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

3 – 4 June 2010 – Helsinki, Finland

Short Programme

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.

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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. - 9:00 a.m. Registration (Scandic Marina Congress Center Helsinki, Katajanokanlaituri 7, Helsinki, 2nd Floor)

9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Opening of the Symposium

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

12:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. Official Lunch with Keynote Address, Marina Congress Center

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Working together towards the internationally agreed development goals: the role of foundations and CSOs

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

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

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Lunch Break, Marina Congress Center

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

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 on day 2. 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

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