



*Plan of Activities and Budget*

# **UN Development Cooperation Forum Phase IV: 2012-2014**

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## A DETAILED PLAN OF DCF ACTIVITIES AND BUDGET (2012-14)

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<b>Vienna Policy Dialogue</b>	<p>The medium-sized meeting among gender equality and development cooperation experts and senior government officials discussed how efforts to advance gender equality and the empowerment of women can be firmly placed at the centre of a post-2015 development agenda, based on the experience of the MDG framework and in light of emerging development challenges and a changing development landscape. It also explored root causes of persistent gender inequalities and identified successful strategies to promote gender equality and the empowerment of women through development cooperation, including through gender responsive mutual accountability, budgeting and planning practices at country level. A DCF Advisory Group meeting was held on the day before the Dialogue.</p> <p>The meeting helped to maintain a high level of awareness of gender equality throughout preparations for the 2014 DCF. Its outcome informed ongoing deliberations on the definition of a post-2015 development agenda through thematic and geographic consultations.</p>	<p><u>Host country:</u> Austria <i>(co-organized with UN-WOMEN and Austria)</i></p> <p><i>IPU, ActionAid, OECD Gendernet were key partners in preparing this event.</i></p>	<b>Vienna, Austria</b>  <i>13-14 December 2012</i>
<b>Launch of 2<sup>nd</sup> International Development Cooperation Report (IDCR)</b>	<p>This UNDESA flagship report draws together analysis produced for the DCF on international development cooperation, with a focus on the views of the broad range of development cooperation actors. Produced in a collaborative effort, this independent report looks specifically at implications of the growing concern of poverty eradication and sustainable development for the future of development cooperation as they become central elements of the future global development agenda. The report will provide an analytical overview of the levels, sources, targets and destination of official development assistance and development cooperation flows. It places a focus on accountability and transparency of development cooperation with focus on its results and quality, and is in itself a tool for accountability at global level. Special emphasis will be placed on volume of South-South development cooperation flows and information on key providers, channels, types and characteristics. The German Development Institute supported a preparatory workshop in September 2012 in New York organized by OESC/DESA with support of DPAD and DSD/DESA, in collaboration with think tanks from Germany, China, India, Mexico, Brazil, Zimbabwe, Canada and the UK. Experts from civil society were consulted and the OECD-DAC provided statistical support in some areas.</p>	<p><u>Host country:</u> India</p> <p><i>Under leadership of OESC/DESA in conjunction with a meeting on South-South Cooperation organized by Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) for the Government of India.</i></p>	<b>New Delhi, India</b>  <i>15-16 April 2013</i>

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<b>Special Policy Dialogue on Private Philanthropy in Development Cooperation</b>	The event will continue dialogue among private philanthropic organizations (PPOs) active in development cooperation, governments and civil society organizations on the effectiveness of this type of cooperation, building on the first special dialogue held in 2012. It will specifically aim to further institutionalize a regular dialogue space for PPOs under the aegis of the DCF to share experiences on the effectiveness of their partnerships and to inspire greater collaboration with other actors to accelerate MDG achievement and contribute to the definition of a post 2015 development agenda. The DCF will position itself as a repository of information on global trends in PPO-supported assistance.	<i>UNDP, Foundations Center, Skoll Foundation, WINGS, Bellagio Initiative/IDS</i>	<b>New York, US</b>  <i>25 April 2013 back-to-back with the ECOSOC Partnership Event</i>
<b>Mutual Accountability In-Country Workshops</b>	In response to increasing demand of Member States and civil society, OES/UNDESA facilitates a capacity development project to support development cooperation actors in a set of four countries to design, implement and operationalize or improve existing mutual accountability frameworks to promote greater political buy-in and compliance with development cooperation commitments made in the past. To strengthen capacities, refine MA tools to address specific gaps and needs and develop a plan of action for implementation, in-country workshops will be held in four countries by end of 2013.	<i>Ghana, Ethiopia, Liberia and TBC</i>  <i>UNDP KICG and respective Country Teams, NEPAD, UNECA, IPU, ActionAid and other civil society organizations</i>	<b>Accra, Addis Ababa, Monrovia and TBC</b>  <i>By end of 2013, workshops start in March/April</i>
<b>High Level Symposium I</b>  <i>“Towards a renewed global partnership for development”</i>	The first high-level symposium will respond to a call for the Forum to serve as an informal and multi-stakeholder forum to discuss key elements of a renewed <i>global partnership for development</i> which will underpin the post-2015 development agenda. It will provide the broad range of players in international development cooperation with ample space to openly discuss their expectations and concerns. In building on the Monterrey Consensus, it will explore how the broad range of existing commitments in support of development should be addressed in light of a broadening agenda and the shifting global development context. The meeting will help to position the DCF as a relevant accountability mechanism in support of a credible, legitimate and coherent global partnership at the centre of the post-2015 development agenda.  A meeting of <b>DCF Advisory Group</b> will be organized in conjunction with the Symposium. A meeting of <b>Directors-General of South-South Cooperation</b> could be organized back-to-back. Ethiopia is one of four priority countries of a <b>DCF capacity development project on mutual accountability</b> . An in-country workshop will be organized in preparation or during the HLS on this issue. A meeting of the <b>Steering Committee of the Global Partnership for</b>	<i>Host country: Ethiopia with support of UNDP</i>	<b>Addis Ababa, Ethiopia</b>  6-7 June 2013  <i>(Pre-meetings on 5 June 2013)</i>

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	<b>Effective Development Cooperation</b> may also be held back-to-back with the Symposium.		
<b>2013 ECOSOC Substantive Session</b>	A panel discussion on development cooperation and the post-2015 UN development agenda may be organized with a special focus on technology diffusion and sustainable growth in conjunction with the 2013 AMR theme. <sup>1</sup>	TBC	<b>Geneva, Switzerland</b> July 2013
<b>Side Event at the Commission for Sustainable Development</b>	The meeting would serve to present key findings of DCF deliberations on the nexus of sustainable development and development cooperation to the Commission. (Alternatively, a briefing could be organized back to back with one of the meetings of the intergovernmental ad-hoc open working group on sustainable development goals (SDGs)).	TBC	<b>New York, US</b>  TBC
<b>Side Event at the GA Special Event to follow up efforts made towards achieving the MDGs</b>	This meeting can serve to position the DCF as a key player in facilitating consultations on the Global Partnership for Development in a post 2015 development agenda and as a global apex body for mutual accountability on development cooperation with support of all development cooperation actors.	TBC	<b>New York, US</b>  September 2013
<b>Dialogue on Decentralized Development Cooperation</b>	Based on a request by decentralized development cooperation actors and their networks, the DCF will convene a meeting to assess the potential of this type of cooperation in a post-2015 development agenda, with emphasis on its ability to promote sustainable development and development effectiveness, act as catalyst for other financing and contribute to MDG achievement. The meeting will aim to position the DCF as a depository of information based on a discussion on methodological challenges to collect information and data on DDC flows. <sup>1</sup>	<i>Host country:</i> TBC <i>United Cities and Local Governments, UNDP ART</i>	<b>TBC (option to host in Rabat, Morocco in conjunction with the UCLG Congress)</b>  1-4 October 2013 (TBC)
<b>High Level Symposium II</b>  <i>“The future of</i>	The second high-level symposium will discuss implications for development cooperation of broadening a future development agenda beyond the focus of the MDGs on poverty eradication and human development to sustainable development. Following the GA Special event on the MDGs, the meeting will discuss the future role and shape of develop-	<i>Host country:</i> Switzerland	<b>Montreux, Switzerland</b>  24/25 October 2013

<sup>1</sup> A briefing on the outcome of this meeting could also be organized during the ECOSOC Organizational Session, if the meeting is held away from headquarters.

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<b>international development cooperation: Implications of the post-2015 development agenda</b> (tentative)	ment cooperation, and how it will need to be redesigned to pursue sustainable development in an integrated and balanced way. It will explore the respective strengths of sources, channels, instruments and major uses of development finance in light of new requirements, including the need to scale up financing despite the ongoing global economic and financial crisis, including for global public goods.  A <b>DCF Advisory Group meeting</b> is expected to take place during the Symposium. A <b>briefing on the outcome</b> of this Symposium could also be organized during the ECOSOC Organizational Session in NY.		
<b>Special Policy Dialogue on South-South and Triangular Development Cooperation</b>	With leading experts and practitioners, including Directors-General from Southern providers, and regional banks and organizations, the meeting is expected to provide a platform for these actors to share lessons and provide opportunities for learning from each other. Special emphasis will be placed on the effort to examine relevant concepts on statistics and measurement as well as modalities for compiling relevant information on this type of cooperation and how to evaluate its impact. <sup>1</sup>	<i>Host country:</i> TBC  <i>UNOSSC, UNDP, IsDB (TBC)</i>	<b>TBC</b>  TBC
<b>High Level Symposium III</b>  <i>“Accountability for development partnerships in a post 2015 setting”</i> (tentative)	As a post-2015 development agenda will start to take shape in concrete terms, the third high-level symposium will be an occasion to explore further the role of accountability frameworks in implementing a post-2015 development agenda. It would build on ongoing work for the DCF on country and global level accountability for commitments and development results, including the conclusions of the first two symposia of this cycle, and identify how mutual accountability can assist in translating global commitments to national implementation. It will serve to further strengthen the role of the DCF as the global apex body for accountability in a post-2015 development agenda.  A <b>DCF Advisory Group meeting</b> is also expected to take place. A <b>briefing on the outcome</b> of this Symposium could also be organized during the ECOSOC Organizational Session in NY. A meeting of the <b>Steering Committee of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation</b> may also be held back-to-back with the Symposium.	<i>Host country:</i> <i>Germany</i>  TBC	<b>TBC</b>  First Quarter 2014
<b>Analytical studies</b>	In undertaking the substantive work in preparation of the 2014 DCF, OESC is particularly cognizant of the deeply interconnected challenges of development that have generated new demands for more effective governance at the global level: (i) the frequency, intensity and reach of economic and financial crises that have serious consequences for the	<i>Depending on the individual study OESC partners with UNDP, OECD-DAC, various Building</i>	October 2012 to June 2014

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	<p>realization of development goals; (ii) the unabated environmental degradation, climate change and depletion of natural resources; and (iii) the limited progress in reducing poverty, combating disease and addressing inequalities and vulnerabilities.</p> <p>It is against this backdrop that independent analytical work conducted for the DCF in this cycle will cover several important aspects in all three thematic areas and will be intrinsic to the discussions and deliberations at each of the high level events. They will build and expand on the work undertaken in the first three phases of the DCF:</p> <p>The studies will focus on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <u>Future of Development Cooperation:</u> (i) analytical overview of volume and sources of global development cooperation flows, including ODA, PPO, innovative sources of financing, South-South and triangular cooperation, and decentralized cooperation; (ii) review and analysis of implications of a post 2015 development agenda on design, delivery and evaluation of development cooperation, especially aid allocation principles and practices, aid fragmentation and aid orphans; (iii) follow-up study on the nexus of sustainable development and development cooperation, and the role of technology; (iv) review of the role of development cooperation in fostering resilience and reducing structural vulnerabilities by supporting sectoral policies; (v) analysis of the potential of ODA to reduce aid dependency and to leverage other sources of financing conducive to MDG achievement. With this body of work, the DCF will advance in its role as global repository of information on different types of development cooperation.</li> <li>▪ <u>Accountability in development partnerships:</u> building on the broad range of analytical studies compiled for the DCF in previous and the current cycle, the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Development Cooperation Report of UNDESA will focus on global accountability in development partnerships. This independent, authoritative report will build on the following analytical inputs: (i) global review of status and progress of national MA frameworks, including analysis of obstacles, best practices and incentives to change behaviour, based on a survey in all developing countries; (ii) update on aid transparency at national and global level; (iii) four country reports from a capacity development project with special emphasis on lessons learned to advance the MA agenda in different country contexts; (iv) analysis of</li> </ul>	<p><i>Blocks post-Busan, DCF Advisory Group and individual Member States and non-executive stakeholders, UNOSSC and global and regional think tanks.</i></p>	

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	<p>challenges and opportunities to position MA at the centre of a post 2015 development agenda (informed also by intergovernmental deliberations during this phase of the DCF); and (v) comprehensive analysis of types of MA and results frameworks at different levels, including sectoral processes, their relevance, interplay and ability to incentivize domestic accountability.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <u>South-South Development Cooperation</u>: building on previous analytical work, studies in this cycle will provide (i) a detailed update on South-South flows and their characteristics; (ii) an analysis of best practices and institutional, policy and technical practices in improving the impact of SSC on development; and (iii) a review of definitions and concepts for reporting data on SSC, including existing practices to classify, value and analyze SSC flows to enhance Southern providers' analysis on their cooperation; impact and future priorities;</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Partnership and outreach</b></p>	<p><b>Ensuring complementarity of analytical work with partner organizations:</b> OESC regularly maps out the particular areas of strength of the DCF, as well as that of partner organizations in all three focus areas. This critical exercise helps to clearly distinguish and delineate respective agendas and highlight areas of complementarity while avoiding duplication and overlaps with agendas of G20, OECD-DAC, Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation and others.</p> <p><b>Scaling up partnership building, outreach and networking:</b> In this cycle, OESC will work in close partnership with UNDP, including at the country level, which will significantly facilitate the inclusion of tangible outcomes from the local and national level to the global discourse and test DCF outcomes at country level, including in mutual accountability, decentralized cooperation, engaging the private sector and using aid as a catalyst. OESC will partner with Member States, work through the established working partnerships with parliamentarians, local governments and civil society, and engage UN System entities including UNWOMEN, UNCTAD, UNOSSC and other UN system agencies, thus fostering coherence within the UN system on development cooperation. The role of the USG's Advisory Group for the DCF will be instrumental in positioning the DCF in the global arena. A major effort will be to improve the quality and outreach capacity of the DCF website.</p>	<p>UN System (whole of DE-SA, UNDP, BWIs, UNCTAD, UNWOMEN, etc.), Member States, OECD-DAC, CSOs, parliamentarians, local governments, private sector and philanthropic organizations, think tanks.</p>	<p>2012-2014</p>