



Launch Event of Multilateral Aid 2015: Better Partnerships in a Post-2015 World

Place and date:

July 14th, 8.30am to 9.45am, Embassy of Ireland - Addis Ababa

Speakers:

Ms. Helen Clark, *UNDP Administrator*

Mr. Sean Sherlock, *Minister of State at Department of Foreign Affairs with Special Responsibility for ODA, Trade Promotion and North South cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Ireland*

Mr. Ahmed Shide, *State Minister of Finance and Economic Development, Ethiopia*

Mr. Erik Solheim, *DAC Chair*

Moderator:

Mr. Homi Kharas, *Brookings Institution*

Background:

The multilateral system has been a pillar for supporting developing countries' efforts to promote growth and development for many decades, with recognised strengths in extending the scale and reach of development finance and mobilising knowledge and know-how. It contributed to a more prosperous and more peaceful world. However, it must evolve with the times in order to continue to make a difference.

Since it was first published in 2007, the OECD/DAC Multilateral Aid Report has been at the forefront of documenting donors' policies and practices in funding multilateral institutions and in making the case for more effective funding and use of the multilateral system.

Multilateral Aid 2015: Better Partnerships for a Post-2015 World contributes to the broader debate on how to implement the post-2015 development agenda. It argues that in an increasingly inter-connected world and with the adoption of the broader and universal post-2015 development agenda, multilateral organisations have a fundamental role to play to meet a growing demand for better global solutions and policy co-ordination, as politically neutral conveners of global partnerships and as a recognised source of knowledge and expertise. But to be fit for purpose, multilateral organisations will need to implement a challenging change agenda to both address the unfinished business of internal reforms and respond to a fast-changing global environment. This change agenda can only bear fruit if accompanied by behavioural changes from bilateral providers, who shape these organisations through their governing bodies and funding decisions.

Multilateral Aid 2015 identifies policy areas where action is most needed to strengthen inclusive partnerships and enable well-functioning multilaterals in post-2015: (i) making best use of all resources available for development, including earmarked funding which growing fast, and (ii) leveraging knowledge and resources from providers beyond the DAC. The report provides recommendations to implement changes in these areas.

Expected outcomes:

This event presents a timely opportunity to use the findings from *Multilateral Aid 2015* to discuss some of the major issues in the current debate on how to implement the sustainable development agenda in an expanding multilateral stakeholder context. In particular, the event will serve as an opportunity to discuss the important role that multilateral organisations at large - traditional, new, global and regional - will need to play for mobilising more resources and providing integrated development solutions. It will also address some of the key shifts in financing models and *modi operandi* that both bilateral providers and multilateral organisations will need to make to keep pace with the fast-changing environment and be fit to support the broader development agenda.

Detailed schedule:

8.30	Opening and Introductory remarks by Mr. Sean Sherlock, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Ireland
8.40	High-level panel discussion
9.10	Questions and answers
9.43	Closing remarks