

FOCUS SESSION 34:

Development co-operation in the post-2015 era: Where to find the resources – and how will they be deployed and tracked?

16 April 2014, 11:45-13:00, Room Montejo 4

Objective:

The financing for development agenda is once again under discussion as the world reflects on how sustainable and inclusive development should best be supported in the post-2015 era. This session will focus on how development finance, and in particular development aid, should evolve to ensure a successful post-2015 sustainable development vision.

Session Format:

The session will be organized as an interactive panel discussion, moderated by high-level journalist, Mr Henry Bonsu, presenter of Shoot the Messenger, Vox Africa's flagship English current affairs programme.

11.45 – 11.55	Welcoming remarks by Ms Helen Clark and Mr Angel Gurría (5 minutes each)
11.55 – 12.00	Introduction of panelists and the discussion by Mr Bonsu
12.00 – 12.30	Q&A moderated by Mr Bonsu with other panelists
12.30 – 12.40	Wrap-up by Mr Bonsu and invitation to Mr. Mahmoud Mohieldin (The World Bank President's Special Envoy on Millennium Development Goals and post-2015 process) to reflect on the discussion so far
12.40 – 12.55	Questions/comments from the floor moderated by Mr Bonsu
12.55 – 13.00	Closing remarks by Helen Clark and Angel Gurría

Speakers/Panelists:

- Ms Helen Clark, Administrator, UNDP
- Mr Angel Gurria, Secretary General, OECD`
- Mr. Wu Hongbo, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)
- H.E. Sheikha Lubna Al Qasimi, Minister for International Co-operation and Development, United Arab Emirates

- Mr Francisco Gaetani, Deputy Minister of Environment (and member of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing), Brazil
- Mr Sidi Ould Tah, Minister of Economic Affairs and Development, Mauritania
- Mr. Abul Maal A Muhith, Minister of Finance, Bangladesh
- Ms Lilianne Ploumen, Minister for Trade and Development, The Netherlands
- Private sector representative (TBC)
- Mr. Mahmoud Mohieldin, World Bank President's Special Envoy on Millennium Development Goals and post-2015 process.

Background/Narrative:

The international community will soon approve a new sustainable development agenda, and discussions are underway on the means to implement the new development vision. All indications are that this will be a *universal* agenda, focusing on the eradication of extreme poverty, but also addressing broader environmental, economic and social challenges. Both official finance and private capital will play a key role. Indeed, the emerging post-2015 development framework will need a financing strategy that is up to the task. This strategy will need to identify existing and potential resource flows, how they might best be combined and leveraged, where they might best be allocated, and the relative magnitudes required. It will also be vital to track and monitor these flows.

Although much has been learned over the last sixty years about aid effectiveness, the emerging post-2015 agenda also poses new challenges. This focus session provides a unique opportunity to table this discussion and set concrete objectives and deliverables to ensure that the development finance architecture is sustainable and effective within the post-2015 landscape.

Related Links:

OECD External Financing for Development (<http://oecd.org/dac/financing-development.htm>)

UNDP

(http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/ourwork/povertyreduction/focus_areas/focus_development_finance/)

EXCOM on Sustainable Development Financing.

<http://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/index.php?menu=1558>

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