**United Development Cooperation Forum**
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**The CSO representatives partaking in the workings of the 2012 UNDCF would like to present the following positions.**

1. While expressing deep concerns about diminished support from the donors for the agreed ODA global targets, we would like to reaffirm that UN DCF is the global forum where discussion and debate - both normative/technical – on development cooperation should take place. We acknowledge that all international institutions and global forums addressing development cooperation should find ways to work in synergy to accelerate progress towards the IADGs.

2. The UN DCF is a truly inclusive and multi-stakeholder forum as its mission is to bring together on equal footing all countries, different levels of national and local government, Parliamentarians, private sector and global civil society. We call on DCF and all relevant parties to uphold this principle. Due consideration for the participation of CSOs is extremely important in light of the fact that the space for global civil society to influence global processes is shrinking. Furthermore, the DCF, as it is under the UN, sits within the normative framework of human rights, which are commitments made by all Member States.

3. DCF is a key space to monitor emerging and growing trends in development cooperation. For example, the recurring references in the global debate to the catalytic role of aid and the role of the private sector in development cooperation command continued attention to ensure that the realization of all IADG's and international commitments on human rights remains the core objective of all development financial flows and of the comprehensive development cooperation agenda.

4. DCF has an important role to support and discuss Policy Coherence, namely coherence among development cooperation policies and between other macroeconomic policies and development cooperation objectives. For example, policies on trade, debt, FDI and taxation, as outlined in the Monterrey Consensus: all must be in line with international agreements on human and labor rights, decent work, anti-corruption and sustainable development.

5. In developing and improving upon the Global Partnership for Development Effectiveness, the DCF should continue to work on mutual accountability or "multiple" accountabilities as well as explore the interplay between different levels of accountability, namely global, national and domestic. It should link this work clearly to the UN Human Rights framework/existing HR accountability mechanisms.

6. We would like to submit the proposal that the DCF plan of activities to 2014 should include a) a High Level Symposium on gender equality, women's rights and development cooperation and b) a High Level Symposium on social and economic inequality.

7. We would like to call on UNDESA to ensure that a rights based approach shapes all of DCF's thematic work.

8. We are convinced that the UNDCF can play a pivotal role in shaping - according to participatory and fully democratic principles - the outcomes of Rio+20 as well as the process on the post-

2015 development agenda. Going forward, these efforts must be squarely embedded in the normative framework of international human rights agreements, including the agreements from the UN conferences from Vienna Cairo, and Rome to Copenhagen and Beijing.

9.  In our collective commitment to clarify global commitments and a new post-2015 development framework, we would like to take advantage of this distinguished audience to call for such processes to be truly democratic, inclusive and multi-stakeholder, with the full participation of CSOs and those from social movements.

10. Lastly, we call for governments/member states to fully fund the DCF plan of action and to reaffirm DCF's capacity to deliver and perform meaningful outreach to all relevant constituencies, including LDCs and CSOs.

Thank you,

Organizations: ActionAid, Afrodad, Awid, Civicus, Eurodad, Ituc, Ldcs network, Reality of Aid Africa, Piango, Social Watch, Transparency International