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Historic modernisation of official development assistance

The OECD Development Assistance Committee ended its High Level Meeting 15-16 December 2014 with an historic agreement to modernise the statistical system underpinning development co-operation. These steps will create incentives to mobilise more and better financing for development.

The DAC members agreed to modernise the reporting of concessional loans, which will encourage more resources on softer terms to the poorest nations while putting in place safeguards to ensure debt sustainability.

They also agreed to target more development assistance to the least developed countries and other nations most in need including small island developing states, land-locked developing countries and fragile and conflict-affected states.

This reform package by the DAC will enable donors to mobilise more private finance for development by making use of the available instruments in the financing tool box, such as guarantees and equity investments.

"This modernisation of official development assistance comes at an important time now as the world prepares for post-2015 and a new set of sustainable development goals," said Erik Solheim, Chair of the OECD Development Assistance Committee.

"To eradicate poverty and continue the huge development success of the past decades, we need to direct more development assistance and concessional loans to the poorest nations and mobilise much more private finances for development."

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