



## Economic and Social Council

2018 High-level Meeting of the Development Cooperation Forum (DCF)  
 New York, 21 to 22 May 2018  
 ECOSOC Chamber

*The strategic role of development cooperation in achieving the 2030 Agenda –  
 Building sustainable and resilient societies*

### Programme

#### Monday, 21 May 2018

<b>2018 DCF - DAY I</b>	
9:00 am – 9:45 am (see <a href="#">venues</a> )	During this hour the DCF will provide space for participants to network and reconnect with each other. Participants will also be able to participate in a few informal events, allowing them to share their ideas and get inspired by discussing smart solutions to challenges and opportunities in development cooperation.
10:00 am – 10:30 am ECOSOC Chamber	<p><b>OPENING</b></p> <p><b>OFFICIAL WELCOME</b></p> <p><a href="#">H.E. Ambassador Marie Chatardová</a>, President of ECOSOC, and Permanent Representative of the Czech Republic to the United Nations</p> <p><a href="#">Ms. Amina J. Mohammed</a>, Deputy Secretary-General, United Nations</p>
10:30 am – 11:30 am ECOSOC Chamber	<p><b>INTRODUCTION</b></p> <p>This session will set the scene for the discussions at the 2018 DCF. It will review the strategic role of development cooperation in achieving the 2030 Agenda. The session will draw upon the findings of the meetings and research carried out during the DCF two-year cycle on how development cooperation can help build sustainable and resilient societies, as well as scout development cooperation issues on the horizon with potential impact for the 2030 Agenda.</p> <p><b>Roadmap of the day and short interaction with participants on expectations for 2018 DCF</b></p> <p><b>Trends and progress in international development cooperation</b></p> <p><b>PRESENTATION OF KEY FINDINGS OF THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL</b> <a href="#">Mr. Liu Zhenmin</a>, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations</p> <p><b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS</b> <a href="#">Mr. Jeremy Heimans</a>, Co-Founder, Chief Executive Officer, Purpose</p> <p><b>MODERATOR</b> <a href="#">Ms. Judith Randel</a>, Co-Founder, Strategic Adviser, Development Initiatives</p> <p><b>OPEN DISCUSSION</b></p>

11:30 am – 1:00 pm  
ECOSOC Chamber

## **SESSION 1**

### ***Building sustainability and resilience through development cooperation***

Participants will examine the progress made in aligning development cooperation institutions and policies with the 2030 Agenda, including attention to the distinctive role of ODA. This session will assess in specific ways how well development cooperation is addressing the needs and priorities of those furthest behind. They will also examine the contribution of development cooperation in climate actions from this perspective.

#### **FOCUS QUESTIONS**

**How** far have we come in aligning our development cooperation institutions and actions with the 2030 Agenda and in reaching out to the most vulnerable and marginalized countries and people, including women and girls?

**What** is the state of play in leveraging the distinctive and catalytic role of ODA to advance the achievement of the 2030 Agenda?

**What** are the signs of a strengthened contribution of development cooperation in climate actions, with a focus on the contribution of cities?

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**MODERATOR** [Ms. Judith Randel](#), Co-Founder, Strategic Adviser, Development Initiatives

#### **PANELLISTS**

[H.E. Mr. Jaime Miranda](#), Deputy Minister of Development Cooperation, El Salvador

[H.E. Mr. Sergiy Kyslytsya](#), Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ukraine

[H.E. Ms. Ioanne Adamson](#), Deputy Head, Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations

[Mr. Jesse Griffiths](#), Director, EURODAD

#### **OPEN DISCUSSION**

1:15 pm – 2:30 pm  
(see [venues](#))

## **LUNCH BREAK / SIDE EVENTS**

Parallel side events organised by Member States, international organisations, civil society, foundations, parliamentarians, local authorities, the private sector and other stakeholders.

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm  
ECOSOC Chamber

## **SESSION 2**

### ***Mainstreaming inclusive multi-stakeholder partnerships and approaches in development cooperation: policy and legal frameworks***

The 2030 Agenda demands new types of partnerships, summoning all actors to join in furthering sustainable development. While governments have the principle role of coordinating and leading development efforts, all actors and beneficiaries need to be meaningfully engaged. This brings better and more sustainable results from development efforts in general and development cooperation in particular; and it supports country strategies that leave no one behind. This session addresses ways to support effective participation of diverse actors in development cooperation and to maximize opportunities at different levels. Discussion will focus on how to leverage comparative advantages of different stakeholders – including local authorities, civil society and private sector – and develop policy and legal frameworks to effectively engage them at the local, regional and global levels.

## FOCUS QUESTIONS

**What** are examples of policy and legal frameworks that support effective multi-stakeholder approaches in development cooperation?

**What** are key challenges and opportunities at the various levels of development cooperation to create effective multi-stakeholder partnerships?

**CHAIR** [H.E. Ambassador Jerry Matthews Matjila](#), Vice President of ECOSOC, and Permanent Representative of the South Africa to the United Nations

**MODERATOR** [Mr. Elliott Harris](#), Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development and Chief Economist, United Nations

## PANELLISTS

[Ms. Susan Fine](#), Acting Assistant to the Administrator, Bureau for Policy, Planning and Learning, USAID, United States of America

[Ms. Nonhlanhla Mkhize](#), Chief Director, Innovation for Inclusive Development, Department of Science and Technology, South Africa

[Mr. Jeff Hoffman](#), Board Member, Global Entrepreneurship Network and The Unreasonable Group

[Mr. Luca Maestriperri](#), Deputy Director General for the International Cooperation, Italy

[Mr. Johan Gély](#), Head of Division and Head of the Global Programme Water, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, Switzerland

[H.E. Ambassador H.E. Dr. Ali Naseer Mohamed](#), Permanent Representative of Maldives to the United Nations

[Ms. Alexandra Boethius](#), Co-Founder, Impact Hub Geneva and Accelerate2030  
(*speaking from the floor*)

## OPEN DISCUSSION

4:30 pm – 4:45 pm  
ECOSOC Chamber

## SESSION 3

### ***Getting better results for sustainable development: the role of National Development Cooperation Policies***

The 2016 DCF called for National Development Cooperation Policies that work to promote a nationally led and owned implementation of the 2030 Agenda. Participants will have opportunity to exchange experiences with adjusting, or putting in place, national development cooperation policies. What has been the effect so far in mobilizing and aligning development cooperation efforts with national development priorities and bringing greater coherence?

The session will begin with a brief introduction in plenary, followed by three parallel dialogues in smaller-group settings, each featuring presentations sharing experience of country governments as well as members of Parliament and civil society.

## FOCUS QUESTIONS

**What** are the steps involved in using national development cooperation policies (or equivalent policy frameworks) to align development cooperation activities with national priorities reflecting the 2030 Agenda?

**What** are ways in which target setting for international development cooperation partners and non-state actors can be improved to achieve development cooperation results?

**What** are the essential mechanisms which need to be in place for periodic multi-stakeholder review of development cooperation? What are concrete actions that can be taken to develop capacity support to undertake this?

4:45 pm - 6:00 pm

**CHAIR** [H.E. Ambassador Mahmadamin Mahmadaminov](#), Vice-President of ECOSOC, and Permanent Representative of Tajikistan to the United Nations

**MODERATOR** [Mr. Elliott Harris](#), Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development and Chief Economist, United Nations

**PANELLISTS**

[H.E. Mr. Lahcen Daoudi](#), Minister Delegate to the Head of Government in charge of General Affairs and Governance, Kingdom of Morocco (*special presentation*)

[H.E. Mr. Chhieng Yanara](#), Minister attached to the Prime Minister and Secretary General of Cambodia Rehabilitation and Development Board (CRDB), Cambodia (*special presentation*)

**PARALLEL DIALOGUES**

**DIALOGUE I** (Conference Room C)

**MODERATOR** [Ms. Elizabeth Sidiropoulos](#), Chief Executive, South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA)

**PANELLISTS**

[Ms. Nassira Rheyati](#) Head of Multilateral Cooperation Service, State Secretariat in charge of Sustainable Development, Morocco

[Hon. Rhino Chipiko](#), Member of Parliament, Malawi

**RESOURCE PERSON** [Mr. Vitalice Meja](#), Executive Director, Reality of Aid Africa

**OPEN DISCUSSION**

**DIALOGUE II** (ECOSOC Chamber)

**MODERATOR** [Mr. Elliott Harris](#), Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development and Chief Economist, United Nations

**PANELLISTS**

[H.E. Ms. Maria del Carmen Nasser](#), Vice-minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Honduras

[H.E. Mr. Inocencio García](#), Vice-Minister for Development Cooperation from the Ministry of Economy, Planning and Development, Dominican Republic

[Mr. Charles Assamba Ongodo](#), Director General for Cooperation and Regional Integration, Ministry of the Economy, Planning and Regional Development, Cameroon

[Ms. Angela Bester](#), Independent Consultant, Communication Works and Author, 2018 DCF Study on Mutual Accountability (*speaking from the floor*)

**OPEN DISCUSSION**

**DIALOGUE III** (Conference Room D)

**MODERATOR** [Mr. Luca de Fraia](#), Deputy Secretary-General, ActionAid Italy

**PANELLISTS**

[Ms. Suphatra Srimaitreephithak](#), Director-General, Thailand International Cooperation Agency, Thailand

[Mr. Sergio Londoño Zurek](#), Director, Presidential Cooperation Agency, Colombia

[Hon. Dr. Juan Carlos Romero](#), Senator, Senate of the Nation, Argentina

**RESOURCE PERSON** [Mr. Joshua Gimba](#), Policy and Research Analyst, UNOSSC

**OPEN DISCUSSION**

Tuesday, May 22, 2018

	<b>2018 DCF - DAY 2</b>
9:00 am – 9:45 am (see <a href="#">venues</a> )	During this hour the DCF will provide the space for participants to network and reconnect with each other. Participants will also be able to participate in a few informal events allowing them to share their ideas and get inspired by discussing smart solutions to challenges and opportunities in development cooperation.
10:00 am – 10:15 am ECOSOC Chamber	<b>CHECK-IN</b> <b>Collaborative debrief session on key messages from Day 1 sessions and side events</b> <a href="#">Prof. José Antonio Alonso</a> , Professor of Applied Economics, Complutense University <a href="#">Mr. Jonathan Glennie</a> , Independent Researcher and Writer <b>Roadmap for Day II</b>
10:15 am – 11:45 am ECOSOC Chamber	<b>SESSION 4</b> <b><i>Leveraging South-South and triangular cooperation for sustainable development: on the road to BAPA+40</i></b> <p>South-South cooperation is experiencing remarkable expansion in scope and magnitude, including through intra- and inter-regional collaboration mechanisms. Both South-South and triangular development cooperation are making a positive development impact, reducing asymmetries. In this session, participants will examine challenges and opportunities in South-South and triangular cooperation, within the framework of sustainable development. The session will aim to further identify and advance the distinctive contributions of South-South and triangular cooperation in achieving the 2030 Agenda and Paris Agreement. The session will build on the key findings of the DCF Argentina High-level Symposium and look ahead to the Second United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation (BAPA+40), to be held in Argentina in March 2019.</p> <b>FOCUS QUESTIONS</b> <b>How</b> to further orient South-South and triangular cooperation towards sustainable development, building on their comparative advantages and opportunities? What specific steps are required? <b>How</b> can the strengths of South-South cooperation, especially in non-financial development cooperation, be deployed for implementing the 2030 Agenda and Addis Agenda? What are the lessons that can be learnt by the international community? <b>What</b> specific steps are required to further the sharing of experiences, best practices and success stories of the collaborations between developing countries? <b>How</b> can the international community contribute to the scaling up of South-South cooperation towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and other internationally agreed development goals? <b>CHAIR</b> <a href="#">H.E. Ambassador Marie Chatardová</a> , President of ECOSOC, and Permanent Representative of the Czech Republic to the United Nations <b>MODERATOR</b> <a href="#">Ms. Elizabeth Sidiropoulos</a> , Chief Executive, South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA) <b>PANELLISTS</b> <a href="#">H.E. Mr. Daniel Raimondi</a> , Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs and Worship, Argentina ( <i>special presentation</i> )

	<p><a href="#">H.E. Mr. Li Chenggang</a>, Assistant Minister, Ministry of Commerce, China (<i>special presentation</i>)</p> <p><a href="#">H.E. Mr. Agustín García-Lopes</a>, Executive Director, Mexican Agency of International Development Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mexico</p> <p><a href="#">H.E. Mr. Joao Almino</a>, Director, Brazilian Agency for Cooperation (ABC), Brazil</p> <p><a href="#">Mr. Uwe Gehlen</a>, Head of Division on Effectiveness and transparency; quality standards, International Development Policy, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany</p> <p><a href="#">Ms. Amy Padilla</a>, Executive Director, IBON International</p> <p><b>OPEN DISCUSSION</b></p>
<p>11:45 am – 1:00 pm ECOSOC Chamber</p>	<p><b>SESSION 5</b> <b><i>Bridging capacity gaps and facilitating technology development and transfer in strategic areas</i></b></p> <p>Strengthening countries’ capacity to mobilise domestic resources is essential not only for closing the existing SDG financing gap but more fundamentally for ensuring country-owned and country-led implementation of the 2030 Agenda. During the first part of the session participants will review progress in boosting the contribution of development cooperation to building countries’ capacities to mobilise domestic resources for development cooperation. During the second part of the session, responding to the 2030 Agenda’s commitment to target those furthest behind first, participants will look at evolving and innovative approaches to help countries strengthen their statistical capacities to identify and respond to the needs and priorities of the most marginalised and vulnerable people.</p> <p><b>FOCUS QUESTIONS</b></p> <p><b><i>Beyond</i></b> increasing the volume of support in this area, how must development cooperation for domestic resource mobilisation be recalibrated for greater impact?</p> <p><b><i>How</i></b> can the ‘data revolution’ better support countries in developing statistical capacities to help identify and target those furthest behind?</p> <p><b>CHAIR</b> <a href="#">H.E. Ambassador Marie Chatardová</a>, President of ECOSOC, and Permanent Representative of the Czech Republic to the United Nations</p> <p><b>MODERATOR</b> <a href="#">Mr. Mark Lewis</a>, Assistant Director, Institute for Capacity Development, IMF</p> <p><b>PANELLISTS</b></p> <p><a href="#">Ms. Shamshad Akhtar</a>, Executive Secretary, ESCAP</p> <p><a href="#">Mr. Richard Watts</a>, Senior Analyst, Development Initiatives</p> <p><a href="#">Mr. Zachary Chege</a>, Director General, National Bureau of Statistics, Kenya and Chair, UN Statistical Commission</p> <p><a href="#">Mr. Steve Hollingworth</a>, President and CEO, Grameen Foundation</p> <p><b>OPEN DISCUSSION</b></p>
<p>1:15 pm- 2:30 pm (see <a href="#">venues</a>)</p>	<p><b>LUNCH / SIDE EVENTS</b></p> <p>Parallel side events organised by Member States, International Organisations, civil society, foundations, parliamentarians, local authorities, the private sector and other stakeholders.</p>

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm  
ECOSOC Chamber

## **SESSION 6**

### ***Strengthening multi-layered review and assessment of development cooperation: what works?***

Taking a cross-cutting approach, this session will draw out specific experiences in getting better results from development cooperation by strengthening monitoring and review of development cooperation and its outcomes. The session will also explore the role of regional reviews in strengthening multi-layered accountability and will explore the emerging approaches adopted to assess the outcomes of South-South cooperation. It will further consider how the reviews and assessments of development cooperation have to evolve to reap the benefits of increased engagement of the private sector and citizens in development. The session will be informed by key findings emerging from the 2018 DCF Global Accountability Survey and Study exercise, which captures the state of play in effectiveness of development cooperation on the ground.

#### **FOCUS QUESTIONS**

**What** has been the role of regional reviews and assessments of development cooperation and how can they best complement and reinforce county-level reviews?

**What** lessons can we learn from South-led approaches to assessing the outcomes of South-South cooperation?

**What** key actions are needed to further improve monitoring, evaluation and learning mechanisms for private sector engagement in development cooperation, including through blended finance?

**What** is the next frontier in citizen-based monitoring and review of development cooperation, including in public private partnerships?

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**MODERATOR** [Mr. Navid Hanif](#), Director, Financing for Sustainable Development Office, UN DESA

#### **PANELLISTS**

[Mr. David Mehdi Hamam](#), Director, Office of the Special Advisor on Africa to the United Nations Secretary-General

[Ms. Ana Ciuti](#), Director General, International Cooperation of Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship, Argentina and Chair, Intergovernmental Council of the Iberoamerican Program for the Strengthening of South-South cooperation (SEGIB)

[Ms. Michele Demers](#), CEO and Founder, Boundless Impact Investing

[Mr. Rahul Malhotra](#), Head of Division, Reviews, Results, Evaluation and Development Innovation, OECD

[Ms. Erin Palomares](#), Global Secretariat Coordinator, Reality of Aid Global (*speaking from the floor*)

#### **OPEN DISCUSSION**



4:30 pm – 5:30 pm  
ECOSOC Chamber

## **SESSION 7**

### ***The strategic role of development cooperation in building sustainable and resilient societies***

Participants will jointly distil the key messages and concrete policy guidance emerging from the 2018 DCF. Key messages of the DCF preparatory process and the report of the Secretary-General on *Trends and progress in international development cooperation* will serve as background for this discussion. The session will also provide the opportunity to convey key messages or questions to the ECOSOC Special Meeting, to be convened by the President of ECOSOC to take place on 23 May 2018, “*Towards sustainable, resilient and inclusive societies through participation of all*”.

#### **FOCUS QUESTIONS**

**What key** recommendations for action would you suggest to be carried forward by the different development cooperation actors? By the DCF?

**What key** recommendations should be taken up by the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development?

**CHAIR** [H.E. Ambassador Marie Chatardová](#), President of ECOSOC, and Permanent Representative of the Czech Republic to the United Nations

**MODERATOR** [Ms. Lilly Nicholls](#), Director of Development Research, Development Policy Bureau, Global Affairs, Canada

#### **PANELLISTS**

[H.E. Mr. Mohammad Ismail Rahimi](#), Deputy Minister of Economy, Afghanistan

[Ms. Gladys Gharney](#), Head, UN Unit, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, Ghana

[H.E. Ms. Margareta Cederfelt](#), Member of Parliament, Riksdag, Sweden

[Ms. Prima Tukamushaba](#), Youth Representative, Ntungamo District Local Government, Uganda

#### **OPEN DISCUSSION**

5:30 pm – 6:00 pm  
ECOSOC Chamber

## **CLOSING SESSION**

[Mr. Liu Zhenmin](#), Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations

[H.E. Ambassador Marie Chatardová](#), President of ECOSOC, and Permanent Representative of the Czech Republic to the United Nations