



FORUM ON PARTNERSHIP FOR MORE EFFECTIVE DEVELOPMENT CO-OPERATION

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OECD, La Muette, Room 1**

DRAFT AGENDA

Tuesday, 1 February

I INTRODUCTION – THE CHALLENGE OF THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

- 09:30 Welcome address by OECD Deputy Secretary General Kiyo Akasaka
- 09:40 Opening remarks by the DAC Chair, Mr. Richard Manning, outlining the purpose and content of the Forum
- 09:50 Address by Mr. Shoji Nishimoto, UNDP Assistant Administrator
- 10:00 Plenary discussion: The challenge of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the overall context of aid
- Participants will have an opportunity to exchange views on next year's MDG review process and to explain how and why the MDGs are important for their co-operation efforts. Participants are invited to introduce initial ideas for partnerships between providers of development co-operation to further advance progress towards the MDG's, sketching their aspirations, objectives and challenges. This session would also cover aid volume and distribution – actual and planned, including debt relief. With a view to reporting to the UN review in 2005, participants in the plenary would have a broad overview of what counts as aid in order to be able to measure their contribution to the global official development assistance effort.

Reference points for this session are the UN Millennium Declaration, notably the MDGs; the Monterrey Consensus; the Johannesburg World Summit on Sustainable Development; the Rome High Level Forum; and the Paris High Level Forum. Two lead speakers, one a Member of the DAC, and one a non-Member, will be invited to launch the discussion. This will be followed by an open exchange of views, questions and ideas.

- 11:20 Coffee break (until 11:40 - plenary discussion to be continued afterwards)
- 13:00 Working Lunch for Heads of Delegation:
The tsunami disaster and responding effectively to major humanitarian emergencies.
Lunch Buffet for other Forum participants

II SHARING OF EXPERIENCE AND COMMON APPROACHES

Plenary session chaired by UNDP

- 15:00 Recorded Keynote Address by Mr. Mark Malloch Brown, UNDP Administrator and Chef de Cabinet to the UN Secretary General, on Partnership approaches to meeting the MDGs.
- 15:15 Plenary discussion
Participants will be invited to react to the Key Note Address on Partnership Approaches. Against this background, the ensuing discussion is intended to explore how to collectively and individually enhance the contribution of co-operation efforts to development, and in reaction to humanitarian emergencies. With a view to the topical break-out session on the next morning, this should be done with a specific focus on:
- Ownership and Aid Effectiveness, including consistency with budgetary priorities, and with a specific reference to the NEPAD (relating to Session III, break-out group 1).
 - Poverty Reduction Strategies (PRS), or equivalent, as a vehicle and basis for joint co-operation efforts (relating to Session III, break-out group 1).
 - Capacity building (relating to Session III, break-out group 2).
 - South-South and North-South-South Co-operation: triangular co-operation, and possible new approaches (relating to Session III, break-out group 2).
 - Challenges for effective development co-operation on the side of providers: information, management and organisation (relating to Session III, break-out groups 3 and 4)
- 18:30 Reception for Heads of Delegations at the Residence of Ambassador Noboru, Permanent Representative of Japan to the OECD, Neuilly (until 20:00).

Wednesday, 2 February

III PARTNERSHIPS FOR MORE EFFECTIVE DEVELOPMENT CO-OPERATION

- 9:45 Introduction by the DAC Chair on critical dimensions in delivering and providing development co-operation.
- 10:00 Break-out groups (Chairs tbc):
(1) **Harmonisation and Alignment**
Over time, the totality and wide variety of donor requirements for delivering aid are generating high transaction costs and reducing the already limited capacity of beneficiary economies. DAC members are trying to address this by implementing the Rome commitments on harmonisation and alignment and to strengthen and increasingly rely on partners' systems. The tying status of aid is another issue being discussed in the context of aid effectiveness.
- (2) **North-South-South: Lessons from and visions for triangular co-operation**
A number of developing economies now have a wide range of proven development solutions, and major non-DAC development partners have expressed willingness and readiness to utilise these to contribute to the achievement of the MDGs, in areas such as HIV/AIDS, food security, private sector development, post-conflict governance, and ICT. Discussions will focus on how to further exploit synergies of North-South co-operation for delivering development assistance, through the enhancement of capacity and ownership of new donors as well as those of final recipients.

- (3) **Management and Organisation of Aid**, including Peer Reviews
The DAC report on “Managing Aid: Practices of DAC Member countries”, which offers significant empirical information on common practice and new directions for aid management, will serve as a basis for discussions. Participants are invited to discuss their experience in implementing their co-operation policy and programmes, against the challenge of managing for development results.
- (4) **Sharing of information: Statistics, Monitoring, Reporting**
The compilation of comparable data is essential for effective development co-operation. Statistical information plays a crucial role in analysing not only the direction and source of aid flows, but also reflects current development co-operation priorities, as well as the policies it supports. It is key for any monitoring, assessment or reporting efforts. In envisaging closer future coordination, this break-out group will focus on effective mechanisms for exchanging, monitoring and reporting of statistical information, which is crucial for minimising incoherence and inconsistencies across bilateral development co-operation efforts.

13:00 Working Lunch for Heads of Delegation: **Policy Coherence for Development**.
Lunch Buffet for other Forum participants

IV RESULTS AND THE WAY FORWARD

- 15:00 Report back to Plenary on result of break-out groups
Chaired by UNDP
- 16:00 Coffee Break
- 16:30 Discussion of follow-up and Conclusions
Chaired by DAC Chair
Assessment of the Forum and consideration of possible follow-up activities. Discussion of any concrete possibilities arising for trilateral and multi-donor co-operation. How can contact and dialogue best be maintained, extended and advanced in the future.
- 17:00 Summary by the DAC Chair

INFORMATION DISPLAY AREA

The opportunity to use the meeting for mutual exchange of information is being addressed by a designated display area. Participants will be invited to make use of this area for presenting and offering information material on their development co-operation activities and programmes, and to collect in turn material of other participants of the Forum.