



High-Level Symposium

“Country-level experiences in coordinating and managing development cooperation”

UN Office in Vienna

19-20 April 2007

DRAFT AGENDA

Venue: Vienna International Centre, Conference Room 2 (C-building), 7th Floor

Co-chairs: Ambassador Dalius Čekuolis, President of the Economic and Social Council
Ambassador Irene Freudenschuss-Reichl, Director-General, Department for Development Cooperation, Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs

Day 1: Thursday, 19 April

9.00 am - 9.30 am Opening of Symposium

Welcome remarks (5 minutes)

Ambassador Dalius Čekuolis

Opening statement (10 minutes)

José Antonio Ocampo, Under-Secretary-General, UNDESA
Promoting the global partnership for development

Official opening (10 minutes)

Ambassador Johannes Kyrle, Secretary-General for Foreign Affairs

Introduction to agenda (5 minutes)

Ambassador Irene Freudenschuss-Reichl



9.30 am - 11.00 am National development strategies as frameworks for development cooperation

Moderator: Firmino Mucavele, Executive Head, New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD)

Case study: Marios Obwona, Principal Research Fellow, Economic Policy Research Centre, Uganda

Panelists: Dedi M. Masykur Riyadi, Deputy Minister, Office of the Minister, National Development Planning Agency (Bappenas), Indonesia (10 minutes)

Poul Engberg-Pedersen, Director-General, Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD) (10 minutes)

Discussion: 50 minutes

- What has been the progress in formulating and implementing comprehensive and credible national development strategies?
- Are national development strategies supportive of the realization of the internationally agreed development goals (IADGs) within a broader vision for national development?
- What has been the progress in aligning development aid of donors with national development strategies and the IADGs?
- Has the formulation and implementation of comprehensive and credible national development strategies resulted in fewer aid conditionalities?
- Are civil society and private sector organizations playing a more active role in the formulation and implementation of national development strategies?

11.00 am – 11.15 am Coffee break

11.15 am – 12.45 pm Assessments of development effectiveness: lessons learned

Moderator: Rubens Ricuperro, former Secretary-General, UNCTAD

Panelists: Patrick G. Grasso, Adviser, Independent Evaluation Group, World Bank (15 minutes)

Anthony Tujan, Chair, Reality of Aid, Philippines (15 minutes)

Discussants: Bruce Jenks, UN Assistant-Secretary-General and UNDP Assistant Administrator (10 minutes)



Jacqueline Cote, Senior Advisor Advocacy & Partnerships
World Business Council for Sustainable Development (10 minutes)

Discussion: 40 minutes

- What are the key findings and policy messages of recent studies on development effectiveness?
- How are the lessons learned from development effectiveness studies reshaping the thinking on how to strengthen development cooperation between developed and developing countries?
- Are current institutional mechanisms and methodologies to assess development effectiveness adequate?

1.00 pm - 3.00 pm Official luncheon

3.15 pm – 4.45 pm What can donors and recipient countries do to enhance the predictability and stability of resource flows?

Moderator: Richard Manning, Chair, OECD/DAC

Case study: Pham Hoang Mai, Head of Japan and Northeast Asia Division, Federal Economics Relations Department, Ministry of Planning and Investment, Vietnam (20 minutes)

Panelists: Carlos Braga, Senior Adviser, Poverty Reduction and Economic Management and Head, International Policy and Partnership Group, World Bank (10 minutes)

Jim Drummond, Director, UN, Conflict and Humanitarian Division, Department for International Development, United Kingdom (10 minutes)

Discussion: 50 minutes

- What are some of the successful strategies applied by donor and recipient countries to promote more predictable and stable funding flows?
- What are the principal challenges to more predictable and stable funding for development cooperation?
- Are donors likely to realize recently adopted goals and strategies for up-scaling of development assistance?



- Are certain strategic planning frameworks in developing countries more conducive to multi-year pledges by donors?
- What has been the impact of the new international financing facilities in terms of improving the predictability and stability of funding for development?
- What has been the experience with new aid modalities (e.g. budget support and sector-wide approaches) in terms of enhancing the predictability and stability of funding for development cooperation?

4.45 pm – 5.00 pm **Summary by Nikhil Seth, Director, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, UNDESA**

7.00 pm **Reception hosted by the City of Vienna**



The reception will take place at a traditional Viennese Heurigen restaurant: Weingut Fuhrgassl-Huber, 1190 Wien, Neustift/Walde 68.

Departure will be at 6.00 pm (transport provided).

Day 2: Friday, 20 April

9.30 am – 11.00 am **Are capacities for aid coordination and management in recipient countries fit for up-scaling of aid?**

- Moderator: Hakan Fidan, President, Turkish International Cooperation Agency
- Case study: John Rwangombwa, Secretary-General and Secretary of the Treasury, Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, Rwanda (20 minutes)
- Panelists: Ritva Koukku-Ronde, Director-General, Department for Development Policy, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Finland (10 minutes) (Confirmed)
- Matthew Martin, Director, Debt Relief International, United Kingdom (10 minutes)



Discussion: 50 minutes

- Are recipient countries investing adequately in capacity-building for aid coordination and management, including monitoring and evaluation?
- Which capacities in recipient countries need particular strengthening for effective aid coordination and management?
- Is increased use of the new aid modalities requiring the development of different kind of capacities?
- Are donors adequately assisting recipient countries in the capacity-building process?

11.00 am – 11.30 am Coffee break

11.30 am – 1.00 pm Improving the monitoring of aid quality

Moderator: Irene Freudenschuss-Reichl, Director-General, Department for Development Cooperation, Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs

Case study: Carlos Castel-Branco, Professor, Eduardo Mondlane University and Advisor to the Government of Mozambique (20 minutes)
“The Mozambique Performance Assessment Framework for Donors: lessons learned”

Panelists: Richard Carey, Director, OECD/DAC Secretariat (10 minutes)
Kumi Naidoo, Secretary-General and Chief Executive Officer, CIVICUS – World Alliance for Citizen Participation (10 minutes)

Discussion: 50 minutes

- What are the main challenges associated with the monitoring of aid quality?
- Are recipient countries being adequately empowered to take a leadership role in the monitoring of aid quality at the country, regional and global levels?
- What are the key lessons learned in the monitoring of the implementation of the Paris Declaration from the perspective of both developing and donor countries?
- Are national parliaments, civil society organizations and the media taking a more active role in monitoring and evaluating the quality and impact of aid?

1.00 pm - 2.30 pm Lunch break



2.45 pm – 3.15 pm

Special Address

Victor Borges, Foreign Minister of Cape Verde

“The new vision for development cooperation in Cape Verde”

3.15 pm – 4.45 pm

Stepping-up progress in donor harmonization

Moderator: Abdoulie Janneh, Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa

Case study: Patricia de Mowbray, UN Resident Coordinator, Cape Verde (20 minutes)

“One UN Pilot Initiative - challenges, expected benefits and potential implications for donor harmonization at the country-level”

Since 1 January 2006, UN presence in Cape Verde has been united in a joint office. With one programme, one leader and one office with harmonized processes and shared services, the UN Office of Funds and Programmes is an example of how joined-up services can be provided at the country-level. The present case study will provide an overview of the experiences of implementing the One UN in Cape Verde.

Panelists: Shaheedul Haque, Additional Secretary, Economic Relations Division, Ministry of Finance, Bangladesh (10 minutes)

Philippe Chedanne, Head, Office for Strategic Partnerships, Agence Française de Développement, France (10 minutes)

Discussion: 55 minutes

- What has been the progress in harmonization efforts by bilateral and multilateral donors?
- Which donor policies and procedures are in most need of harmonization?
- Is reform of the aid architecture a precondition for successful harmonization of donor policies and procedures at the country-level?
- What lessons can be drawn from the experience of One UN Pilot for reform of bilateral development cooperation?



- How can lessons learned in the implementation of initiatives undertaken by the new international financing facilities be brought into the global dialogue aimed at further enhancing harmonization efforts at the country-level?

4.45 pm – 5.00 pm Closing of Symposium

Ambassador Thomas Stelzer, Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations (Vienna)

Nikhil Seth, Director, Office for ECCOSOC Coordination and Support, UNDESA