



Australian Government



## DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION FORUM

Australia High-Level Symposium

### *'Shaping a Sustainable Future' -Partners in Development Cooperation-*

14-15 May 2012, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, Brisbane, Australia

#### ANNOTATED AGENDA

#### Sunday 13 May

Delegates Arrival and Registration

#### Monday 14 May

##### Opening Session

Plenary discussion

08:45- 10:00

Room: P1

Welcome

Peter Baxter, Director General, AusAID

Joining forces for sustainable development: the role of the UN Development Cooperation Forum

Miloš Koterec, President of the United Nations Economic and Social Council

Gearing development cooperation towards sustainable development

Sha Zukang, Secretary General of Rio+20 and United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs

Keynote Address

The Hon Mark Dreyfus QC MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency  
Parliamentary Secretary for Industry and Innovation

#### Session 1: Reshaping development cooperation to advance sustainable development

10:00 – 11:00

Room: P1

##### Key Objective:

Identify how development cooperation should evolve to advance sustainable development

##### Questions:

- How can development cooperation advance sustainable development while respecting national ownership and leadership?
- What is the role of development cooperation in supporting transitions to sustainable development?
- How can we use international institutions and processes – such as the UN, G20, and OECD – to build knowledge and global agreement on policies for sustainable development?

##### Morning tea

11:00 – 11:30

Plenary hall

#### Session 2: Development cooperation for sustainable development: Opportunities and challenges

Moderated panel discussion

11:30 – 13:00

Room: P1

**Key Objective:**

Identify opportunities and challenges for development cooperation to give equal priority to economic, social and environmental issues

**Questions:**

- How can development cooperation help developing countries make development sustainable?
- How can we make sustainable development a central consideration in the allocation of assistance between countries at different stages of development and among sectors?
- How can development cooperation promote greater economic and social equity, and resilience to shocks?

**Speakers:**

Lotoala Metia, Minister of Finance and Economic Development, Tuvalu

Sigrid Kaag, Assistant Secretary-General and Assistant Administrator, Bureau of External Relations and Advocacy, United Nations Development Programme

John Ashe, Permanent Representative of Antigua and Barbuda to the United Nations

Tony Tujan (jr.), International Director, IBON and Chair Coordinating Group, Better Aid

**Lunch**

13:00 – 14:30

Sky Room

**Session 3: Lessons learned from development cooperation and sustainable development**

Moderated panel discussion

14:30 – 16:00

Room: P1

**Key Objective:**

Share examples of successful and less successful development cooperation for sustainable development- and capture lessons learned from them

**Questions:**

- How should aid be delivered to best contribute to the goal of sustainable development?
- How can we ensure that environmental policies and programmes do not have unintended social or economic impact?

**Speakers:**

Anne Sipilainen, Under-Secretary of State (Development Cooperation and Development Policy), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Finland

Marc Purcell, Executive Director, Australian Council for International Development

Mohamed Rasheed, Chairperson, Transparency International, Maldives

**Afternoon tea**

16:00 – 16:30

Plenary hall

#### Session 4: Finance and partnerships for sustainable development

Parallel discussions with moderator

16:30 – 18:00

Rooms: P1, 4a) Finance for sustainable development

P2, 4b) Partnerships for sustainable development

##### **4a) Finance for sustainable development**

###### **Key Objective:**

Reflect on how to mobilize resources and use new financing mechanisms to maximize development impact

###### **Questions:**

- How can development cooperation leverage investment and domestic resources to support sustainable development?
- What are the prospects for broader use of innovative financing mechanisms?

###### **Moderator:**

Brenda Killen, Head of Aid Quality and Architecture Division, OECD-DAC

###### **Speakers:**

Kampeta Sayinzoga, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, Rwanda

Amadou Diallo, Director, Office of Vice President (Operations), Islamic Development Bank

Nikhil Seth, Director, Division for Sustainable Development, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs

##### **4b) Partnerships for sustainable development**

###### **Key Objective:**

Examine how sustainable development can be integrated into new development partnerships

###### **Questions:**

- How can the contributions of all development cooperation partners be mobilized for maximum impact?
- How can country-led mechanisms promote greater coherence between the efforts of different partners?
- What is the role of the private sector in supporting sustainable development?
- How can South-South cooperation contribute to sustainable development?

###### **Moderator:**

Sigrid Kaag, Assistant Secretary-General and Assistant Administrator, Bureau of External Relations and Advocacy, United Nations Development Programme

###### **Speakers:**

Amanda Ellis, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, New Zealand

Bryan Clark, Director of Trade and International Affairs, Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry

#### Official Symposium Reception and Dinner

18:30

Southbank Surf Club Restaurant

#### Tuesday 15 May

#### Session 5: Mutual Accountability for achieving sustainable development

Small table discussions

08:45- 10:30

Room: P1

###### **Key Objective:**

Better understand what mechanisms/tools work best to allow aid recipients and providers to hold each other accountable on their aid commitments - and how they can lead to sustainable development results

###### **Introductory presentation:**

Navid Hanif, Acting Director, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs

<p><b>Questions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What have been the experiences of partner countries in integrating national sustainable development priorities in their national aid policies and discussing them in national high-level mutual accountability policy dialogues?</li> <li>• How can providers of development cooperation ensure that they support national efforts to promote sustainable development in a more coherent fashion?</li> <li>• How can parliamentarians, civil society organizations and local governments be better engaged in promoting accountability for sustainable development cooperation?</li> </ul>	<p>Followed by small table discussions.</p>
<p><b>Morning tea</b> 10:30 – 11:00 Plenary hall</p>	
<p><b>Session 6: DCF stakeholder consultations on ‘shaping a sustainable future’</b> Break-out group discussions 11:00– 13:00 Rooms: P1, Developing country group P2, Non-executive stakeholders M5&amp;6, Donor group</p>	
<p><b>Key Objective:</b> Capture priority messages from stakeholder groups on symposium theme and related issues</p> <p><b>Questions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How can we make all three pillars of sustainable development a central consideration in development cooperation activities at country level (allocation, management, coordination, accountability/evaluation, advocacy and oversight)?</li> <li>• How can multi-stakeholder partnerships best tap the comparative advantages of different development actors for maximum sustainable development impact?</li> <li>• What role should regional and global fora play in the transitioning towards inclusive and sustainable development?</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Developing Country Group:</u></b> <b>Moderator:</b> Rolando G. Tungpalan, Deputy Director General for Investment Programming, National Economic and Development Authority, Philippines <b>Rapporteur:</b> Monica Asuna, Head, Aid Effectiveness Secretariat, External Resources Department, Ministry of Finance, Kenya</p> <p><b><u>Donor Group:</u></b> <b>Moderator:</b> Loredana Magni, Senior Expert, Multilateral Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Italy <b>Rapporteur:</b> Clare Walsh, First Assistant Director General, International Programs and Partnerships Division, AusAID</p> <p><b><u>Non-Executive Stakeholders:</u></b> <b>Moderator:</b> Luca de Fraia, Deputy Secretary General, ActionAid Italy <b>Rapporteur:</b> Henri Valot, Director of Outreach, CIVICUS</p>
<p><b>Lunch</b> 13:00 – 14:30 Sky Room</p>	
<p><b>Session 6: DCF stakeholder consultations on ‘shaping a sustainable future’ (continued)</b> Reporting back to plenary 14:30 – 15:00</p>	

Room: P1

Reporting to plenary of key messages from the group discussions

**Session 7: Sustainable development post-2015**

Plenary discussion with moderator

15:00 – 17:00

Room: P1

**Key Objective:**

Share views on what the UN development goals should look like after 2015 (the target date for the MDGs), how they should reflect sustainable development and how they should relate to development cooperation

**Questions:**

- In order to draw up the post-2015 UN development agenda, what lessons can be learned from the MDGs and from national experiences?
- What should be the scope and intent of any goals for sustainable development?
- What challenges and opportunities have the MDGs created for development cooperation?
- What lessons have we learnt from the MDGs for defining possible post-2015 development goals?
- What are the key issues emerging from discussions about possible Rio+20 outcomes that the DCF is well placed to promote?

Sha Zukang, Secretary General of Rio+20 and United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs

Gyan Acharya, Permanent Representative of Nepal to the United Nations

Tony Tujan (jr.), International Director, IBON and Chair Coordinating Group, Better Aid

**Closing Session and Reception**

17:00 – 18:00

Room: Gallery

Closing remarks

Miloš Koterec, President of the United Nations Economic and Social Council

Sha Zukang, Secretary General of Rio+20 and United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs

Peter Baxter, Director General, AusAID