

*2012 Australia High-level Symposium in preparation of the 2012 DCF:
'Shaping a Sustainable Future - Partners in Development Cooperation'
14-15 May 2012, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, Brisbane, Australia*

Side event: Brisbane Sofitel - Sunday, 13 May from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m..

"Busan, Rio+20 and Beyond 2015: the role of non-executive stakeholders in the emerging development landscape"

A multi-stakeholder discussion organized by CSO representatives at the Brisbane High-level Symposium for the DCF.

The Australia Symposium in preparation of the 2012 DCF will address key development dimensions that are at the heart of the preparations for the Rio + 20 Summit and the evolving post 2015 UN development agenda. The meeting comes at a critical time in the follow-up process to the Busan High-level Forum on Aid Effectiveness.

Development cooperation actors agreed in Busan to launch a Global Partnership for Effective Cooperation by June 2012. Discussions in the Post Busan Interim Group are now focusing on governance and monitoring issues that have implications on how development cooperation will be approached at global level in future. At the same time, there are great expectations with regard to the outcome of the Rio + 20 Summit in June 2012, which should address both substantive issues relevant to the sustainable development agenda as well as initiate a structured dialogue leading to a new generation of development goals.

The fact that the third and last PBIG meeting will take place on 21 and 22 May in Paris and that Rio+20 is just a few weeks away makes the Australia High-level Symposium a unique opportunity for an open exchange of views between different stakeholders on these key processes.

As demonstrated during symposia and High-level meetings since 2008, the DCF is a unique forum for genuine multistakeholder dialogue on challenges and trends in international development cooperation. It serves as an apex body for accountability on aid issues. All providers of development cooperation, programme countries, multilateral actors, the private sector and CSOs can make full use of the DCF space for substantive and timely discussions geared towards practical solutions for development actors on the ground. The Busan Partnership invites the DCF "to play a role in consulting on the implementation of agreements reached at HLF-4".

In this vein, CSO delegates at the Australia Symposium would like to invite all delegates to this side event for a multistakeholder discussion on how non-executive stakeholders can help to shape the evolving development landscape so as to fully play their role as independent development actors.

The discussion will be initiated with inputs from:

- Emele Duituturaga - Executive Director of PIANGO and co chair of Open Forum for CSOs' Effectiveness
- Toni Tujan - Director of Ibon International and co chair of BetterAid
- Navid Hanif - Acting Director, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, UNDESA
- Annemarie Watt - Director, Integration and Environment Section UN, Climate Change and Environment Branch, AusAID

All delegates are kindly requested to submit their request for making presentations to Mr. Luca de Fraia (luca.defraia@actionaid.org).
