

Launch of the 2020 DCF Survey Study
Toward effective development cooperation in the COVID-19 period
10 July 2020, 8:00-9:45am New York time, WebEx
Concept Note

Background

COVID-19 is endangering lives and livelihoods, with impacts that will be felt in our societies, economies and ecosystems for years to come. Now is the time to lean in to international development cooperation and collaboration. Advancing development cooperation that is risk-informed and climate-smart will be vital to building back better. Moving forward, development cooperation in all its forms should be adapted to ensure that it reduces risk, enables recovery and builds resilience.

To this end, the 2020 DCF Survey Study takes a fresh look at the enablers of effective development cooperation and their potential role in Covid-19 response and recovery. The Survey features a distinctive approach, organized around five enablers: (i) national development cooperation policies; (ii) country-driven results frameworks; (iii) data and information systems for development cooperation; (iv) national development cooperation forums; and (v) capacity support.

Identification of these enablers took place through the knowledge sharing and mutual learning among actors that is the hallmark of the UN Development Cooperation Forum. As the Forum's Secretariat, UNDESA has undertaken biennial surveys based on the enablers since 2008 to monitor, review and document the evidence on the state of play in effectiveness of international development cooperation.

The 2019/2020 DCF Survey was rolled out before the COVID-19 pandemic, against a global backdrop of growing complexity of disaster and climate-related risks; increasing diversity of development cooperation actors; and new challenges to global cooperation. The 2020 DCF Study, which unpacks the survey results, follows up with a sample of countries to explore the early impact of the pandemic on development cooperation and generate insights into how development cooperation could effectively support long-term recovery and resilience- building.

This virtual launch of the DCF Survey Study welcomes all stakeholders, including survey participants, experts and civil society representatives, to begin engaging on key findings of the latest DCF Survey. Participants will discuss the practical recommendations generated by the study and how they can assist policy makers and practitioners in recovery efforts from the pandemic, in a way that advances risk-informed and climate-smart development cooperation.

The virtual launch is the first in a series of DCF webinars that will focus on adapting development cooperation to build resilience to new and recurrent risks to sustainable development.

Programme

8:00-8:10	Welcome and introduction: Mr. Navid Hanif, Director, FSDO/DESA (5 minute remarks)
8:10-8:25	Presentation of key findings: Ms. Angela Bester, Lead Author, 2020 DCF Survey Study (12 minute remarks)
8:25- 9:05	Toward effective development cooperation in the COVID-19 period
	Moderator: Mr. Navid Hanif, Director, FSDO/DESA

	<p>Suggested speakers (5- 7 minutes each): (25 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Gladys Mamtee Osabutey, Chief Economic Officer, Head of UN System Unit, Ministry of Finance, Ghana <i>How have the enablers of development cooperation supported short-term and long-term planning for recovery from the pandemic? To this end, have new national initiatives emerged toward enhancing the impacts of development cooperation?</i> • Md. Rezaul Bashar Siddique, Joint Secretary, Economic Relations Division, Ministry of Finance, Bangladesh <i>How can the enablers of development cooperation support LDCs' pursuit of country-owned priorities and reflect emerging realities brought on by the pandemic? How are these linked to capacity needs?</i> • Mr. Carlos Pol, Director, Ministry of Economic Development and Petroleum, Belize <i>How can further elaboration of the enablers support risk-informed and climate smart approaches to development cooperation throughout recovery efforts?</i> <p>Lead discussants (3-4 minutes each): (15 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Petra Bayr, Member of Parliament and Chair of Sub-committee for Development Cooperation, Austria • Mr. Luca de Fraia, Deputy Director, Action Aid Italy • Ms. Hege Røttingen, Deputy Director, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Section for Partnerships, Governance and Development Financing (watch video message)
9:05 – 9:35	<p>Interactive discussion (moderated by: Mr. Navid Hanif, Director, FSDO/DESA) (30 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions can be accepted in writing via Webex
9:35- 9:40	<p>Reflections by Ms. Angela Bester, Lead Author, 2020 DCF Survey Study</p>
9:40- 9:45	<p>Closing remarks by Mr. Navid Hanif, Director, FSDO/DESA</p>