



“A renewed global partnership for development and successor arrangements to MDG8”



Joint meeting of the Second Committee and ECOSOC

Co-organized by UNDESA and the Republic of Korea

Preparatory meeting for the 2015 DCF Republic of Korea High-level Symposium

Thursday, 30 October 2014, UN Headquarters, CR2, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Objective

A renewed global partnership for development has to build on previous commitments made in Monterrey and Rio and UNFCCC climate change commitments. It has to build as well on lessons learned from the experience with MDG8 and with the broader global partnership for development, with the latter also addressing systemic issues and coherence of the international monetary, financial and trading systems.

The Second Committee and ECOSOC will convene a joint event on a renewed global partnership for development and successor arrangements to MDG8 on 30 October 2014, organized by the Republic of Korea and UNDESA. The joint event, which will serve as a curtain raiser for the DCF High-level Symposium in Korea, will aim to explore:

- ❖ What can be the role of development cooperation in implementing a post-2015 development agenda?
- ❖ How can different development cooperation actors support implementation of a post-2015 development agenda, building on their strengths and complementarities?
- ❖ How should a renewed global partnership for development and successor arrangements to MDG8 bring together the commitments from Monterrey and Rio and usefully feature climate change financing?
- ❖ How can a post-2015 monitoring and accountability framework for development cooperation effectively engage the different development cooperation actors in mutual learning for better development results and support the implementation of a renewed global partnership for development?

Expected outcome

The event will serve to publicly launch and shape preparations for the DCF Republic of Korea High-level Symposium on 8-10 April 2015. It is expected to support more inclusive, evidence-based discussions, including on the future of development cooperation and key features of a renewed global partnership for development. It aims to assist Member States, in particular, to engage more effectively in the intergovernmental process leading up to the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda.

The Symposium, the first high-level preparatory event for the 2016 DCF, will generate ideas and policy recommendations for the DCF and other major processes feeding the preparations of a post-2015 development agenda, especially the Third International Conference on Financing for Development.

Format and participation

The joint event will take the form of a three-hour interactive discussion with expert panellists from both government and civil society. The meeting will be opened by H.E. Mr Sebastiano Cardi, Chair of the Second Committee, and H.E. Mr. Shin Dong-ik, Deputy Minister for Multilateral and Global Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Korea. All UN grounds pass holders will be welcome to attend, room capacity permitting.

Background

The ECOSOC Development Cooperation Forum (DCF) is a global multi-stakeholder policy forum. It reviews trends and progress in international development cooperation, provides analysis on priority issues, engages all relevant actors in candid policy dialogue, and promotes greater coherence in development policy and among the different actors.

The 2014 DCF and related analytical work have helped to provide greater clarity on how a renewed global partnership for development, engaging the range of development cooperation actors, could work in practice. The Expert Committee on Sustainable Development Financing has put forward options for mobilizing the necessary means of implementation - domestic and international and public and private - to support the post-2015 development agenda. The Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) has provided guidance on the means of implementation as part of a proposed set of SDGs. The Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (GPEDC) has also provided input to the ‘how’ aspects of preparing for a post-2015 agenda.

The next major occasion for governments and other stakeholders to advance work on these issues will be in the preparations for the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, to take place in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on 13-16 July 2015.

As part of that process, and in preparation for the 2016 DCF, the Republic of Korea and UNDESA will co-organize a high-level symposium on these issues in Incheon on 8-10 April 2015.

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