

Title of session: Revision of the EU Development Policy: EU development policy, the EU Global Strategy and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: towards an integrated and coherent approach

Objective: Exchange and input on the EU's development policy and the upcoming EU Global Strategy on Foreign and Security Policy.

Background: The adoption in September of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) represent a change of paradigm of the International policies on development cooperation. The EU, as a global actor, has committed to implement the SDGs both in its internal and external policies. The Commission is currently considering exactly how the 2030 Agenda should be taken into account in EU development and international cooperation policy. At the same time work is ongoing on the EU Global Strategy on Foreign and Security Policy, to be ready by June 2016.

In this context, it is particularly timely for the Policy Forum on Development to debate on how/what a new EU development policy should be, how to better integrate the conclusions of the 2030 Agenda in it, and how to improve PFD constituencies' consultation and involvement along these processes.

Expected Results:

- Commission thinking on development policy takes into account the conclusions of this PFD session, and sets out the role of CSOs and LAs for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.
- The comments made by CSOs and LAs will be also taken into account in the process leading to the EU Global Strategy on Foreign and Security Policy, as part of the outreach programme announced by the HR/VP (<https://europa.eu/globalstrategy/en/global-strategy-foreign-and-security-policy-european-union>).

Methodology: Time of the session: 9h00-13:00 (3hrs 30min plus 30 min coffee break). Format: High-level conference with Q&A with PFD constituencies, including panel, actor and regional responses.

I. Panel (1 hour 30 min)

Moderator: Shada Islam, Friends of Europe

Introductory remarks by a high level panel (10 minutes each) followed by discussion.

Speakers for the panel:

- Honourable Linda McAvan, MEP, Chair of the European Parliament Development Committee

- Christiaan Rebergen, Director General, International Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Netherlands
- Klaus Rudischhauser, Acting Director-General, DEVCO
- Felix Fernandez-Shaw, Cabinet, HRVP Mogherini
- Alfredo Conte, Head of Division, Strategic Planning, EEAS

Coffee break

II. Break out into groups by regions (1 hour 15 min)

Focus on answering consultation questions from a regional perspective:

1. How should the EU step up its efforts to achieve Policy Coherence for Development (or policy coherence for sustainable development)?
2. How should the EU strengthen its partnerships with civil society, foundations, the private sector, parliaments and local authorities and academia to support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda (including the Addis Ababa Action Agenda) through its development policy? How can the Policy Forum on Development best contribute?

III. Plenary feedback and discussion (1 hour, moderated)

Templates will be prepared to save time. As well, participants should be familiar with the questions based on online consultation.