

**Title of session:** Financing for Development in the framework of the post-2015 agenda

**Background:**

As part of the follow-up of the International Conference on Financing for Development (Monterrey, 2002 and Doha, 2008), of Rio+20 (2012) and the current debate on the Post-2015 Development Agenda, the UN will hold the *3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Financing for Development* in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (13 - 16 July 2015).<sup>1</sup> The objective of this conference is to reinvigorate the Monterrey Consensus and define “a comprehensive financing framework for sustainable development” to support the implementation of the UN post-2015 development agenda. The Conference will result in an inter-governmentally negotiated and agreed outcome, which should constitute an important contribution to and support the implementation of the post-2015 development agenda.

FfD looks into a number of areas that are relevant to all countries, from the broader global issues such as economic governance and external debt to the more concrete such as innovative forms of finance and capacity development. Several organizations have looked into both the available data about financial instruments and trends (including ODA, but also direct investments, remittances, tax evasion, illicit financial flows, etc.) and the rationale for linking those with traditional and new development policies, options and instruments.

In February, the European Commission (EC) published a Communication *Global Partnership for Poverty Eradication and Sustainable Development After 2015*<sup>2</sup>, which lays out EU positions ahead of the third Financing for Development (FfD3) Conference, the Post-2015 Summit, and the 21st session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 21) to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

The EU is promoting an integrated view in which the economic, social and environmental dimensions of development are supported by the Means of Implementation (MoI), meaning both the financial resources and an enabling policy environment that will aid the

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<sup>1</sup> The *Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing* (ICESDF) report on “options on an effective sustainable development financing strategy” (August 2014), as well as the Open Working Group (OWG) proposal for the SDGs and the synthesis report of the UN Secretary General, *The Road to Dignity by 2030: Ending Poverty, Transforming All Lives and Protecting the Planet* (December 2014) will be the main concept papers for Addis Ababa.

<sup>2</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/communication-global-partnership-poverty-eradication-and-sustainable-development-after-2015\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/communication-global-partnership-poverty-eradication-and-sustainable-development-after-2015_en)

implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to be finalized in September 2015 at the UN. As such, the outcomes of the FfD meeting in Addis and the post-2015 agenda should result in one single framework.

The communication identifies actions in key areas of proposed implementation: an enabling and conducive policy environment at all levels; capacity development; mobilisation and effective use of domestic and international public finance; stimulating trade to eradicate poverty and promote sustainable development; driving change through science, technology and innovation; mobilising the domestic and international private sector; harnessing the positive effect of migration; and ensuring monitoring, accountability and review.

**Objectives:**

- Share reactions of PFD members to EC Communication
- Understand actors' views and priorities on means of implementation (Mol)
- Develop key messages for further use in FfD discussion fora

**Expected results:**

- Better understanding of actors' perspectives and priorities on Mol and FfD
- Core messages to influence global fora and share within PFD member networks

**Methodology:**

**A plenary introductory session (90')**

Commissioner Mimica will present the Communication of the EC

Following this, panellists will respond to the questions below as presented in three rounds by the moderator. The moderator will then take questions from the audience.

Panellists include:

- Ms Tove Ryding, Policy and Advocacy Manager, Tax Justice, EURODAD
- Mr Hans Janssen, Mayor of Oisterwijk (NL), Rapporteur for the Committee of the Regions and Spokesperson of PLATFORMA
- EP Rapporteur (tbc)

Questions for panel include:

- What is your reaction to the communication?
- What is missing from your point of view?
- What can we do together to make implementation successful?

Moderator: Bruce Byiers, The European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM)

Wrap-up and close of the session (15')

Lunch (1h30')

II. Before breaking into groups, participants will hear in plenary the position of certain actors on the means of implementation, and then TA will introduce the groups and rooms. (50')

- Mr Claude Akpokavie, Senior Specialist in Workers' Activities, Actrav/ILO
- Ms Sally Nicholson, Green 10
- Ms Aura Saldana, Mayor of Sabana de la Mar (Dominican Republic)
- Private Sector (including feedback from workshop with Private Sector on 16 March)

10' to allow all to move into the assigned room for each group

### III. Break out into four working groups (2h):

Each group will be asked to:

- 1) Elaborate and reflect on the messages delivered by the previous presentations (actors' approaches on MOI).
- 2) Highlight priorities and interconnections between SDGs, Mol, and FfD.
- 3) Elaborate core messages and identify what is missing in the policies under discussion.

Working groups:

1. **Infrastructure of public goods and social services (including the local level).** This session will discuss the role of public goods and social infrastructure, understood as the mix of facilities, places, spaces, programs, projects, services and networks that maintain and improve the standard of living and quality of life in a community.
  - 1) Reflect on messages
    - What aspects of the presentations resonate with your own best practices in developing social infrastructures, and particularly in access to basic services, at local level?
    - What combination of factors promoted this best practice?
    - What are the key implementation issues?
  - 2) Highlight priorities and interconnections between SDGs, Mol and FfD.
    - What are the key bottlenecks/challenges you/your constituencies/your community face in developing public goods and social infrastructure, and particularly in access to basic services?
    - What is the role of different actors in overcoming bottlenecks to financing for local governments?
  - 3) Elaborate core messages and identify what is missing in the post-2015-related discussions
    - What is missing or has not been given adequate attention?
    - What key messages are you taking to upcoming global meetings?
2. **Innovative sources of financing:** Additional financial resources are clearly needed to accompany the post-2015 agenda and, although new alternatives of financing are often referred to, how easy is it to develop and subsequently access those sources of finance?
  - 1) Reflect on messages
    - Are you aware of best practices? and how can you or have you benefit(ed) from them?
  - 2) Highlight priorities and interconnections between SDGs, Mol and FfD.

- What sources of financing are most vital to achieve change/SDGs at local/regional/global levels?
  - What are the main bottlenecks for accessing these sources of financing?
  - What are the crucial aspects which could facilitate access to and use of financing in your experience?
- 3) Elaborate core messages and identify what is missing in the post-2015-related discussions
- What is missing or has not been given adequate attention?
  - What key messages are you taking to upcoming global meetings?
3. The **Partnerships for Development** (new partnerships, global, how effective, how to involve all stakeholders, including the private sector). The use of more cooperation in general and partnerships in particular has multiplied in the last two decades and is likely to continue, complementing the role of traditional players (governments, agencies, international organizations).
- 1) Reflect on messages
- Are you aware of best practices? and how can you benefit from them?
  - Are there examples of best practices in government partnerships/ people-to-people partnerships?
- 2) Highlight priorities and interconnections between SDGs, MoI and FfD for the building of the Partnership at different levels.
- How can inclusive partnerships contribute to inclusive development?/How can local stakeholders effectively participate in the future global partnership?
  - What are, in your experience, the main challenges for these partnerships?
- 3) Elaborate core messages and identify what is missing in the post-2015-related discussions
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Wrap up of discussions in each group and Rapporteurs to finalise their reporting to plenary (reporting templates will be provided) (30')

#### **IV. 17:30-18:30: Plenary closing session**

All participants will come back together in plenary to hear the rapporteurs of each group feedback and ask questions. Common themes and issues will be identified in order to agree on final core messages.