

Objective

A new global agenda for sustainable development is on the horizon, and the role of development cooperation looms large.

Development cooperation will assume many dimensions for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, to which all countries aspire.

The DCF Uganda High-level Symposium will discuss ways to motivate, support and further shape development cooperation as a critical 'means of implementation' in the post-2015 era.

The Symposium will focus on a number of specific issues:

- ❖ the key role of the private sector and other non-state actors, the role of blended financing, and how to assess and improve these efforts for achieving the SDGs
- ❖ assessing progress and results of development cooperation at country level, and how integrated, aligned and country-driven monitoring and reporting frameworks can work in practice
- ❖ follow-up and review of development cooperation at local level, including citizen-based monitoring
- ❖ role of development cooperation in promoting technology facilitation and capacity building, and ways to address gaps in technology, science and innovation for achieving sustainable development.

The Symposium will also provide space for partners in South-South cooperation to share and discuss their development cooperation priorities, policies and practices towards the post-2015 development agenda, including in the area of infrastructure development.

Expected outcome

The DCF Uganda Symposium will present a first opportunity to discuss, under United Nations auspices, and with participation of all development cooperation actors, the implementation of the Financing for Development agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals.

The Symposium will bring to the table key issues related to ownership of the new global agenda, which needs translation into strategies and action at national and local levels, with a distinctive role for development cooperation as part of the broader global partnership for sustainable development.

The deliberations will produce concrete policy guidance on development cooperation post-2015, to put into practice at international, regional, national and local level.

Findings of the Symposium will also be used to bring the views of the range of stakeholders to the deliberations in the 2016 Development Cooperation Forum in New York and beyond.

Participation

The Symposium will engage up to 200 high-level experts from all regions of the world, from donor and programme countries, Southern partners, civil society, philanthropic organizations, private sector, international organizations, parliamentarians and local governments. Mr. Wu Hongbo, Under-Secretary General for Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations, and H. E. Mr. Matia Kasajja, Minister of Finance, Uganda will co-chair the event.

Programme

Participants will engage with one another in an open and dynamic multi-stakeholder format, geared toward knowledge sharing and mutual learning. Panel discussions, roundtables and workshops, plus formal opening and closing sessions, luncheons and coffee sessions will form the main programme, for 5-6 November. Time will be provided for networking and further exchanges in informal settings, including during pre-meetings on 4 November.

Development Cooperation Forum

The Development Cooperation Forum is the principal platform for global policy dialogue on development cooperation, engaging all stakeholders.

The DCF has a clear, broad mandate to review trends and progress in development cooperation. The Forum encourages discussion on the future of development cooperation. It works to promote greater coherence in development policy and among partners.

The DCF informs the Financing for Development follow-up process and contributes to implementation of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda. The High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development takes the work of the DCF into account in its review of progress towards the post-2015 development agenda.

The 2016 high-level meeting of the DCF will take place at United Nations headquarters in New York in July. Preparatory Symposia are held in the Republic of South Korea (April 2015), Uganda (November 2015) and Belgium (April 2016).



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