

MIKTA Statement for the inaugural Financing for Development Forum

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1. We, the countries of MIKTA (Mexico, Indonesia, the Republic of Korea, Turkey and Australia) make the following joint statement on this occasion of the first inaugural Financing for Development Forum.
2. We welcome historic agreements made last year to protect our planet and human dignity, namely, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement on climate change.
3. We look forward to the World Humanitarian Summit to be held in Istanbul in May 2016 as a unique opportunity to contribute to these agreements. We encourage all stakeholders at the Summit to support effective approaches to maximize synergies between humanitarian and development. MIKTA countries have all undertaken to bring forth strong national commitments to the Summit and will work with a shared voice as MIKTA to support the summit.
4. We reaffirm our statement of 13 July 2016 made in Addis Ababa and our shared commitment to this agenda. We welcome the wide range of activities to implement the Addis Agenda that have already taken place, and commend all member states for their efforts. We reiterate the importance of each country's efforts to promote domestic resource mobilization for sustainable development, as well as the catalytic role of international development cooperation to unlock private finance to achieve our shared goals.
5. We also reaffirm the particular attention required to empower women and girls. The success of our shared commitments will increasingly rely on harnessing our whole shared human capital; we cannot leave one half behind. We therefore will support approaches to promote women as decision makers, as peace makers, as business owners and as social leaders.
6. We reaffirm the importance of the Global Partnership as a basis for inclusive growth, sustainability and social compact. We note the potential of MIKTA as a platform to promote development cooperation, including triangular and South-South cooperation. We also highlight the importance of inclusive and innovative partnerships with the private sector as critical for moving our sustainable development efforts from billions to trillions.
7. We support accelerated action for the most vulnerable countries, including least developed countries (LDCs), small island developing states (SIDS) and landlocked developing countries (LLDCs), as well as fragile and conflict affected states. We will promote a life of empowerment and dignity for all, with special attention given to social protection for the most vulnerable and marginalised. We also recognise the particular challenges facing middle

income countries, and the need to build resilience in development gains and provide stable platforms for future growth. MIKTA will look to develop greater support across these groups, and share experiences between MIKTA countries and the wider development community.

8. In light of this, we look forward to the High-level Comprehensive Mid-term Review of the Implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action to be held in Antalya in May 2016 as a landmark to put LDCs on a stronger sustainable development path through renewing commitments and enhancing partnerships.
9. We welcome the reinvigorated relationship between the UN and the Bretton Woods Institutions and also welcome greater connections between the Forum and related global bodies including the Development Cooperation Forum (DCF) and the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (GPEDC). In this regard, MIKTA recognizes the unique contribution that can be made by GPEDC in ensuring development effectiveness and, in this regard, supports the second High-Level Meeting of GPEDC in Nairobi, Kenya.
10. We welcome the Financing for Development Forum as a platform to bring together governments, civil society, the private sector, philanthropics, academia and key financial and trade actors. The Forum's strength is built on its inclusiveness, its promotion of innovation and its evidence driven approach to development challenges. In this regard, MIKTA takes note of the outcome of the First High-level Follow-up Dialogue on Financing for Development in Asia and the Pacific hosted by the Republic of Korea.
11. We emphasize that the world's challenges need to be solved by a commitment to promoting science and technology and innovation to make our world more prosperous, more inclusive and more peaceful. MIKTA commits to supporting science, technology and innovation in developing countries in a way to promote inclusive growth and momentum for sustainable development.
12. MIKTA, as a group of like-minded nations with the vision of contributing to global governance and the shared interests of the international community, agree to explore future collaborative opportunities, and enhance their cooperation across a range of suitable fora, including the G20, and will continue to work together to achieve the ambitions set out in Addis Ababa Action Agenda and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.