

SPECIAL EVENT
**“INVESTING IN GLOBAL SOLIDARITY: A NEW VISION OF
DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION”**
CONCEPT NOTE

Date: July 1, 2025

Time: 10:30-12:00

Venue: Special events room

Organizer: Spain, Presidency of the Government

BACKGROUND

There is an urgent need for a renewed commitment to solidarity and to more impactful and effective international development cooperation. At the same time, the need to better communicate the impact of development cooperation around the world is also more relevant than ever.

In a context in which multilateralism is being questioned, leaders from South and North will come together to renew and strengthen their commitment to international cooperation based on global solidarity and the achievement of sustainable, fair, and inclusive development for all.

Development cooperation must combine the goal of reaching 0.7% of GDP for ODA with new instruments and approaches that protect Global Public Goods and tackle inequalities —both among and within countries. Achieving greater impact and effectiveness

must be a guiding principle, with the goal of reaching the most vulnerable at its core, with a special focus on women and girls.

At the same time, we need to move from a logic exclusively based on “aid” towards a more horizontal approach based on true partnerships built on mutual respect and commonly-defined objectives based on developing country priorities. The role of South-South and triangular cooperation will be key.

We must promote the improvement of graduation process beyond per capita income criteria and building on effectiveness principles, including country ownership and mutual accountability for development results. In this regard, the promotion of metrics of economic development that go beyond GDP can also prove instrumental.

In addition, we should reinforce coordination between countries at different stages of development, non-traditional donors, multilateral organizations and the private sector and build new and innovative partnerships to deliver effective results.

Finally, we must ensure that citizens in both developing and advanced economies better understand the importance of and the need for development cooperation, through more focused and impactful communication on its local, regional and global benefits.

FORMAT

The special event “Investing in Global Solidarity: A New Vision for Development Cooperation” will start with an opening segment featuring statements by the co-chairs, followed by an open debate among Heads of State and Government and other participants.