

Ethiopia High-Level Symposium in preparation for the 2014 Development Cooperation Forum

Side Event on

South-South Cooperation:

Contributing to the norms for development cooperation in the post-2015 era?

organised by the German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE)

7 June 2013, UNECA Headquarters, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 8:00am – 9:30am

Background

Emerging economies have a long experience in providing development cooperation. Emerging economies expect their good practices in development cooperation to be recognized internationally and would like to see them inform the discussions on a post-2015 development agenda and the future of development cooperation.

The recent [Delhi Conference](#) yielded consensus among Southern partners, including the emerging economies to take a proactive approach in the elaboration of a post-2015 development agenda. The same message also emanated from a meeting of policy makers and think tanks in [January 2013 in Shanghai](#). At both events participants recognized the need to more clearly articulate the principles, modalities and practices enshrined in South-South development cooperation and to show that these are also critical for the effectiveness of global development cooperation.

With this objective in mind, Southern partners have shown interest to evaluate the development impact of their work. This could include improving the evaluation of South-South development cooperation, as a first stepping stone towards their own framework to ensure a sustained development impact of South-South cooperation.

Besides existing analytical work, various roadmaps for analytical work have also been put on the table. Some support discussions at sectoral level first prior to the formation of common positions. With regard to institutional arrangement, a more inclusive process involving big and small partners has gained strong support. Despite very different views, all agree that think tanks can play an important role in pioneering the discussion.

The panel discussion will explore in particular two sets of questions:

- 1) **The 'What'**: What are the principles, modalities and practices of South-South development cooperation that contribute to sustained development impact? To what extent are these principles, modalities and practices relevant for the development cooperation of other stakeholders?
- 2) **The 'How'**: How can such principles, modalities and practices be systematized and agreed in order to inform the post-2015 development agenda? What is the role of think tanks and what is expected from governments?

The event will be a breakfast meeting, open to all interested participants in the Ethiopia symposium. The discussants will provide brief inputs (6 minutes) around the questions outlined above before the floor will be opened for a moderated discussion (moderator: **Stephan Klingebiel**, Head of Department "Bi- and Multilateral Development Policy" at DIE). Panelists:

- **Sachin Chaturvedi**, Research and Information Systems, India
- **Jorge A. Pérez Pineda**, Instituto Mora, Mexico
- **Huang Meibo**, Xiamen University, China
- **John Rwirahira**, Institute of Policy Analysis and Research, Rwanda