



DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION FORUM

Informal Lunch Side Event in preparation for the DCF Switzerland High-level Symposium on

The future of development cooperation in a post-2015 era –

Moving towards equitable and sustainable development for all

Thursday, 4 July 2013

Room XXV, Building E, United Nations Headquarters, Geneva

Background

Eradicating extreme poverty must remain the overarching goal of the international community's development efforts. It is also now widely recognized that the world must transition towards a more sustainable development pathway. The report, "Resilient People, Resilient Planet: A Future Worth Choosing", shows that by 2030 the world will need at least 50 per cent more food, 45 per cent more energy and 30 per cent more water. Accordingly, there is widespread support for a global post-2015 development agenda which has sustainable development at its centre and must apply to both developing and developed countries.

Despite this recognition, to date, development as a discipline and practice has largely evolved on a separate track from sustainable development. Although some sustainable development concepts have progressively been integrated into development practice, particularly at the level of project implementation, development paradigms that frame the context of international assistance have continued to evolve largely in isolation from sustainable development. To successfully implement a post-2015 development agenda, rooted in a shared vision of equitable and sustainable prosperity for all, will require bringing the development and the sustainable development track together.

Achieving equitable and sustainable prosperity for all will require a substantial amount of additional resources. To mobilize the necessary resources, a sustainable development financing strategy will need to utilize all available forms of financing, including public and private and cross-border and domestic sources of finance. The side event will discuss the future role and shape of development, with the broadening of a post-2015 development agenda and the increasingly diverse set of actors with different approaches and common but differentiated responsibilities and capabilities. To have the greatest possible development impact, the sources, channels, instruments and major uses of development cooperation will have to evolve.

Objective

The event aims to set the stage for the Switzerland High Level Symposium on 24-25 October on "*Development cooperation in a post-2015 era: Moving towards equitable and sustainable development for all*". The event will also serve as a bridge between the Ethiopia High Level Symposium and the Switzerland High Level Symposium. An initial discussion on the theme of the Symposium will help with: (a) bringing the messages of the Ethiopia High Level Symposium to the attention of the broader UN membership; (b) feeding the substantive preparations for the symposium; (c) mobilizing high-level participation for the Symposium; and (d) highlighting the contribution of the DCF, under the auspices of ECOSOC, to the discussions on trends in international development cooperation.

Format

The meeting will begin short welcoming remarks followed by introductory presentations on: (a) possible key features of the post-2015 development agenda; (b) how a renewed global partnership could look in practice; (c) the role of development cooperation in a renewed global partnership for development; and (d) what it would take to bring the development and sustainable development communities together behind a common agenda of equitable and sustainable development for all. The opening presentation will be followed by a moderated interactive discussion among participants.

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DRAFT AGENDA

- Date/time:* Thursday, 4 July 2013, 1:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. (all are invited to attend).
- Venue/Room:* Room XXV, First Floor, Building E, United Nations Headquarters, Geneva
- Chair:* **Mr. Navid Hanif**, Director, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs
- Moderator:* **Mr. Martin Dahinden**, Director-General of the Swiss Agency for Development Cooperation
- Speakers:* **H.E. Mr. Minelik Alemu Getahun**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Ethiopia to the UN Office at Geneva
- Ms. Amina J. Mohammed**, Secretary-General's Special Adviser on Post-2015 Development Planning
- Mr. José Antonio Alonso**, Professor of Applied Economics, Complutense University and member of the United Nations Committee on Development Policy
- Lead discussants:* **Mr. Klaus Rudischhauser**, Deputy Director General, European Commission, Directorate-General for Development and Cooperation – EuropeAid, European Commission
- Ms. Sigrid Kaag**, Assistant Administrator & Director, UNDP Bureau of External Relations and Advocacy (BERA)
- Mr. Jonathan Glennie**, Research Fellow, Centre for Aid and Public Expenditure, Overseas Development Institute