



## Partnerships and Networks



A multi-sectoral perspective is key to building a comprehensive analysis of policy issues. Maintaining close, sustained working relations with a broad range of stakeholders (private sector, think tanks, aid donors, etc.) serves to build and maintain the OECD Development Centre's local and regional footholds, and provides our analytical work with new and diverse angles, notably from the South.

These partnerships and networks assist the Development Centre in gaining additional insights by bringing diverse stakeholders to contribute through meetings, working groups and forums. They also help us to disseminate our policy conclusions more effectively.

More specifically, they aim to:

- strengthen analysis by drawing on multiple perspectives;
- raise awareness of development issues;
- enhance dialogue on development issues among peers from diverse sectors and regions.

The Partnerships and Networks Unit hosts the secretariat of three networks, which bring together the following distinct categories of stakeholders:

- Aid Donors: The Informal Network of DAC Development Communicators (DevCom)
- Private Sector: The Emerging Markets Network (EmNet)
- Think-tanks and research institutions: The Development Finance Network (DeFiNe).

Using similar methodology, these networks:

- are inclusive platforms for dialogue on development between OECD and non-OECD members;
- offer an informal setting: participants speak in their personal rather than official capacity, to facilitate fruitful discussion;
- reflect members' interests and respond to their demands.

The Partnerships and Networks Unit is also entrusted with the responsibility of identifying the potential need for new networks as well as facilitating targeted policy support.

### Public Sector: The Informal Network of DAC Development Communicators (DevCom)

The Informal Network of DAC Development Communicators (DevCom) helps aid agencies, ministries and multilateral institutions and regional development banks to communicate effectively to the public on the importance of development co-operation.

It provides donors with an international forum to discuss strategies for informing and influencing public awareness and support for development co-operation. By engaging progressively with new donors and regional development banks, DevCom aims to foster regional and global synergies and to stimulate North-South and South-South — as well as triangular — dialogue on development communication.

The DevCom Network facilitates exchange between DAC member and non-member countries on achieving greater development effectiveness, transparency, accountability, public support and awareness of development through the strategic use of communication for development.



### Corporate Sector: The Emerging Markets Network (EmNet)

The Emerging Markets Network (EmNet) gathers OECD experts and high-profile corporate representatives of major companies to participate in dynamic and open debates. Today EmNet consists of about 50 financial and manufacturing companies, all leaders in their respective sector, and a third of which are based in emerging economies. The network fosters dialogue and analysis on emerging economies and their impact on global economic, social and environmental issues.

Members convene quarterly to discuss topics that are significant for emerging markets, both today and tomorrow. The closed-door meetings offer a thought-provoking debate: a synergy of minds from firms driving growth in emerging markets today. EmNet also proposes a wide range of services to members through privileged and customised access to the OECD's information resources.



### Civil Society: The Development Finance Network (DeFiNe)

The Development Finance Network (DeFiNe) is a global network of think-tanks, research centres and academic institutions from developing, emerging and OECD countries. Members meet regularly to share the latest research evidence and thinking on how development can be financed beyond aid. The Network is currently focusing on domestic resource mobilisation issues (taxation, and expenditures).

DeFiNe brings together respected institutions with expertise in development finance to provide input into a number of OECD initiatives:

- The OECD Global Forum on Development (GFD)
- The African Economic Outlook (AEO)
- The Latin American Economic Outlook (LEO)
- The Perspectives on Global Development (PGD)
- The Southeast Asian Economic Outlook (SAEO).

### The OECD Development Centre

Created in 1962 by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in Paris, the Development Centre is an interface between the OECD and non-OECD member countries. The Centre helps policy makers in OECD and emerging and developing countries to find innovative solutions to the global challenges of development, poverty alleviation and the curbing of inequality.

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