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**The CSO side event to the DCF Ethiopia Symposium, Addis Ababa, 5 June 2013, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

**Small Briefing Room or Committee Room**

***“A Global Partnership for Development: the challenges of the post 2015 agenda and of the changing development landscape”.***

**Background**

The CSO community engaging with the DCF and advocating sustainable, inclusive and just development cooperation and development effectiveness greatly appreciates the role of the DCF in facilitating a multi-stakeholder dialogue in order to accelerate the implementation of such core principles as ownership, accountability as well as the leadership of Partner countries – Governments, Parliaments and civil society organizations – in development partnerships. CSOs have organised themselves in a stakeholder group to coordinate their participation in DCF activities with a view to fostering the mobilization of the CSO best and relevant knowledge. The DCF CSO stakeholder group includes, among other organizations, the CSOs who are members of the DCF Advisory Group and members of the CSO Partnership for Development effectiveness (CPDE).

The CSO DCF group highly considers the importance of the subject matter that the Ethiopia Symposium is set to explore. In fact, no post-2015 framework can properly take shape without due consideration of the global partnership for development that will underpin the realization of a post-2015 development agenda centred on a human rights approach. It is widely acknowledged that a meaningful discussion on the future of development cooperation must factor in the role of the broad range of partners, including those active in South-South Cooperation, the private sector and CSOs. The DCF is a unique opportunity to take stock of the various global processes underway to define the post-2015 development agenda with new goals for sustainable development, equality and poverty eradication.

CSOs would like to take advantage of the possibility of holding a side event to the DCF High Level Symposium to prepare for the symposium and engage key stakeholders in a discussion on the evolving post-2015 scenario.

**Thematic focus**

The DCF Ethiopia High Level Symposium comes at a critical point in time when the international community is reflecting on a post-2015 development agenda and what will make for its effective implementation. CSOs have actively participated in this process and engaged in the multiple strands of discussion which have been taking place at the country, regional and global level. The side event will provide an opportunity to share key messages of these discussions and to engage in an interactive discussion with the different stakeholders, with a particular focus on the renewed global partnership for development for a post-2015 era, which is the subject of the Symposium.

Civil society has sent a clear message that all stakeholders must live up to past commitments – including the full implementation of the Internationally Agreed Development Goals and the development cooperation effectiveness commitments - and that a post-2015 development agenda should be firmly rooted in a human right-based approach to development. Taking these fundamental principles as a starting point for the discussion, the side event will be centred around two content areas as it will examine how CSOs envision their engagement in a renewed global partnership for development to support implementation of the post-2015 development agenda, as well as how the international discussion on the post-2015 development agenda is effectively open to the views of different stakeholders, CSOs included, especially with regard to the global partnership for development. Also, the discussion will look into the increasingly important roles of the emerging country donors and private sector, which pose new challenges that may determine the breadth of a renewed global partnership for development.

## **Questions for discussion**

### *The post-2015 development agenda*

- Where have CSOs engaged most effectively in the global partnership for development thus far, and what lessons can be learned from concrete examples?
- How could a renewed global partnership for development work in practice to support the role of civil society organizations as a key actor in international development cooperation, both at global and country level?
- How to ensure that the post-2015 development agenda provides a human rights based framework for inclusive, sustainable and just development and development cooperation?
- To what extent are the views of different stakeholders – at the local, national and global level - being reflected in the international processes which are expected to shape the post-2015 development agenda? Does the High level Panel report adequately reflect views expressed by civil society in the consultations?

### *The changing development landscape*

- How can the emerging new development cooperation landscape – where a whole range of actors are claiming their space, including new donor countries – offer greater opportunities for country led development partnerships?
- What are the opportunities and challenges which arise from a more prominent role of providers of South-South cooperation and other actors, such as the private sector and private philanthropic organizations, to a renewed global partnership for development in a post 2015 setting?

## **Participation**

The CSO side event will be open to all the participants in the DCF High-level Symposium so as to trigger a multi-stakeholder dialogue. The meeting will be hosted at the UNECA Headquarters in Addis Ababa to facilitate the largest participation possible.

## **Format**

The event will take place from 11 – 2 p.m. on 5 June 2013. The event will be opened by a round of initial inputs from key speakers from different groups (CSO, governments, multilateral organizations) to frame the discussion. Participants will then be invited to share their perspectives and participate in an interactive discussion. Working language: English.

## **Co-organizers**

The CSO DCF stakeholder group, the Campaign for Peoples Goals for Sustainable Development and the CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness.

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**Session II on the Changing landscape on Development Co-operation Partnership and Country led Development partnership June 05, 12:30 -14:00 pm Room Committee Room @ UNECA**

The Civil Society Partnership for Development Effectiveness (CPDE) and the NEPAD Agency in partnership with UNDP invite you to a session on "the Changing Development Partnership" to be held on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 12:30- 14:00pm at the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa. This is the official CSO Side Event for the UNDCF 2013 Ethiopia High-Level Symposium on "A renewed global partnership for development for a post-2015 era".

The seminar will address the question: ***How can the emerging development cooperation landscape offer greater opportunities for country led development partnerships in the post 2015 agenda?*** Conventional development co-operation landscape has revolved around ODA partnerships, but we know that inclusive and sustainable development co-operation requires more including;

- Addressing the challenges arising from the current development partnerships for a renewed global partnership in a post 2015 setting;
- Strengthening the roles of South – South cooperation providers, Private sector and CSOs in the emerging development co-operation at the national level.

This Session will convene experts and practitioners to discuss these emerging trends. In addition, we are inviting representatives of Heads of Development Co-operation from the OECD countries, Private Sector and South - South Co-operation to comment on these new challenges in development.

**Format**

The event will take place from 12:30 – 14:00p.m on 5 June, 2013. The event will be opened by a round of initial inputs from key speakers from different groups (Regional institutions, CSOs, Governments, and development partners) to frame the discussion. Participants will then be invited to share their perspectives and participate in an interactive discussion.

Working language: English

**Confirmed Panelists:**

1. Florence Nazare, Head, Capacity Development Division, NEPAD Agency
2. Richard Ssewakiryanga, CPDE Co-chair
3. Elaine Venter, UNDP Knowledge Innovation and Capacity Group (KICG) Practice Leader

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