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Development Cooperation and the 2030 Agenda

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development projects the universal ambition to eradicate poverty and put the world on a sustainable development path, leaving no-one behind.

International development cooperation will have a vital role to play in mobilizing and aligning the unprecedented scale and scope of support to implement the new agenda. Integration from the level of policy to service delivery will be at the heart of the agenda.

Broader and more inclusive partnerships are needed to capitalize on the resources and knowledge of stakeholders beyond national governments, such as the civil society, local authorities and the private sector.

As all stakeholders prepare for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, and the policy and institutional changes they envisage, they need to share with and learn from each other, through an inclusive global platform.

Objective and outcome

The 2016 Development Cooperation Forum (DCF) provides a unique space for all stakeholders, including traditional donors, programme countries, Southern partners and non-state actors, to have open and honest reflection together on trends and progress in development cooperation and share examples of challenges, best practices and lessons learned. It also offers an opportunity for all stakeholders to highlight the support, capacities, and technologies they need to give life to the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs.

The outcome of the 2016 DCF will be a set of key messages and important policy guidance on development cooperation in the context of the 2030 Agenda and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda. The findings will be taken into consideration by the ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development follow-up process and by the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, as well as the ECOSOC Dialogue on the longer-term positioning of the United Nations development system.

Participation and programme

Stakeholders from across the globe are encouraged to attend the 2016 DCF to share their experiences and valuable insights. The meeting is open to all governments at the highest level and engages leaders in civil society, academia, philanthropic foundations, the private sector, and international organizations, as well as Parliamentarians and local and regional authorities.

The two-day forum at UN headquarters in New York will include focused, interactive discussions, accompanied by pre-meetings and side events, which will provide further opportunities for knowledge sharing and mutual learning among stakeholders.

Background

ECOSOC plays an important role in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Addis Ababa Action Agenda on financing sustainable development.

At the heart of this work, the Development Cooperation Forum (DCF) offers a space for open policy dialogue, peer learning and knowledge sharing on the role of development cooperation in the SDG era.

The DCF has a clear, broad mandate to review trends and progress in development cooperation. It encourages discussions on the future of development cooperation. It works to promote greater coherence in development policy and among partners, knowledge sharing and mutual learning.

The 2016 DCF builds on a comprehensive preparatory process, including a series of in-depth policy briefs, the 2016 Report of the Secretary-General on trends in development cooperation and three high-level preparatory Symposiums, held in the Republic of Korea (8-10 April 2015), Uganda (4-6 November 2015) and Belgium (6-8 April 2016).

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