

DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION FORUM

6-7 May 2021

Development cooperation for the
Decade of Action. Reduce risk.
Enable recovery. Build resilience.

The COVID-19 pandemic has posed new challenges to development cooperation, accelerating pre-existing trends in financing, inequalities and technological change. Yet, many governments and other key actors are leading by example, transitioning to policies and practices that build the resilience of societies, economies and ecosystems. In this context, the [2021 Development Cooperation Forum \(DCF\) High-Level Meeting](#) will focus on advancing international development cooperation that reduces risk, enables recovery and builds resilience in the COVID-19 period and beyond.

Objectives

The 2021 DCF will aim to inspire a wave of innovative development cooperation policies and activities to propel progress through COVID-19 recovery and throughout the Decade of Action on issues including:

- Navigating the risk landscape through development cooperation;
- Strengthening health systems and infrastructure for vulnerable countries;
- Addressing the dual challenge of pandemic recovery and the climate emergency;
- Enhancing regional development cooperation to support science, technology and innovation.

Participation

- The President of ECOSOC will convene the 2020 High-level meeting of the DCF virtually from 6-7 May 2021;
- The 2021 DCF welcomes all UN Member States, Director-Generals and heads of development cooperation agencies, and the range of non-government actors, including civil society, private sector, philanthropy, women, youth and other vulnerable groups, plus members of Parliament, mayors and other local authorities, international organizations and development banks.
- Registration is open now at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VD8R86P>

Outcomes

- Official summary by the President of ECOSOC as input into the 2021 HLPF and FfD process;
- Concrete guidance to policymakers and practitioners to enhance development cooperation in line with the 2030 and Addis Agendas, Paris Agreement and Sendai Framework;
- Value-added discussion and evidence that directly inform intergovernmental processes, such as LDC-V and COP26; influence global policy dialogue; and promote broad consensus;
- Peer-learning, knowledge-sharing and partnership-building, including on enablers of effective development cooperation as key building blocks of integrated national financing frameworks.

Background

The DCF has a distinctive mandate originating from the 2005 World Summit to review the latest trends, progress and emerging issues in international development cooperation. It enhances coherence, effectiveness and coordination across diverse actors and activities in development cooperation. The DCF promotes inclusive solutions for more effective development cooperation in all its forms (e.g. financing, capacity support, policy change and multi-stakeholder partnerships), with special emphasis on the needs and priorities of those with the least resources and weakest capacities by:

- Producing actionable policy guidance for Member States and other actors ([2018 DCF Outcome](#)), including through its work informing the HLPF and the FfD Forum, as mandated (AAAA, paras 58 and 132; para 17 of A/RES/70/299; and para 7(e) of A/RES/67/290) and other intergovernmental processes;
- Giving strategic direction and add value to multilateral dialogue on development cooperation ([2021 DCF](#));
- Documenting and disseminating evidence to support innovative policies and uptake of best practices ([2020 DCF Survey Study](#));
- Facilitating learning, knowledge-sharing and opportunities for collaboration among actors ([DCF webinars and DCF high-level symposiums](#)).