

CONCEPT NOTE: SESSION 3

Localising development co-operation and reaching the furthest behind

Tuesday, 13 December 2022, 11:30 – 13:00 CET

Background

Leaving no-one behind is a central concept in Agenda 2030 and applies to all Sustainable Development Goals. Despite efforts, recent years have nevertheless seen increasing global poverty and hunger due to economic and climatic effects of the pandemic, wars and violent conflicts, world tensions and increasing CO₂ emissions. Development cooperation has become more fragmented and more guided by geo-political concerns.

It is therefore paramount that these trends are reversed. It is widely recognised that shifting power to national and local actors is important if we hope to deliver effective development co-operation to those otherwise left behind. Stronger emphasis on locally-led development and localising development co-operation should involve and empower those furthest behind to overcome challenges and promote more inclusive development at local and national levels, including with civil society, private sector and philanthropic actors.

Objectives

- Highlight experiences in promoting more locally-led and more inclusive development that reaches and empowers those furthest behind, and demonstrates how development co-operation may support scaling-up and sustainability.
- Illustrate how locally-led development cooperation can deliver on leaving no one and no place behind, identify best practices, challenges and show how to overcome these.
- Reaffirm political support for locally-led development at all levels, that leaves no-one behind.

Guiding Questions

- *What are the challenges today for efforts to shift more power from global to national and local actors when implementing development co-operation, and how can these be overcome?*
- *How can experiences in reaching and empowering the most vulnerable be replicated and scaled-up, and what are the challenges for development partners supporting these efforts?*
- *What changes are required for international development partners, as well as for national and local actors, to promote locally-led development co-operation that benefits those left behind?*

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