

### *DCF Republic of Korea High-level Symposium Incheon, 8-10 April 2015*

#### Objective

The DCF Republic of Korea High-Level Symposium aims to advance the discussion on how development cooperation can support the implementation of the post-2015 development agenda, at all levels. It will examine:

- ❖ How to align commitments on financing and other means of implementation from the Monterrey and Rio processes, to support countries and other stakeholders to take an integrated approach to development cooperation, ensure more robust monitoring and accountability and achieve better development results?
- ❖ What are the implications of a universal development agenda for the policies and practices of different development cooperation actors?
- ❖ As the focus of development cooperation shifts to sustainable development for all, how should the allocation of ODA be improved post-2015? How should the principle of additionality be understood and put into practice?
- ❖ What should be done to strengthen non-financial development cooperation, in particular capacity building and technology development, transfer and adaptation, and how can the private sector be effectively engaged on this front?

#### Expected outcome

The DCF ROK High-level Symposium is expected to support more inclusive, evidence-based discussions on some of the tough questions around financing and other means of implementation, key features of a renewed global partnership for development and the future of development cooperation. It should assist Member States and other stakeholders to engage more effectively in the intergovernmental process leading up to the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda, as well to take practical steps to prepare for implementation at all levels.

The first high-level preparatory event for the 2016 DCF, the Symposium will generate ideas and policy recommendations for the DCF and other major processes feeding the preparations of a post-2015 development agenda, especially the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, to be held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on 13-16 July 2015. ROK's anticipated ECOSOC Presidency in 2015 will provide multiple avenues to feed key findings of the Symposium into ongoing processes.

#### Programme

The two-day Symposium will have an open, interactive format. Deliberations will proceed through interactive panels, roundtable discussions and workshops. Formal opening and closing sessions, a gala dinner for participants, luncheons and coffee sessions would form part of the official program.

A day of pre-meetings on 8 April will include a few thematic workshops, stakeholder consultations, and the meeting of the DCF Advisory Group. The Core Group of Southern Partners will meet back-to-back with the Symposium. The Symposium will also provide occasion for the DCF Advisory Group to meet with members of the GPEDC Steering Committee.

#### Background

The ECOSOC Development Cooperation Forum (DCF) is a global multi-stakeholder policy forum. It reviews trends and progress in development cooperation, provides analysis on priority issues, engages the range of development cooperation actors in candid policy dialogue, and promotes greater coherence in development policy and among the different actors.

The 2014 High-level Meeting of the DCF and its analytical work have brought greater clarity on how a renewed global partnership for development, engaging all governments as well as other actors, could work in practice. The Expert Committee on Sustainable Development Financing has put forward options for mobilizing the necessary financing and other means of implementation - domestic and international and public and private - to support the post-2015 development agenda. The Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) has provided guidance on the means of implementation as part of a proposed set of SDGs. The Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (GPEDC) has also provided input to the 'how' aspects of preparing for a post-2015 agenda.

The next major occasion for governments and other stakeholders to advance work on these issues will be in the preparations for the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, to take place in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on 13-16 July 2015. As part of that process, and in preparation for the 2016 DCF, the Republic of Korea and UNDESA will co-organize a high-level symposium on these issues at the Songdo Convensia in Incheon on 8-10 April 2015.

#### Participation

The Symposium will engage up to 200 high-level experts from all stakeholder groups: donor and programme countries, Southern partners, civil society, private sector, philanthropic organizations, international organizations, parliamentarians and local governments from all regions of the world.



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