

Preparatory Process for the Third International Conference on FfD
First Drafting Session: Post-2015 Coordination
(as delivered)

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- Thank you Mr. Co-Facilitator - and to each of your FFD and post-2015 counterparts - for the thoughtful coordination that you have undertaken thus far to ensure that these two processes are aligned and synergistic from the outset. We welcome these efforts and look forward to close coordination from now through July.
- The Third Financing for Development Conference in Addis will be a key milestone on the way to reaching successful agreement on an ambitious, compelling, and implementable Post-2015 Development Agenda in September. The FFD agreement is an opportunity to bring together the global community around a model of development that emphasizes mutually accountable partnerships, mobilizes private sector investment, and deploy our vast data resources to drive results and accountability.
- As we begin to discuss the details of this important nexus, we should ground our thinking in our overarching objective – to build upon the critical successes of the MDGs, Rio+20, Monterrey, and Doha, and to **define an inspiring, affirmative, and clear vision for the future – one that citizens the world over can easily understand and grasp; one that is deeply grounded in evidence; and one that is practical and drives action.**
- Operationally, I want to emphasize a few key points.
- First, we echo the support in the room to **avoid duplication**. Our time is already tight, and we do not believe we will benefit from negotiating the same thing in more than one venue.
- Second, and related, **we view these as complementary parts of a coordinated whole, and we should treat them as such in our conversations here**. However we ultimately draw lines between these two processes, we must ensure that we connect the many important, interrelated components. We do not benefit from separating financial and non-financial means of implementation where an effective policy environment is integral to securing financing. Foreign investment for example is significantly impacted by the local legal and policy framework – are the businesses into which it's flowing able to have contracts enforced? Are their local tax obligations transparent and consistent?
- **Third, we recommend that we maintain a focus on the needs and perspectives of the implementers themselves** – the ministers, mayors, small business owners and others who will ultimately enact and enable what we decide here.

- **Fourth, as I close these remarks, we want to emphasize the importance of flexibility.** We will need an approach that can be adapted as our individual and collective knowledge grows throughout both processes.
- We recognize that success requires this agenda to be universally applied, with responsibilities shared and cooperation greater than ever before. The US is committed at the highest levels to be a strong partner in defining and implementing an agenda that fulfills this promise.