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**Preparing for the 2014 Development Cooperation Forum
Ethiopia High-level Symposium**

**“A renewed global partnership for development
for a post-2015 era”**

6-7 June 2013

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Conference Centre, UN Economic Commission for Africa

PROGRAMME

The world has changed dramatically since the adoption of the Millennium Declaration. While the internationally agreed development goals remain the guidepost for international development efforts, the international environment for pursuing them has evolved significantly.

A renewed global partnership for development will be critical to the effective implementation and ultimate impact of the post-2015 development agenda. While the experience with MDG8 offers much upon which to build, the global partnership will have to evolve to reflect the intensification of new development challenges and the emergence of new actors in development cooperation.

The Ethiopia High-Level Symposium will provide an opportunity to discuss, with a broad range of stakeholders, how to renew the global partnership for development in this changing development context. It will explore the role, principles and strategic priorities of a renewed global partnership for development, as well as its key features and working practices. It will also examine the role that enhanced monitoring and accountability could play in a renewed global partnership for development.

In its multi-stakeholder tradition, the United Nations Development Cooperation Forum, will bring together, in an informal and open dialogue, high level officials and experts in development cooperation and development finance from governments, parliaments, multilateral and civil society organizations, the private sector and private philanthropic organizations.

The Symposium will serve as a key preparatory event for the 2014 DCF, while making an immediate contribution to the intergovernmental deliberations on the post-2015 development agenda.

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Co-Hosts: **Mr. Wu Hongbo**, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, UNDESA, Secretary-General for the International Conference on Small Island Developing States

H.E. Mr. Sufian Ahmed, Minister of Finance and Economic Development, Ethiopia

DAY 1 OF SYMPOSIUM: Thursday, 6 June 2013

8:00 am – 8:45 am	Registration of Participants	
9:00 am – 9:30 am Conference Room 2	<p>Expectations for the 2014 DCF</p> <p>Preparing for a post-2015 development agenda: a regional perspective</p> <p>Expectations for the Symposium</p> <p>Official Opening</p>	<p>H.E. Mr. Néstor Osorio, President of the Economic and Social Council</p> <p>Mr. Carlos Lopes, Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa</p> <p>Mr. Wu Hongbo, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, UNDESA, Secretary-General for the International Conference on Small Island Developing States</p> <p>H.E. Mr. Sufian Ahmed, Minister of Finance and Economic Development, Ethiopia</p>
9:30 am – 9:45 am	Coffee Break	

SESSION I: What should be the **role** of a renewed global partnership for development in a post-2015 setting?

9:45am – 11:15 am Conference Room 2	<p><i>The global partnership for development will continue to play a critical role in the implementation, broadly defined, of the United Nations development agenda. The session will review the role of the global partnership for development – as set out in the Millennium Declaration, Monterrey Consensus on Financing for Development and Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, and partially reflected in MDG 8 – and examine its effectiveness in advancing the implementation of the United Nations development agenda. Participants will also exchange lessons learned, both positive and negative, from their experience with the global partnership for development. They will discuss how the global partnership for development would need to evolve to respond effectively to new challenges and opportunities, including the multipolar economy, emergence of new development actors, changing geography of poverty, rising inequalities and ever more pressing challenges of sustainable development.</i></p> <p><i>Discussion questions:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. What has been the role of the global partnership for development and how effectively has it performed?</i> <i>2. What are the lessons learned from this experience that should inform the way the global partnership for development works in the post-2015 era?</i> <i>3. What are the implications of the changed development landscape for a renewed global partnership for development?</i>
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	<p>Format: Three brief presentations of 5 minutes each, followed by plenary discussion</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> H.E. Mr. Néstor Osorio, President of the Economic and Social Council</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Mr. Armando Lopez Trujillo, Deputy Director General for International Organizations and European Union, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mexico</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u> H.E. Mr. Hardeep Singh Puri, Former Ambassador of India to the United Nations in New York</p> <p>Mr. Gustavo Martin Prada, Director of the EU Development Policy Directorate, European Commission</p> <p>Mr. Richard Ssewakiryanga, Secretary, Uganda NGO Forum</p> <p><u>First Respondents from the floor</u> H.E. Mr. Felix Mutati, Member of Parliament, Zambia</p> <p>Mr. Axel Bertuch-Samuels, Special Representative to the United Nations, International Monetary Fund</p> <p>Ms. Wardarina, Programme Officer, Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development</p>
SESSION II: What could be the vision, principles and strategic priorities of a renewed global partnership for development in a post-2015 setting?	
11:15 am – 12:45 pm Conference Room 2	<p>The session will explore the vision and strategic priorities of the renewed global partnership for development, such as galvanizing political support to create an enabling environment for development, mobilizing financial and other resources, developing capacity, promoting technology transfer and knowledge sharing, and ensuring monitoring and accountability, among others. Participants will also discuss the relevance of the overarching principles that guide the present global partnership for development (such as equality, solidarity and shared responsibility, which feature in the Millennium Declaration), as well as the special consideration given to developing countries and the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities (as set out in the Rio principles). They will review to what extent these principles will need to evolve or be recalibrated in order to address unfinished business, new development challenges and the growing diversity of approaches and actors in development cooperation. The session will further examine how a renewed global partnership for development – and its purposes and principles – should relate to national partnerships supporting national development strategies and global multi-stakeholder partnerships that support implementation of different aspects of the global development agenda.</p> <p>Discussion questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the purposes that a renewed global partnership for development should serve? 2. What principles should guide a renewed global partnership for development, in light of unfinished business, new challenges and the

	<p><i>growing diversity of approaches and actors in development cooperation?</i></p> <p>3. <i>How should a renewed global partnership for development – and its purposes and principles – relate to development partnerships at the national and global levels?</i></p> <p><i>Format:</i> <i>Three brief presentations of 5 minutes each, followed by plenary discussion</i></p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Mr. Wu Hongbo, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, UNDESA, Secretary-General for the International Conference on Small Island Developing States</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Prof. Klaus Leisinger, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Novartis Foundation</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u> Mr. Jean-Baptiste Mattei, Director-General of Global Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, France</p> <p>H.E. Mr. Ahmed Shide, State Minister of Finance and Economic Development, Ethiopia</p> <p>H.E. Mr. Momodu Kargbo, Minister of State, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, Sierra Leone</p> <p>Mr. Tony Tujan, International Director, IBON Foundation</p> <p><u>First Respondents from the floor</u> Ms. Anne Sipilainen, Under-Secretary of State for Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Finland</p> <p>Mr. Muhammad Alkama Siddiqui, Joint Secretary, Economic Relations Division, Ministry of Finance, Bangladesh</p>
<p>12:45 pm – 2:30 pm</p> <p>Banquet Room (1st Floor)</p>	<p>Lunch Buffet</p>
DCF STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATIONS	
<p>2:30 pm – 3:30 pm</p>	<p><i>Participants will convene within stakeholder groups to initiate discussion on the themes of sessions III and IV, which both focus on the features that a renewed global partnership for development would need to work in practice, including to attract the active engagement of the different stakeholders.</i></p> <p>Break-out Group 1: Developing countries and multilateral organizations</p> <p>Break-out Group 2: Developed countries and multilateral organizations</p> <p>Break-out Group 3: Non-executive stakeholders (civil society organizations, parliamentarians, private sector, foundations, and local governments)</p> <p><i>Format: The discussions will be guided by a chair, with key messages to be reported back to the plenary by a rapporteur.</i></p>

	<p><u>Break-out Group 1</u> (Conference Room 5)</p> <p><u>Moderator</u> Mr. Gyan Chandra Acharya, <i>Under-Secretary-General and High Representative, OHRLLS</i></p> <p><u>Rapporteur</u> Mr. Dinesh Bhatia, <i>Joint Secretary (MER Division), Ministry of External Affairs, India</i></p> <p><u>Break-out Group 2</u> (Conference Room 6)</p> <p><u>Moderator</u> Ms. Fadzai Gwaradzimba, <i>Deputy Assistant Administrator, UNDP Bureau of External Relations and Advocacy, United Nations Development Programme</i></p> <p><u>Rapporteur</u> Ms. Anne Sipilainen, <i>Under-Secretary of State for Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Finland</i></p> <p><u>Break-out Group 3</u> (Conference Room 11)</p> <p><u>Moderator</u> Mr. Luca de Fraia, <i>Deputy Secretary-General, Action Aid Italy</i></p> <p><u>Rapporteur</u> H.E. Mr. Thabadiana Alfred Mufamadi, <i>Member of Parliament, South Africa</i></p>
3:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Coffee Break
SESSION III: How could a renewed global partnership for development work in practice?	
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm Conference Room 5	<p><i>Building on sessions I and II, participants will discuss how the global partnership for development should work in practice at the global, regional, national and sub-national levels. They will exchange views on key practical features and working practices of a renewed global partnership for development – for it to deliver on its purposes and to secure participation from the different stakeholders at all levels (e.g. galvanizing political support, stakeholder engagement, progress reviews, policy dialogue, coherent linkages to other global processes and to national and sub-national activities etc.). The session will review how best to seize opportunities arising from the more diverse development landscape, including how to build a global partnership that helps leverage the comparative advantages of different actors. Participants will also discuss how a renewed global partnership for development could best address challenges arising from the changed development landscape, such as a duplication of efforts, fragmentation and a resulting heavy reporting burden, as well as from the anticipated broadening of the United Nations development agenda post-2015. The preceding discussions in the breakout groups will provide important input for this session.</i></p> <p><i>Discussion questions:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. What basic features and working practices should a renewed global partnership for development adopt to effectively support implementation of a post-2015 global development agenda?</i>

	<p>2. <i>How should the global partnership for development work in practice, at the different levels? What would make it attractive for different stakeholders to engage?</i></p> <p>3. <i>What opportunities and potential challenges do you see when thinking about roles and responsibilities of different actors in a renewed global partnership for development?</i></p> <p>Format: <i>Reporting back from three break-out groups (5 minutes each), followed by two to three brief presentations of 5 minutes each, followed by plenary discussion</i></p> <p><u>Chair:</u> H.E. Mr. Ahmed Shide, State Minister of Finance and Economic Development, Ethiopia</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> H.E. Ms. Amanda Ellis, Chairman, Deputy Secretary, International Development, New Zealand Aid Programme and Permanent Representative of New Zealand to the Office of the United Nations in Geneva</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u> H.E. Mr. Omar Aboueich, Deputy Assistant Foreign Minister for International Cooperation for Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Egypt</p> <p>H.E. Mr. Fernando Jose Marroni de Abreu, Director of Brazilian Cooperation Agency, Brazil</p> <p>Mr. Vitalice Meja, Executive Director, Reality of Aid</p> <p><u>First Respondents from the floor</u> Ms. Noumea Simi, Assistant CEO Finance, Ministry of Finance, Samoa</p> <p>Mr. Christoph Graf, Deputy Assistant Director-General of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, Switzerland</p> <p>Ms. Roselynn Musa, Manager at the FEMNET Secretariat, FEMNET</p>
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Reception (<i>in the conference centre</i>)

DAY 2 OF SYMPOSIUM : Friday, 7 June 2013

SESSION IV: What role could enhanced **monitoring** and **accountability** play in a renewed global partnership for development?

9:30 am – 11:45 am	Participants will delve more deeply into monitoring and accountability as a key feature for the effective functioning of a renewed global partnership for development. The lack of a robust and comprehensive monitoring and accountability framework has been identified as one of the main shortcomings of the MDG framework. Moving forward there is a need for greater monitoring and accountability of (a) the post-2015 development agenda as a whole, (b) the intergovernmentally agreed renewed global partnership for development which will underpin the Agenda, (c) the global multi-stakeholder partnerships which will complement it, as well as (d) the development partnerships at the national level which will be critical for the implementation of the Agenda. Participants will share experiences on past efforts to strengthen accountability, including through the DCF, on the partnership aspects and the effectiveness and
Conference Room 5	

	<p>Symposium in Ethiopia</p> <p>Official Closing</p>	<p>General for Economic and Social Affairs, UNDESA, Secretary-General for the International Conference on Small Island Developing States</p> <p>H.E. Mr. Ahmed Shide, State Minister of Finance and Economic Development, Ethiopia</p>
<p>12:30 pm – 2:00 pm</p> <p>Banquet Room (1st Floor)</p>	Lunch Buffet	