Talaat Abdel-Malek, Economic Advisor to the Minister of International Cooperation, Egypt [5']*

Lead Presentation: *Robert Picciotto, Professor, King's College, London [10']*

Discussants: *Gerard Bussier, Deputy Director, Development Cooperation Directorate, Ministry of Finance and Economic Empowerment, Mauritius [7']*

Heike Schneider, Policy Officer, Forward looking studies and policy coherence, Directorate-General for Development, European Commission [7']

First Respondent: *Oscar Ugarteche, LATINDAD, Mexico [5']*

Q&A [45']

5.45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Closing of Symposium

Sha Zukang, Under-Secretary-General, Department of Economic and Social Affairs

Sylvie Lucas, President of ECOSOC

Irene Freudenschuss-Reichl, Director General for Development Cooperation, Federal Ministry of European and International Affairs, Austria