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

**3 – 4 June 2010 – Helsinki, Finland**

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**Venue: Marina Congress Centre Helsinki (SCANDIC) (Room: Fennia II)**

### *Coherent Development Cooperation: Maximizing Impact in a Changing Environment*

#### **Goal**

The goal of the Helsinki High-level Symposium is to promote pragmatic solutions to make development cooperation more coherent and develop key messages for the upcoming 2010 United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). Against the backdrop of multiple crises, this Symposium aims to foster discussions among a wide range of stakeholders on issues that can significantly improve the impact of development cooperation on the internationally agreed development goals, including the MDGs.

Furthermore, the Helsinki High-level Symposium will promote Policy Coherence for Development to ensure synergies between development objectives and other policies. The symposium will discuss the multifaceted challenges in building coherence in the range of policies affecting development. Stakeholders will share experiences on how different policies can have a significant impact, either positive or negative, on development and the MDGs.

The Helsinki High-level Symposium will also highlight the significant role of foundations, civil society and the private sector in development cooperation; discuss the positive impact that national mutual accountability mechanisms can have on effective aid delivery and development partnerships; and promote a more concerted effort in achieving gender-related development goals.

Co-Chairs: **Sha Zukang**, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs  
**Ritva Koukku-Ronde**, Under-Secretary of State for Development Policy and  
Development Cooperation, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Finland

### Wednesday, 2 June 2010

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. **Registration** (*In the Lobby of the Scandic Grand Marina Hotel*)

### Thursday, 3 June 2010

8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. **Registration** (*Scandic Marina Congress Center Helsinki, Katajanokanlaituri 7, Helsinki, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor*)

8:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. **Opening of the Symposium\***

**Official Opening**

**Dr Paavo Väyrynen**, Minister for Foreign Trade and Development, Finland

**Expectations for the DCF in 2010**

**Hamidon Ali**, President of the Economic and Social Council

**Expectations for the Helsinki Symposium**

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

**Introductory Remarks**

**Ingrid Srinath**, Secretary-General, CIVICUS

9:50 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. **Keeping a development focus: the challenges in ensuring policy coherence for development**

**Moderator:** **Ritva Koukku-Ronde**, Under-Secretary of State for Development Policy and Development Cooperation, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Finland [5']

**Panelists:** **Emilia Pires**, Minister of Finance, Timor-Leste [10']

**Frederik Haver Droeze**, Deputy Director, Policy Coherence for Development Unit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Netherlands [10']

**Supachai Panitchpakdi**, Secretary-General, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development [10']

**Pius Bigirimana**, Permanent Secretary, Prime Minister's Office, Uganda [10']

**Respondent:** **Tony Tujan, jr.**, International Director and Research Director of IBON Foundation, Co-Chair of Better Aid and Chair of Reality of Aid [10']

Structured, interactive Plenary Discussion

12:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. **Official Lunch**, Marina Congress Center

Key note address by Ms. **Maarit Aarni-Sirviö**, Board Professional and former CEO of Mint of Finland Ltd., Member of the Board of Wärtsilä

\* The Symposium will be held in Conference room Fennia II.

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Working together towards the internationally agreed development goals: the role of Foundations, Civil Society Organizations and decentralized development cooperation

**Moderator:** Amir Dossal, Executive Director, United Nations Office for Partnerships [5']

**Panelists:** [10' ea.] Prof. Klaus Leisinger, President, Novartis Foundation [10']

Prof. Marwan Awartani, Chairman, Arab Foundations Forum, Jordan [10']

Luca de Fraia, Action Aid [10']

Emilia Saiz, Director of Statutory Issues and Institutional Relations, United Cities and Local Governments, Spain [10']

Structured, interactive Plenary Discussion

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Reception (*Government Banquet Hall Smolna, Eteläesplanadi 6*)

## **Friday 4 June 2010**

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Accountable and equal partnerships in development cooperation: national experiences and next steps

**Moderator:** Saumura Tioulong, Member of Parliament, National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia [5']

**Panelists:** Nikhil Seth, Director, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs [10']

Mustafa Mastoor, Deputy Minister of Finance, Afghanistan [10']

Bijon Kumar Baishya, Joint Secretary (Coordination), Economic Relations Division, Ministry of Finance & National Coordinator, Implementation of Paris Declaration, Bangladesh [10']

Justin Hien, Director of Coordination and Effectiveness of Public Development Aid, Department of Cooperation, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Burkina Faso [10']

Given Lubinda, Member of Parliament, Zambia [10']

**First Respondent:** Arjun Karki, LDC Watch, Nepal [7']

Q&A, discussion of other country and Civil Society Organization experiences

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. The impact of development cooperation in reaching the MDGs on gender equality: Challenges and solutions

**Moderator:** Hon. Mrs. Nurhayati Ali Assegaf, Vice Chairperson of the Committee for Inter-Parliamentary Cooperation, Member of Parliament, Indonesia [10']

**Panelists:** Joanne Sandler, Deputy Executive Director, UNIFEM [10']

Regina Karega, Chair, National Commission on Gender and Development, Kenya [10']

Grace Bediako, Chief Statistician, Ghana Statistical Services [10']

Natalia Cardona, Social Watch International Secretariat, Uruguay, Member of the Women's Working Group on Financing for Development [10']

Jon Lomøy, Director, Development Co-operation Directorate, OECD [10']

Structured, interactive Plenary Discussion

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Official Lunch, Marina Congress Center

2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. DCF Stakeholder consultations on making development cooperation more coherent

The country case studies and experiences shared will serve as the basis for three parallel caucuses. The objective is to discuss and produce agreement on recommendations from the point of view of individual stakeholder groups. Discussions will focus on the entire agenda of the symposium and identify necessary next steps to come up with concrete solutions to strengthen

- (i) policy coherence for development;
- (ii) coordination between various providers of aid, including foundations;
- (iii) country-led processes to keep commitments under review and thus enhance the coherence of action plans and new contributions;
- (iv) the impact of development cooperation in reaching the MDGs on gender equality.

The following parallel caucuses will be organized:

GROUP 1: G77 + China

GROUP 2: Other Member States

GROUP 3: Civil society organizations, parliamentarians and foundations

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

4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Coffee Break

4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Presentation of results from DCF Stakeholder consultations

Rapporteur of GROUP 1: G77 + China [8']

Rapporteur of GROUP 2: Other Member States [8']

Rapporteur of GROUP 3: Civil society organizations, parliamentarians and foundations [8']

5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Closing of Symposium

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