

CONCEPT NOTE: OPENING SESSION

The 2030 Agenda at Half-time: Effective Development Cooperation Needed More than Ever

Monday, 12 December 2022, 12:00 – 13:30 CET

Background

At the halfway-mark of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the world is off-track in achieving the SDGs. Gains made in poverty reduction and human development since the beginning of the century are being lost; global development challenges are growing in urgency and scale; and shocks and crises are driving an ever growing humanitarian funding gap. At this crucial time, the Effective Development Cooperation Summit will bring together concerned groups in their diversity and at decision making level, to reflect on the “how” of development cooperation, and build a common understanding about urgent measures to be taken. The Summit will emphasize the urgency of building trust and working together in an era of interlinked challenge. It will point to the need to transform the way all actors with a stake in development co-operation work together to regain traction and accelerate progress on the 2030 Agenda for people and planet.

Purpose of the Session

This Opening Session will set the scene, establish the ambition and launch the dialogue of the three day Summit, by giving voice to Heads of State, the UN Leadership and Civil Society. They will challenge the participants to be practical in building back trust and committing to increased and more effective cooperation internationally and within countries. They will call on participants to redouble efforts in mobilizing external and internal stakeholders, capacities and resources to make the Decade of Action for Sustainable Development a priority and a reality.

Objectives

- A strong and high level call for ambition and dialogue amongst very diverse groups of actors.
- A reminder of the international commitment to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
- A shared basis of facts related to the current context for development cooperation, the challenges it is facing and the possible consequences of inaction.
- A reality check of what these challenges mean to peoples directly affected.

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