



**Joint Meeting of the  
United Nations General Assembly Second Committee  
and the Economic and Social Council on**

*“A renewed global partnership for development and successor arrangements for MDG 8”*

**Co-organized by UNDESA and the Republic of Korea**

*Preparatory meeting for the 2015 DCF Republic of Korea High-level Symposium*

**United Nations Headquarters  
30 October 2014, 10 am – 1pm**

**Concept note**

**Background**

The ECOSOC Development Cooperation Forum (DCF) is a global multi-stakeholder policy forum. It reviews trends and progress in international development cooperation, provides analysis on priority issues, engages all relevant actors in candid policy dialogue, and promotes greater coherence in development policy and among the different actors.

A global development agenda is emerging to focus objectives and actions for the next 15 years. Consultations among governments and a wide range of stakeholders, from civil society to the private sector, are giving shape to the new agenda, to be adopted by world leaders at the United Nations Summit on development in September 2015. Clear consensus has been reached on the two fundamental tasks ahead: to complete the unfinished business of the Millennium Development Goals; and to support the transition to sustainable development for all.

Such a transformative agenda would require unprecedented financial resources and other means of implementation. Both public and private financing from domestic and international sources are necessary, and both need to be effectively utilized to leverage action for sustainable development. This calls for renewing the original global partnership for development, set out in the Millennium Declaration, Monterrey Consensus on Financing for Development and Johannesburg Plan of Implementation on sustainable development, and later highlighted in Goal 8 of the MDGs, with its targets on aid, trade, debt relief and access to essential medicines and ICTs.

The 2014 DCF and related analytical work have helped to provide greater clarity on how a renewed global partnership for development, engaging the range of development cooperation actors, could work in practice. The Expert Committee on Sustainable Development Financing has put forward options for mobilizing the necessary means of implementation - domestic

and international and public and private - to support the post-2015 development agenda. The Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) has provided guidance on the means of implementation as part of a proposed set of SDGs. The Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (GPEDC) has also provided considerable input for the “how” part of the post-2015 development agenda, with a view to an effective post-2015 monitoring and accountability framework. The next major occasion for governments and other stakeholders to advance work on these issues will be in the preparations for the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, to take place in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on 13-16 July 2015.

As part of that process, and in preparation for the high-level meeting of the DCF in New York in July 2016, the Republic of Korea and UNDESA will co-organize a high-level symposium on these issues in Incheon on 8-10 April 2015.

### **Objective and expected outcome**

A renewed global partnership for development has to build on previous commitments made in Monterrey and Rio, commitments on Official Development Assistance and UNFCCC climate change commitments. It has to build as well on lessons learned from the experience with MDG8 and broader global partnership for development, which the latter also addressing systemic issues and coherence of the international monetary, financial and trading systems.

The event will serve to publicly launch and shape preparations for the DCF Republic of Korea High-level Symposium on 8-10 April 2015. It is expected to support more inclusive, evidence-based discussions, including on the future of development cooperation and key features of a renewed global partnership for development. It aims to assist Member States, in particular, to engage more effectively in the intergovernmental process leading up to the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda.

The Symposium, the first high-level preparatory event for the 2016 DCF, will generate ideas and policy recommendations for the DCF and other major processes feeding the preparations of a post-2015 development agenda, especially the Third International Conference on Financing for Development.

### **Agenda**

The meeting will be co-chaired by H.E. Mr. Sebastiano Cardi (Italy), Chair of the Second Committee and H.E. Oh Joon (Republic of Korea), Vice-President of ECOSOC, and moderated by Ms. Barbara Adams, Chair of the Board, Global Policy Forum. It will proceed according to the following agenda.

#### *Introductory remarks (10:00 AM - 10:30 AM)*

- H.E. Mr. Sebastiano Cardi (Italy), Chair of the Second Committee
- H.E. Mr. Shin Dong-ik, Deputy Minister for Multilateral and Global Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Korea, Host of the first DCF High-Level Symposium
- Ms. Barbara Adams, Chair of the Board, Global Policy Forum

First round of presentations and discussion (10:30 AM – 11: 20 PM)

- Mr. Daniel Coppard, Director of Research, Analysis and Evidence Development Initiatives, United Kingdom
- H.E. Mr. Tekeda Alemu, Permanent Representative of Ethiopia to the United Nations, New York

Second round of presentations and discussion (11:20 AM – 12:15 PM)

- Mr. Manish Bapna, Executive Vice President And Managing Director, World Resources Institute
- Hon. Mr. Felix Mutati, Member of Parliament, Zambia

Closing remarks (12:15 PM – 1:00 PM)

- Mr. Thomas Gass, Assistant-Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs
- H.E. Mr. Oh Joon (Republic of Korea), Vice-President of ECOSOC

### Discussion questions

- ❖ What can be the role of development cooperation in implementing a post-2015 development agenda?
- ❖ How can different development cooperation actors support implementation of a post-2015 development agenda, building on their strengths and complementarities?
- ❖ How should a renewed global partnership for development and successor arrangements to MDG8 bring together the commitments from Monterrey and Rio and usefully feature climate change financing?
- ❖ How can a post-2015 monitoring and accountability framework for development cooperation effectively engage the different development cooperation actors in mutual learning for better development results and support the implementation of a renewed global partnership for development?

### Format

The joint event of the Second Committee and ECOSOC will take the form of a three-hour interactive discussion with expert panellists from both government and civil society. All UN grounds pass holders will be welcome to attend, room capacity permitting.