

Critical and emerging issues in FfD

Opportunities for a multiyear planning framework

Side-event during the ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development Follow-up

Thursday, 25 May 2017, 1:15 - 2.30 PM - UN Headquarters Conference Room B

Organised by Civil Society FfD Group including the Women's Working Group on FfD

Concept

The Civil Society FfD Group appreciated this year's effort to achieve a more substantive outcome document. However, the outcome negotiations exposed the lack of shared understanding and adequate planning of the FfD Follow-up process. The FfD follow-up should provide for monitoring the implementation of concrete commitments that require action by member states and multilateral institutions, advancing a consensual normative agenda as called upon by the FfD conference outcomes as well as a continued contextualization of the process within the evolving socio-economic and political conjuncture. The event will provide an opportunity for an early opportunity to assess the extent to which the outcome and format of this year's Forum have meaningfully met these objectives.

The Forum discussions and negotiations also highlighted the difficulties in advancing the FfD agenda without a clear preparatory process and an adequate multiyear planning. Civil Society has repeatedly called for space to explore the opportunities and feasibility of a multiyear planning horizon with respect to themes and key areas of focus for future editions of the ECOSOC FfD Forum. The event will provide for an opportunity to explore this proposal in greater details.

Maintaining the relevance of the FfD follow-up process will also require proper contextualization in the evolving socio-economic conjuncture as well as space to interrogate critical dynamics and emerging new issues. This also means that the FfD framework needs to constantly navigate pressures for adaptation to new circumstances while maintaining the integrity of the FfD commitments. The event will also explore the implications of the evolving macroeconomic and political conjunctures on the FfD agenda, with special but not exclusive reference to the shifting terms of the trade, technology and systemic reforms.

Preliminary programme

Opening remarks and moderation: Stefano Prato and Emilia Reyes, Civil Society FfD Group

Comments and interventions by:

- Noel González Segura, Coordinator of Development Cooperation Fora, Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation (AMEXCID)
- Ashish Sinha, First Secretary & Second Committee Representative, Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations
- Stephan Reichert, Deputy Head of Division, Donor Relations and Financing for Development, Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany (BMZ)
- Manuel F. Montes, Permanent Observer and Senior Advisor on Finance and Development, South Centre
- Dominika Halka, Chief of Branch, Multi-stakeholder Engagement and Outreach, FfD Office, UN DESA
- Other Representatives of the Group of 77 - invited