

The 2020 Development Cooperation Forum (New York, 14-15 May 2020)

The Development Cooperation Forum works to advance the strategic role of development cooperation in achieving the 2030 Agenda and Addis Ababa Action Agenda. The DCF is the UN platform for action-oriented reviews of the latest trends, progress and emerging issues in development cooperation, facilitating coherence among diverse actors and activities. It gives special emphasis to adapting development cooperation to better support the needs and priorities of countries and population groups with least resources and weakest capacities. This shows across DCF-related activities, including the DCF Surveys of progress on the state of play in effectiveness of development cooperation.

Actors

- The President of ECOSOC will convene the next high-level meeting of the DCF in New York on 14-15 May 2020, back-to-back with the Multi-stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation (STI).
- The 2020 DCF is open to all UN Member States and the range of non-government actors, including civil society, private sector, philanthropic foundations, women, youth and other vulnerable groups, plus members of Parliament, mayors and other local authorities, international organizations and development banks.

Objectives:

- Adapt development cooperation policies and institutions to the 2030 and Addis Agendas, with focus on boosting ODA quantity, quality and impact and the role of all relevant forms of development cooperation in strengthening national capacities, including for domestic resource mobilization, data and statistics, and STI.
- Make development cooperation risk-informed and resilience-smart, with stronger links to climate action.
- Leverage South-South and triangular cooperation for sustainable development.
- Enhance private sector engagement and promote its effectiveness in development cooperation, including new financial instruments.
- Advance monitoring, review and impact assessment of development cooperation for promoting results-focus and mutual accountability, including through the 2019-2020 DCF Survey exercise.

Outcomes:

- Concrete policy guidance as practical inputs to governments and other stakeholders to enhance development cooperation in line with the 2030 and Addis Agendas.
- Value-added discussion and new evidence that directly inform intergovernmental processes, influence global policy dialogue and promote broad consensus.
- Peer-learning, knowledge-sharing and partnership-building, including on enablers of effective development cooperation as key building blocks of integrated national financing frameworks.

Analytical Work:

<p>Report of the Secretary-General on trends and progress in international development cooperation provides the main basis for discussion in the 2020 DCF.</p>	<p>2019-2020 DCF Survey Study draws on the data from the biennial DCF Survey on the state of play in effectiveness of development cooperation on the ground. The 6th survey is underway, with the study to be published prior to the 2020 DCF.</p>	<p>DCF studies and policy briefs series. These products provide input to the SG Report and will be made widely available to other relevant processes.</p>
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The DCF: A distinct, dynamic and trusted platform for dialogue and results

- **Direct uptake of DCF input to UN decision-making bodies:** As the designated focal point of the UN system for holistic consideration of international development cooperation, outcomes of the DCF are channeled to other key inter-governmental processes, such as the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) and ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development, through established mandates. The DCF forms an integral part of the global architecture for achieving the 2030 Agenda.
- **A platform for action-oriented policies:** The DCF is known for offering: (i) policy recommendations, with the Forum as a function of UN ECOSOC operating at global level; and (ii) action-oriented, concrete policy guidance on common issues related to development cooperation for policy makers and practitioners working at the regional, national and subnational levels. The DCF also helps to identify capacity support needs of countries and provides context-specific policy insights.
- **Trusted space for exchange among all governments and diversity of actors:** The DCF is both a platform and policy & practice community, open to all UN Member States and the range of non-government actors, including civil society, private sector, women, youth and other vulnerable groups. The DCF also works with other platforms within the UN and beyond to ensure complementarity of its work. This includes ongoing efforts to avoid duplication and strengthen complementarity with the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (GPEDC), which focuses on supporting country-level implementation of the Busan principles of effective development cooperation.
- **Evidence-based knowledge sharing and mutual learning:** A founding aspiration of the DCF is to foster candid conversations, grounded in evidence, and build authentic partnerships and trust. In this context, the DCF Survey exercise guarantees the confidentiality of participating countries to encourage frank sharing. In its wider analytical work and policy dialogue, the DCF brings global attention to contextualized country examples. This includes examples that illuminate how key enablers of effective development cooperation can serve as essential building blocks of integrated national financing frameworks (INFFs) and optimal mobilization and management of financial and non-financial resources to achieve national sustainable development strategies.
- **Demand-driven, agile and persistent:** The DCF's priority themes and policy directions are driven by real needs and concerns on the ground. The 2020 DCF will be preceded by a multi-stakeholder DCF Symposium and other DCF-related events and analytical work to bring that reality check to the policy dialogue. After the high-level meeting, the outcomes of the 2020 DCF will be carried forward through knowledge-sharing and peer-learning activities, including by channeling DCF policy recommendations through other forums, side events and other activities to engage the development cooperation policy & practice community.



In carrying out supporting activities as secretariat to the DCF, UNDESA is guided by the DCF's mandates and by the Secretary-General's vision of the United Nations as a valued partner for all countries in achieving the 2030 Agenda, one who works efficiently and effectively to broaden the range of policy options for partners seeking solutions; catalyze action, innovate, convene and champion what works, based on the latest data, research and analysis; serve as a thought leader, bringing national and regional perspectives into global policymaking and innovation; and advocate for inclusion and for advancement of all human rights.

More information on the 2020 DCF and upcoming activities and analytical work can be found at: <https://www.un.org/ecosoc/en/development-cooperation-forum>