

## Open debate on

### Multilateral aid post-2015: Forging effective multilateral partnerships to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals

Dear colleagues,

We would like to invite you to a presentation of the *OECD DAC Report Multilateral Aid 2015: Better Partnerships for a Post-2015 World*, followed by an open debate with key speakers.

<b>Presentation of <i>Multilateral Aid 2015</i>:</b>	Piera Tortora (OECD, lead author of the Report and advisor on multilateral aid)
<b>Panel Speakers:</b>	Thomas Fitschen (Federal Foreign Office; Director for the United Nations, International Cyber Policy and Counter-Terrorism) (tbc)  Haje Schütte (OECD; Head of Statistics and Development Finance Division)  Margret Thalwitz (Käthe Hamburger Centre; Senior Expert Fellow)  Dr. Silke Weinlich (German Development Institute; Senior Researcher)
<b>Introduction and Chair:</b>	Dr. Jürgen Zattler (German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development / Deputy Director General)
<b>Place and time:</b>	16 December 11 a.m. to 1 p.m; Marie Schlei Saal, BMZ / Berlin, Stresemannstr. 94, 10963 Berlin. Video link to BMZ / Bonn (Filmsaal).

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#### **Background:**

In September 2015 the international community agreed on a new and ambitious development agenda, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The multilateral system has been a pillar for supporting developing countries' efforts to promote development for many decades, with recognised strengths in extending the scale and reach of development finance and mobilising knowledge and know-how. Its role in implementing the 2030 agenda may be even more important.

Today's development challenges – including climate change, food security, trade and migration – are complex and interconnected, affecting both developed and developing nations. These challenges call for inclusive partnerships that can provide collective, cross-border solutions for eradicating absolute poverty and fostering a new era of economic and social progress, environmental sustainability and peaceful and inclusive societies. Multilateral organisations are uniquely equipped to support this

agenda: as politically neutral conveners of global partnerships, vehicles for upstream pooling of resources, facilitators for multi-stakeholder cross-border operations, and setters of global standards and norms.

To be fit for purpose in a post-2015 world, however, multilateral organisations will need to complete challenging ongoing internal reforms and adapt to the rapidly changing external environment. The OECD DAC Report *Multilateral Aid 2015* provides evidence on the main transformations currently affecting the multilateral aid landscape and offers suggestions on how bilateral providers can partner with multilateral organisations most effectively to contribute to achieving the 2030 Agenda.

Building on the findings from the Report, the debate will address the following questions:

- ❖ What are the main opportunities and challenges of a more complex and diversified multilateral landscape for implementing the Sustainable Development Goals?
- ❖ How can better division of labour and coordination between bilateral, multilateral and other development partners be achieved and more overall transparency and mutual learning fostered?
- ❖ What adjustments in policies and practices can bilateral development partners – including Germany - implement to positively affect the incentive structures of multilateral organisations, help them strengthen their comparative advantages, and forge more effective partnerships?

*Please note that the OECD presentation will be in English with no translation service and the debate will be held in German.*

*Please send your registration for the event to Ms. Janett Ebel ([janett.ebel@bmz.bund.de](mailto:janett.ebel@bmz.bund.de)) **by December 10, 2015** and indicate if you wish to participate from our Berlin or Bonn office.*