



DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION FORUM

High-level Symposium in preparation of the 2012 DCF

“Gearing Development Cooperation towards the MDGs: Effectiveness and Results”

6 May, 2 pm – 4 pm

DCF stakeholder consultations to develop positions on effective and results-oriented development cooperation

Working Group 1: DAC Donors and Multilateral Organisations
(in conference room Union Africaine 1, without interpretation)

Working Group 2: G77 and China
(in the plenary conference room Union Africaine 2+3, interpretation E+F)

Working Group 3: Non-Executive Stakeholders (Parliament, Civil Society, Local Governments)
(in conference room Tombouktou, interpretation E+F)

QUESTIONS:

The objective is to agree on key positions and policy recommendations of the group on how to best achieve results of development cooperation. Some of the below questions and other important issues discussed in the course of the last day and a half should be discussed with a view to producing short and concise messages for the DCF and other fora:

1. What can you as a stakeholder group (donors, recipient countries, civil society, parliamentarians, local governments) do to respond to the mounting pressure on results of development cooperation and to ensure that they will be achieved in a way that is country-led, broad based, pro-poor and sustainable?
2. From your perspective, what are key elements to consider when designing and defining such results for development cooperation in the planning phase of different interventions and policies? How can conditionalities best be tackled?
3. What is best practice in terms of enhancing the use of country monitoring and evaluation systems to assess the impact of development cooperation on development results? What is best practice in broadening national-led consultations on designing, monitoring and evaluating development results?
4. In your experience, which aspects of aid quality have had the greatest impact on broad-based development results in the past? Which measures should be prioritized to improve the quality of aid in the future, for LDCs including post-conflict countries and those in special development needs, but also for other developing countries?
5. What are the key dimensions of aid quality for LDCs that should be regularly reviewed in an international context? What should be the role of the DCF in this regard?
6. Are existing national and sectoral mutual accountability systems delivering on the promise to change behaviour among different stakeholders? What needs to be done to ensure that this change is balanced, sustainable and impacting the achievement of broad based results? How can best be assured that countries can lead the process of drawing up aid policies and agreeing on individual provider and recipient targets – the most important drivers for change? Should this be continuously reviewed at global level, and how?