



OECD Global Forum on Development

Contributing to global development and promoting shared prosperity are key objectives of the OECD, stated in the founding Convention of the Organisation and in its strategic framework defining OECD's global relations with non-members. Various activities involving the participation of developing countries are conducted by the entities within the OECD Development Cluster: the [Development Co-operation Directorate/DAC](#), the [Development Centre](#), the [Sahel & West Africa Club](#) and the [Centre for Co-operation with Non-Members](#). At the 2005 Ministerial Council Meeting, OECD Ministers pledged to “engage with developing countries through the OECD in sharing of experience, best practices and views on how to gain for all the most from globalisation.” The OECD Global Forum on Development was consequently created in mid-2006 to enhance the horizontal co-ordination, visibility and impact of the OECD's development-related work and outreach, and to provide a platform for open and constructive exchanges between OECD members and non-member economies. The new OECD Global Forum on Development also contributes to the UN Millennium Development Goal 8 aiming at “Developing a global partnership for development.”

■ Objectives

- ↪ Build consensus among diverse development stakeholders for more synergetic and coherent outputs through policy dialogue and peer learning, and an interdisciplinary approach to its activities;
- ↪ Enhance the visibility and impact of the OECD in the field of development, and allow the Organisation to take a stronger leadership role on key global development issues;
- ↪ Enable a core network of participants – including policy makers from OECD and developing countries, research institutions and think tanks, and private sector and civil society organisations – to follow key policy issues on a multi-annual basis;
- ↪ Further enhance OECD wide coherence on development related work, and promote horizontal and multidisciplinary approaches, including beyond the organisation through partnerships with other international organisations;
- ↪ Mainstream outreach work on development, and contribute to policy progress and consensus with non-members through OECD methods of work.

■ Forum Topics

Unlike most of the OECD Global Forums, the Global Forum on Development is not an annual event but operates through a series of events including informal experts' workshops, policy workshops and annual plenary meetings. The first three-year thematic cycle focuses on the topic of “**International Development Finance Architecture**”. As the OECD's Development Assistance Committee (DAC) is grouping the world's major aid donor countries, providing over 90% of official development assistance, the OECD is well positioned to address development finance-related issues such as harmonisation of aid practices, aid flows and aid effectiveness.

■ Participants

The Forum will build a core network of participants including policy makers from OECD and developing countries, research institutions and think tanks, international organisations, regional development banks, technical development agencies, foundations, private sector and civil society organisations.

■ Involved OECD Bodies

OECD Development Centre Governing Board – Development Centre

www.oecd.org/dev

OECD Development Assistance Committee – Development Co-operation Directorate

www.oecd.org/dac

- ↪ DAC Working Party on Aid Effectiveness

■ Key partners

Centre for Global Development (USA)

www.cgdev.org

Centre for International Governance Innovation (Canada)

www.cigionline.org

German Development Institute (DIE-GDI)

www.die-gdi.de

International Monetary Fund (IMF)

www.imf.org

Overseas Development Institute (ODI-UK)

www.odi.org.uk

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

www.undp.org

United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)

www.un.org/docs/ecosoc

World Bank (WB)

www.worldbank.org



Activities in 2006/2007

PROVISIONAL PROJECT CYCLE

3-4 July 2006	Informal Experts' Workshop on "Development Finance Architecture: What Flows, Channels and Pools?", Issy-les-Moulineaux;
	Organised by the Development Centre in collaboration with DAC/DCD, this informal experts' workshop is the first event of the three-year thematic cycle of the Global Development Forum process. Panel discussions focused on issues such as development finance architecture, country perspectives on development finance, co-ordination across global, regional and national levels, instruments, aiming at identifying issues which can be taken forward in the Global Forum process.
December 2006 (date to be confirmed)	Policy Workshop on "Global Programmes and the Paris Agenda", Paris; Led jointly by the World Bank and the DAC/DCD, this workshop will discuss progress in the mapping of development finance currently being undertaken by the Development Centre and the DCD. Its specific focus will be on the results of a number of case studies on the alignment of issue-specific funds to country preferences and systems. Participants will analyse and discuss the possible outputs of this work, which may include a set of principles and a guidance note on the country-level alignment of these funds.
February 2007 (date to be confirmed)	Informal Experts' Workshop on "Development Finance: Performance and Institutional Coherence of Multilaterals", Berlin; This workshop will focus on the performance and institutional coherence of multilateral institutions for development co-operation. Discussions will aim to identify gaps, duplications and co-ordination challenges in current multilateral activities. On the basis of donor initiatives to assess multilateral performance, such as the Multilateral Organisations Performance Assessment Network (MOPAN), the workshop will also discuss possible criteria through which allocation decisions could provide for a more effective multilateral system. These would take into account the historical mandates, division of labour and comparative advantages of various multilaterals.
April 2007 (date to be confirmed)	Annual Global Forum Plenary Meeting, (venue to be identified) The Annual Global Forum Plenary will bring together high-level decision-makers to discuss themes carried forward from the above workshops. It will provide a first opportunity for high-level discussion on the results of the development finance mapping exercise. Panel discussions will focus on specific and systemic issues that require further analysis and dialogue. The overarching objective of the Annual Global Forum Plenary Meeting will be to develop policy options to improve the overall effectiveness of the development finance system.

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