The Development Co-operation Report 2016

This edition of DACnews focuses on the release of the Development Co-operation Report 2016: The Sustainable Development Goals as Business opportunities. It looks at the relationship between business and the challenges set out in the SDGs. The report was launched 18 July in the context of the United Nations High-level Political Forum in New York. A panel of experts discussed relevant risks, opportunities and pathways to success, welcoming the participation of a standing-room-only audience.


This year’s OECD Development Co-operation Report looks at the challenge of meeting the UN Sustainable Development Goals, which will require an investment of some USD 3.3 to 4.5 trillion yearly. With current annual investment at 1.4 trillion, it is clear that more private investment will be needed to fill the gap. The report – The Sustainable Development Goals as Business Opportunities – looks at ways to spur private support for development, including foreign direct investment, blended finance and social impact investment. It gives an update on OECD work to measure the impact of public sector efforts to mobilise private investment and also emphasises the importance of adhering to responsible business conduct standards and principles.

Visit the publication website...
Watch the video: How can business and sustainable development work together?

Innovative mechanisms can help to mobilise domestic finance
Philippe Orliange (Deliver2030.org)

Where impact investing meets sustainable development
Sonal Shah (GreenBiz)

Businesses need to do more to fight against poverty
Sharan Burrow (Equal Times)

Sustainable development challenges are business challenges
Louise Kantrow (International Chamber of Commerce blog series)

6 necessary steps to make the SDGs a reality
James Zhan (GreenBiz)

How can foreign direct investment fulfil its development potential?
Karl P. Sauvant (OECD Insights)

Insights from leaders in development and business
The Development Co-operation Report 2016 contains numerous opinion pieces from thought leaders across the globe. Their views are being shared on blog platforms far and wide to help spread the word on how business can contribute to achieving the SDGs, leaving no one behind. Read the latest posts...
Can social impact investment serve the "bottom of the pyramid"?
Julie Sunderland (OECD Insights)

The public sector can do much to promote social impact investment in developing countries
Manuel Sager (Deliver2030.org)

“Doing Good While Doing Well” is the Mantra for SDG Success
Jay Collins (CITI blog)

The challenge: How can international co-operation help to put sustainable development at the core of business models?
Amina J. Mohammed (Our Perspectives, UNDP)

There’s a $2.5 billion development investment gap. Blended finance could plug it
Gavin E.R. Wilson (Agenda, World Economic Forum)

Engaging the private sector in sustainable development finance involves commitment, careful analysis and alignment of objectives
Pierre Jacquet (Global Development Network feature story)

Business can fuel the clean technologies that are needed to achieve global goals
Jim Balsillie (Centre for International Governance Innovation blog)

A new corporate performance measurement framework can encourage sustainable success, for business and for society
Peter Bakker (We Mean Business blog)

How Businesses Can Do Well By Doing Good
Erik Solheim (Huffington Post)

*Stay tuned to the DCR 2016 website for new posts.*
News in brief

Tracking funding for women's economic empowerment

Ensuring that women benefit from equal rights, access to economic resources and opportunities to participate in the economy will be key to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. This brief provides an overview of ODA for women's economic empowerment. It identifies key trends, looks at financing gaps and signals priority areas for improving donor support.

Read the brief...

Public consultation on measuring total official support for sustainable development

The OECD is developing an international statistical measurement framework to capture total official support for sustainable development (TOSSD). A new Compendium summarises the current thinking about the aims of TOSSD and suggests a structure and features for the measure. Comments are welcome.

Read more...

Effective international climate finance

The SDGs make it clear that efforts to promote effective development co-operation must also contribute to climate change objectives. A recent Development Co-operation Working Paper provides views on how this can be achieved, with a focus on delivery of climate finance. It brings together perspectives from recipient and provider countries, as well as international organisations and research institutions.

Read the working paper...

OECD Development Co-operation Peer Reviews: Denmark 2016

The 2016 DAC peer review of Denmark's development co-operation shows positive performance, with aid to the poorest countries equivalent to 0.26% of its GNI, well above the UN target of 0.15-0.20%. At the same time, Denmark faces significant challenges because of the reduction in its aid budget and fast-rising refugee costs, which will put pressure on development programmes and planning.

Read the results of the peer review...
OECD survey on private philanthropy for development

The OECD is conducting a survey of philanthropic foundations, with a focus on contributions in support of the SDGs. The survey, which will begin in September 2016, targets over 100 of the most influential foundations active in development co-operation worldwide. The results will be published in an upcoming OECD report.

Read more on the survey and how to participate...

ODA in 2015 from OECD-DAC members was USD 131.6 billion. This represents an increase of 6.9% over 2014 and 0.30% of DAC members’ combined GNI.