

***Draft Programme***

**Economic and Social Council  
2008 Development Cooperation Forum**

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## **Goal**

The goal of the first biennial Development Cooperation Forum (30 June-1 July) is to position the United Nations Economic and Social Council as a principal forum for global dialogue and policy review on the effectiveness and coherence of international development cooperation.

## **Objectives**

By focusing on the mandates of GA resolutions 60/1 and 61/16, the Forum will aim to:

1. Serve as strategic input into intergovernmental deliberations taking place at the Monterrey Follow Conference in Doha and the Accra High-level Forum on Aid Effectiveness
2. Establish ownership of both developing and developed countries by addressing shared concerns

## **Actions**

A number of specific actions will determine the success of the 2008 DCF, in particular the:

1. Selection of topics and country case studies for discussion
2. Selection of keynote speakers, panelists, moderators and rapporteurs
3. Development of effective guidelines for panelists and moderators
4. Choice of meeting format conducive to interactive discussion among panelists and participants
5. Provision of travel support to a significant number of high-level participants from low-income countries (by UNDESA)

## **Key deliverables**

The thorough execution of these actions is expected to generate the following key deliverables:

1. Attendance by 80-100 ministers or Director-Generals responsible for development cooperation in developing and developed countries
2. Strong participation by other major stakeholder groups such as multilateral organizations, civil society, parliamentarians and the private sector
3. Combined attendance of 350-450 participants
4. Significant media interest in the Forum

## **Indicators of success**

The 2008 DCF will be considered a success if the objectives are met. The following indicators will be used to assess the extent to which this is achieved:

1. Clear reflection of issues discussed at the DCF in upcoming intergovernmental processes
2. Positive feedback from stakeholders on the quality of debate
3. Ensuing resource mobilization

# Economic and Social Council

## 2008 High-level Segment

### Development Cooperation Forum

*“Towards more coherent and effective development cooperation”*

#### **Draft Programme** (formal and informal events)

#### **Monday, 30 June – pm session**

- 3:00 pm – 3:30 pm      **Opening** (ECOSOC Chamber)  
Leo Mérorès, President of the Economic and Social Council  
Ban-Ki-moon, Secretary-General, United Nations
- 3:30 pm – 3:45 pm      **Introduction of the report of the Secretary-General**  
Sha Zukang, Under-Secretary-General, UNDESA
- 3:45 pm – 4:30 pm      **Keynote Q&A**  
Louis Michel, European Commissioner for Development and Humanitarian Aid  
*“A new vision for development cooperation in the 21<sup>st</sup> century”*
- 4:35 pm – 6:30 pm      **Special policy dialogues** (parallel)
- 1. Identifying gaps and obstacles**  
*“Allocating more aid: where should it go?”* (CR 3)  
Moderator:      Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, former Finance Minister, Nigeria  
Panelists:      Goodall Gondwe, Minister of Finance, Malawi (TBC)  
                         Paul Collier, Professor and Director, Oxford University  
                         Richard L. Greene, Deputy Director of Foreign Assistance, U.S.  
                         Department of State
  - 2. Reviewing trends and progress**  
*“South-South and triangular development cooperation: what can development actors learn?”*  
(CR 4)  
Moderator:      Paavo Vayrynen, Minister of Foreign Trade and Development,  
                         Finland  
Panelists:      Suleiman J. Al-Herbish, Director-General, OPEC Fund

Liu Guijin, Ambassador and Special Envoy on African Affairs,  
China

Ato Sufian Ahmed, Finance Minister, Ethiopia (TBC)

### 3. Reviewing trends and progress

*“How are civil society and new actors enhancing impact at the country-level?”* (CR 1)

Moderator: Peter Adams, Executive Director, New Zealand’s International  
Aid & Development Agency

Panelists: Ramesh Singh, Chief Executive, Action Aid International

Michel Kazatchkine, Executive Director, Global Fund to Fight  
AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

Hernan Garrido-Lecca Montanez, Minister of Health, Peru  
(TBC)

## Tuesday, 1 July – am session

8:30 am – 9:50 am **Breakfast meetings** (CR 6)

Informal meetings of high-level participants on key development cooperation issues

Informal meeting of civil society participants (CR C)

10:00 am – 10:45 am **Keynote Q&A** (ECOSOC Chamber)

Donald Kaberuka, President, African Development Bank (TBC)

*“A new vision for development cooperation in the 21<sup>st</sup> century”*

11:00 am – 1:00 pm **Special policy dialogues** (parallel)

#### 1. Identifying gaps and obstacles

*“Are capacities ready for more aid at the country-level?”* (CR 1)

Moderator: Kemal Dervis, Administrator, UNDP

Panelists: Abou-Bakar Traore, Minister of Economy and Finance, Mali  
(TBC)

John Rwangombwa, Secretary-General and Secretary to the  
Treasury, Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, Rwanda

Heidemarie Wieczorek-Zeul, Minister for Economic  
Cooperation and Development, Germany (TBC)

#### 2. Exchanging lessons learned

*“How can development aid support national development strategies?”* (CR 3)

Moderator: Gareth R. Thomas, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for  
International Development, United Kingdom (TBC)

Panelists: Fander Falconi Benitez, National Secretary of Planning and Development, Ecuador  
Mohamed Nouri Jouini, Minister of Development and International Cooperation, Tunisia  
Oh Joon, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Korea

1:15 pm – 2:45 pm

### **Lunch meeting**

Informal meeting of Director-Generals and other senior government officials in charge of development cooperation (by invitation) (CR 10)

Informal meeting of civil society participants (CR C)

## **Tuesday, 1 July – pm session**

3:00 pm – 3:15 pm

### **Special presentation**

*“Key policy messages and recommendations of the Rome Stakeholder Forum”*<sup>1</sup>(CR 4)

Presenter: Anders Johnson, Secretary-General, Inter-Parliamentary Union

3:15 pm – 5:45 pm

### **Special policy dialogue**

#### **1. Identifying gaps and obstacles**

*“Aid effectiveness agenda: towards consensus at Accra and Doha”* (CR 4)

Moderator: Munir Akram, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations

Panelists: Kwadwo Baah Wiredu, Minister of Finance and Economic Planning, Ghana

Eckhard Deutscher, Chair, OECD/DAC

Kumi Naidoo, Chief Executive, CIVICUS

Brief summary by the moderator

5:45 pm – 6:00 pm

### **Closing** (CR 4)

Summary statement by Leo Mérorès, President of the Economic and Social Council

Concluding remarks by Sha Zukang, Under-Secretary-General, UNDESA

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<sup>1</sup> **Rome Stakeholder Forum** *“The role of national and local stakeholders in contributing to aid quality and effectiveness”*, organized in partnership with the Inter-Parliamentary Union, CIVICUS, Action Aid and United Cities and Local Governments, 12-13 June 2008.