

PLENARY SESSION 1:

Progress Since Busan

15 April, 10:45-13.00, Plenary Hall

Objective:

To show how far we have come in improving development effectiveness since the High Level Forum in Busan two years ago, and to highlight both achievements and challenges in implementing the commitments we made. The “Busan approach” will be discussed as a new, inclusive way of working based on common goals and shared principles, reflecting the reality of development in today’s world.

Introduction/Background:

The Busan High Level Forum marked a turning point in development cooperation in which the principles of accountability, results, transparency, inclusivity and whole-of-society country ownership were affirmed by the broadest range of stakeholders ever assembled. The New Deal for Engagement in Fragile States marks a new approach which was widely endorsed in Busan. The Mexico High Level Meeting provides a unique opportunity to build on the promise of Busan, gauge our progress over the past two years towards the effective implementation of these principles and the specific commitments that demonstrate those principles in practice, and to contribute to the post-2015 development agenda.

The specific goals of this session include:

1. **Inclusive Development Partnerships.** Promote inclusive development in provider and recipient countries.
2. **Results.** Highlight some specific, successful initiatives at the provider and the recipient country level for improving the inclusivity of results frameworks and results on the ground. Identify ways to overcome existing difficulties in using country-level results frameworks
3. **Transparency and accountability.** Accelerate implementation of the common standard by all providers of development cooperation and support all stakeholders (governments, parliaments, CSOs, academics, activists) to use this data at country level.
4. **Country Ownership.** Successfully remove bottlenecks to progress in existing commitments on use of country systems and reducing fragmentation.
5. **Fragility and conflict.** Highlight the New Deal as an essential pillar of post-Busan progress, demonstrate how inclusive approaches can deliver results in fragile contexts.

Discussion papers on each of these five areas will be made available to participants at the High Level Meeting. These will set the scene for the plenary discussion, by providing evidence of progress, identifying key issues, and proposing next steps. Each paper has been written by an expert in the field, and is designed to provide background and spark debate.

Deliverables:

Deliverables will focus on reinvigorating political commitment to delivering on our commitments from Busan, Paris and Accra as well as more concrete ideas seeking to accelerate progress or address bottlenecks in implementation. These will include, for example, roadmaps to enhance the role of local and regional government in development effectiveness, guidelines for philanthropic engagement and a civil society enabling environment framework. Full details are available in the concept note linked below.

Session Format:

The session will be varied and interactive, including short videos, panel discussions, audience participation and a spotlight talk on fragility and conflict. The session will begin with an opening speech from the Korean Foreign Minister on 'From Busan to Mexico'. Panel discussions will focus specifically on "The Busan Approach" and "Progress Since Busan".

Speakers/Panellists:

- Moderator – Ms. **Zeinab Badawi**, BBC Journalist
- **Helen Clark**, UNDP Administrator and Chair of the UN Development Group
- Ms. **Saada Mkuya Salum**, Minister of Finance, Tanzania
- Ms. **Anna Palmqvist**, H&M's Global Sustainability Manager
- Mr. **Samara Kamura**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Sierra Leone
- Mr. **Vitalice Meja**, Coordinator of Reality of Aid Africa
- Mr. **Andris Piebalgs**, European Commissioner Development Cooperation
- Mr. **Kyle Peters**, World Bank VP
- Ms. **Clare Woodcraft**, Emirates Foundations CEO

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For further / detailed information please refer to the concept note (link will be provided).