



DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION FORUM

Ethiopia High-Level Symposium

“A renewed global partnership for development for a post-2015 era”

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The development environment is changing.....

The world has changed significantly since the adoption of the Millennium Declaration and Millennium Development Goal 8 (MDG8) on the *global partnership for development*. High growth rates in many emerging and developing economies have facilitated progress in poverty reduction. Yet, the threat from climate change has become only more urgent, demographic dynamics are leading to diverse challenges at the national level, and inequalities have increased in many countries.

Meanwhile, a more multi-polar global economy has taken shape. Emerging economies are strengthening their voice and influence in global governance. The private sector, non-governmental organizations and private philanthropic foundations are playing a larger role in development cooperation. Rapid urbanization calls for greater inclusion of local governments as well in partnership efforts.

.....and demands a renewed global partnership for development

Thus far, the global partnership for development, as crystallized in MDG8, has galvanized broad support for the international development agenda. Yet, important shortfalls remain in delivering on many of its aspects.

The global partnership for development will be critical to underpin the post-2015 development agenda. It will have to be strengthened – not only to ensure delivery on existing commitments, but also to address new and emerging challenges and opportunities and to engage the increasingly diverse group of development actors in a more coherent, effective and legitimate manner.

The Ethiopia Symposium aims to launch this dialogue

The Ethiopia High-Level Symposium will provide an opportunity for traditional donors, Southern development cooperation providers and representatives of private philanthropic organizations, local governments, parliaments and civil society to explore how to renew the global partnership for development for the post-2015 development agenda.

The Symposium will focus on the following questions:

1. What purposes should a renewed global partnership for development serve?
2. What principles should guide the global partnership for development in the post-2015 setting?
3. What features would the renewed global partnership for development need to attract the participation of the various actors?
4. What could be key features of a post-2015 monitoring and accountability framework, to support implementation and ensure delivery on commitments by all partners?

The Symposium will contribute to intergovernmental processes on development cooperation and post-2015

The Ethiopia Symposium will serve as a key preparatory event for the 2014 Development Cooperation Forum of ECOSOC. It will set the stage for subsequent DCF high-level meetings on the future of development cooperation in a post-2015 development agenda era (Switzerland, October 2013), and on accountable development partnerships (Germany, April 2014).

The Symposium will contribute to the ongoing preparations for a post-2015 development agenda, including the 2013 Special Event of the President of the General Assembly to follow-up on efforts towards achieving the MDGs including other related processes.

The Ethiopia Symposium will be preceded by a number of special stakeholder events.

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