



Transitioning from MDGs to SDGs: Accountability for the post-2015 era

Panel discussion organized by the Committee for Development Policy

with

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As the post-2015 development agenda and sustainable development goals (SDGs) are negotiated, it becomes clear that striking a consensus on the future we want and having an agreement on which strategies would be conducive to sustainable outcomes will not be sufficient to ensure that those policies are implemented. We also need a strong monitoring and accountability mechanism to track progress and to hold States and their development partners accountable for their actions and commitments. A robust accountability mechanism can contribute to strengthening the political commitments made and create greater incentives for improving policy-making and the allocation of resources associated with the implementation of those commitments. Accordingly, the Committee for Development Policy (CDP) thought it timely and pertinent to have “Accountability” as the prism through which it will explore how to best manage the transition from the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) to the sustainable development goals.

Committee members, Professors Fukuda-Parr, Klasen, Ocampo, and Petrin will present the CDP views on accountability within the context of such transitioning. They will examine the challenges for effective accountability for the post-2015 agenda and identify important lessons learnt with the MDGs, not all of which are being applied in current discussions. The panellists will also present concrete recommendations for establishing an effective accountability framework for development in the post-2015 era, in particular, by identifying those critical elements on which a reformed and strengthened monitoring and accountability framework need to be built.

Panellists

Prof. José Antonio Ocampo Gaviria is Chair of CDP since 2013. He is Professor of Professional Practice in International and Public Affairs, and Director, Economic and Political Development Concentration, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University. His current research is on macroeconomic theory and policy, and international financial and monetary issues. He served UN as Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, and Executive Secretary of the ECLAC. He served the Government of Colombia as Minister of Finance and Public Credit, and Minister of Agriculture.

Prof. Sakiko Fukuda-Parr has been a member of CDP since 2010, and Vice Chair of CDP since 2013. She is Professor of International Affairs, New School University. She is a development economist working in the multidisciplinary framework of capabilities and human development, and currently working on human rights and poverty, conflict prevention and global technology. She was Director of UNDP Human Development Report Office.

Prof. Stephan Klasen is a member of CDP since 2013. He is Professor of Economics and head of the Ibero-America Institute for Economic Research, University of Göttingen. His current research interest is on development and gender issues. He was a professor at University of Munich, fellow of King's College, University of Cambridge, an economist at World Bank, and consultant for the UNESCO and the OECD.

Prof. Tea Petrin is a member of CDP since 2013. She is Professor of Economics and Entrepreneurship, Head of the Entrepreneurship Department, Faculty of Economics, and member of the university senate, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia. Her current research interest is on small business and entrepreneurship, and on proactive industrial policy. She was a Minister for Economy within the Government of Slovenia, Ambassador of Slovenia to the Netherlands, and professor at University of California, Berkeley, and University of Massachusetts.

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