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“Development cooperation for people and planet: What will it take?”



Briefing

DCF Republic of Korea High-level Symposium

Co-organized by UNDESA and the Republic of Korea

Tuesday, 14 April 2015, UN Headquarters, Conference Room 12, 1:15 pm – 2:45 pm

On 8-10 April 2015, the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the Republic of Korea jointly convened the Development Cooperation Forum (DCF) Republic of Korea High-level Symposium held in Incheon, Republic of Korea.

The Symposium brought together 180 officials from governments, civil society, parliaments, local governments, foundations, the private sector and international organizations to examine how development cooperation can work in practice once a post-2015 development agenda has been agreed.

The DCF Republic of Korea High-level Symposium had the following objectives:

- ❖ To explore how the different approaches to means of implementation coming out of the Monterrey and Rio processes can be closely aligned to support implementation of an integrated and unified post-2015 development agenda;
- ❖ To identify conceptual and practical challenges to such alignment and to produce concrete ideas on how to overcome them;
- ❖ To explore implications of a universal agenda for the future of development cooperation;
- ❖ To advance a stronger and more coherent narrative on financial and non-financial development cooperation within the broader context of means of implementation and the global partnership for development;
- ❖ To identify main implications of emerging post-2015 development agenda on development cooperation modalities, coordination and management structures and institutions; and
- ❖ To produce clear guidance for ODA allocation post-2015.

The symposium was the first of three High-level preparatory meetings in the run up to the 2016 DCF. It injects new ideas and policy recommendations into the preparations for the third International Conference on Financing for Development and the post-2015 Summit.

Programme

- **H.E. Ambassador Oh Joon**, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations (co-organizer and chair)
- **Mr. Yoon Sanguk**, Director, Development Policy Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Korea (co-organizer)
- **H.E. Ambassador George Talbot**, Co-facilitator for the preparatory process of Third International Conference on Financing for Development, Permanent Representative of Guyana to the United Nations
- **Mr. Navid Hanif**, Director, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, UNDESA (co-organizer)

Background

The ECOSOC Development Cooperation Forum (DCF) is a global multi-stakeholder policy forum. It reviews trends and progress in, and encourages discussion around, the future of international development cooperation, while promoting greater coherence in development policy and among partners.

Within the United Nations, the DCF is a designated focal point to carry out a holistic consideration of issues related to international development cooperation, with participation of all relevant stakeholders. UNDESA provides the Secretariat support to the DCF and its work.

In preparation for the 2016 DCF, UNDESA and its partners are supporting the work of the DCF to help shape the development cooperation aspects of a renewed global partnership for sustainable development and to examine how the Forum can help forge new dynamism to mobilize development cooperation and address evolving development cooperation needs.

Analytical work and multi-stakeholder dialogue in support of the 2016 DCF are focused on: strengthening the narrative of development cooperation in a post-2015 setting; further analysis on South-South cooperation and monitoring, review and accountability of development cooperation, for mutual learning and better development results.

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