



DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION FORUM

Luncheon Side Event in Preparation for DCF Germany High-level Symposium

“Effectiveness and accountability in the post-2015 development agenda – lessons from the MDG experience”

25 September 2013, 1:15-2:45, Conference Room S-1522, Secretariat Building, UN Headquarters, New York

A global post-2015 development agenda

The Millennium Development Goals have galvanized the world behind a common development agenda. Impressive progress has been made. Yet, with only two years left till the 2015 target date, several MDGs remain out of reach and the MDG financing gap is widening.

At the same time, new and existing challenges have become more pressing. A post-2015 global development agenda will hence not only have to address the unfinished business of the MDGs. To put the world on a sustainable trajectory, a global development agenda is needed which has poverty reduction in all its dimensions, prosperity of all people and sustainable development at its centre.

Learning from the MDG experience: monitoring and accountability as vital tools for reaching the post-2015 goals and targets

The post-2015 development agenda will have implications for the future role and expectations of international development cooperation. At the same time, the range of existing policies and measures applied by different development cooperation actors to maximize the quality, effectiveness and impact of development cooperation provide lessons for the design and implementation of a post-2015 development agenda.

Robust monitoring and accountability at all levels, including domestic and mutual accountability, are vital tools to help ensure the effective use of resources. Important lessons have been learned on key features of successful accountability at all levels, including those related to the global partnership for development – as partially reflected in MDG8 – where important shortfalls remain in delivering on many of its aspects.

As concluded at the DCF High-level Symposium on “A renewed global partnership for development for a post-2015 era”, held in Ethiopia on 5 to 7 June 2013, a renewed global partnership for development will be critical to underpin the post-2015 development agenda. It will have to address new and emerging challenges and opportunities and engage the increasingly diverse group of development actors in a more coherent, effective and legitimate manner. It will also need to include an effective accountability mechanism to ensure delivery on existing and new commitments.

What is the objective of the side event?

The event will explore how lessons learned from the global partnership for development experience by different actors in advancing the effectiveness, accountability and coherence of development cooperation can be usefully featured in the design and implementation of a post-2015 development agenda.

Building on the DCF High-level Symposium in Ethiopia, including with representatives of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation, the event will begin to reflect on what we mean when we speak of quality and effectiveness in a post-2015 era. It will also begin to identify elements for an enhanced monitoring and accountability framework for the post-2015 development agenda.

It will do so by reviewing the experiences of diverse stakeholders with effectiveness and monitoring and accountability under the MDG framework, including mutual and domestic accountability.

The side event will also provide an occasion to discuss the role of the Development Cooperation Fo-

rum (DCF) as an open multi-stakeholder dialogue forum in promoting global accountability, by monitoring development cooperation and a renewed global partnership for development in the post-2015 period.

How will the event impact post-2015 discussions?

The event will serve as a curtain raiser for the third DCF High-level Symposium on *“Accountable and effective development cooperation in a post-2015 era”* in Germany (March 2014). The discussions will help shape the focus of the Symposium, which will bring together key decision makers ahead of the main DCF session in July 2014 in New York. The conclusions of the side event will also serve as an immediate input into the ongoing discussion on a post-2015 monitoring and accountability framework.

Who should attend?

The meeting will be a lunchtime side event, by invitation only, with a limited number of high-level participants. If the room capacity should permit, the event will be opened to other participants. Only UN grounds pass holders will be able to attend.

Will I be able to engage in the discussions?

The event will start off with a limited number of short presentations by senior representatives of governments and civil society. The meeting will then be opened for a moderated interactive dialogue among participants.

Where can I obtain further information on the event?

Further information on the event, including the latest programme, will be made available on the [DCF website](#). For other information please kindly contact the DCF Team at dcf@un.org or Ms. Azani Tschabo at azani.tschabo@bmz.bund.de at the Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany.