

Tidewater 2018, Co-Chairs Summary

On June 3-5, 2018, the Chair of the Development Assistance Committee (DAC) of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), Charlotte Petri Gornitzka, and U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Administrator Mark Green co-hosted the 50th annual Tidewater meeting of Development Ministers in St. Michaels, Maryland.

This year's meeting included substantive discussion sessions on (1) effectively supporting developing countries in building capacities to manage and finance their own development; (2) combating sexual exploitation and abuse in the development and humanitarian sectors (reflected in a joint Ministerial statement, available [here](#)); (3) generating collective action for conflict-prevention and stabilization; (4) mobilizing new actors and resources for the humanitarian response; and, (5) implementing needed reforms to the multilateral system.

Coming out of the meeting the Tidewater co-chairs made the following statements:

“Our global challenges require collective action, shared responsibility, and leadership. As development leaders and major shareholders of the multilateral system, we can and should lead that change. This year's Tidewater meeting provided a space to consolidate ideas and move towards a shared vision and coherent approach to better address fragility, extreme poverty, and shape the development system needed to deliver on the Sustainable Development Goals.”- Charlotte Petri Gornitzka, Chair of the OECD Development Assistance Committee

“Over the years, the Tidewater meeting has helped the donor community achieve consensus on policies and priorities that have moved us towards our shared goal: a world where all countries are developmentally self-reliant, and no one is left behind. I am pleased our frank and open discussion this year has generated further commitment and cooperation to tackle the world's most pressing development challenges.”- Mark Green, USAID Administrator

The Tidewater meeting is an annual gathering of Development Ministers, heads of aid agencies, and other senior officials focused on timely and relevant development topics as well as opportunities for partnership. It is named after the Tidewater Inn in Easton, Maryland, the venue of the inaugural meeting in 1968.