

Expert Reference Group Meeting – 3-4 October 2013

OECD Conference Centre – Room 20
2, rue André-Pascal, Paris 16e

REVISED DRAFT AGENDA

THURSDAY 3 OCTOBER 2013

Registration and Welcome

12:30 – 13:00 **Registration**

13:00 – 13:30 **Sandwich Lunch and Welcome by the DAC Chair**

The DAC Chair will open the meeting with a few words of welcome and introduce participants. This will also be an opportunity to adopt the agenda, and discuss and agree on meeting objectives and outcomes. Sandwiches and refreshments will be served.

SESSION 1

Chair: Mr. Erik Solheim

Measuring Development Finance: A Situation Report

13:30 – 13:45 **Presentation** by the DAC Secretariat comprising:

- Highlights of the debate on development finance post-2015, including an introduction of the DAC High Level Meeting mandate;
- An overview of the current international system for measuring development finance: who does what; what is the role of the DAC statistical system and is the current system fit for purpose?

13:45 – 15:30 **Discussion** to focus on identifying gaps in the international measurement system and whether and how to modernise the DAC's statistical coverage of resources for development. Proposed lines of enquiry will include:

- Are all the major elements of development finance (actors, flows, modalities and instruments) adequately measured and covered? Where are the gaps?
- What might be the best avenues for improving data availability?
- How can the DAC statistical system be built upon to accommodate the ever-increasing number of development actors, instruments and modalities?

A discussion paper *“Measuring Development Finance: A Situation Report”* will outline the key background elements for the discussion.

Background Paper No. 1 *“Gearing up for the post-2015 development financing strategy; modernising the DAC statistical system”* sets the overall picture regarding external development finance and how the DAC statistical system could be modernised.

15:30 – 15:45 **Coffee break**

SESSION 2

Chair: TBD

New Measures of National and Official Development Finance?

15:45 – 16:00 **Presentation** by the DAC Secretariat on key issues surrounding a new overall measure of development effort – In addition to suggesting possible expenditures to include in a new measure of “provider budgetary effort”, the “recipients benefit” or “recipient resource receipts” concept will be addressed.

16:00 – 17:30 **Discussion** with proposed lines of enquiry:

- What should be included in a new headline measure of development effort? How best to measure “provider budgetary effort”? How to better identify actual resource transfers (“recipient benefit”) to developing countries? What should be included in these two potential measures?
- How can a framework for measuring and monitoring external development finance be fully representative of today’s development landscape? How can it better integrate new actors and serve the interests of all stakeholders (e.g. how to better represent South-South co-operation, technical assistance and alternative forms of co-operation)?
- How can a new framework better record resources provided to developing countries through market-like instruments (risk mitigation instruments, equity investments)?
- Similarly, what additional measures (e.g. overall national effort) would provide a more inclusive picture of the new development landscape – beyond the measures suggested above to better monitor “provider effort” and “recipient benefit”?

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17:30 – 20:00 **Break**

20:00 – 21:30 **Dinner** hosted by the DAC Chair in the Salon George Marshall - Château de La Muette

FRIDAY 4 OCTOBER 2013

SESSION 3

Chair: TBD

Revisiting the Official Development Assistance Concept

- 09:30 – 09:45 **Presentation** by the Secretariat on ODA definition and criteria (official origin, recipient eligibility, promotion of economic development/welfare, concessional in character): strengths and weaknesses, reform proposals.
- 09:45 – 10:45 **Discussion** on the revision of ODA: how concessionality of loans should be assessed; how to measure market-like instruments and new mechanisms; is the ODA definition too broad or too narrow, or too old-fashioned?
- A discussion paper “*Revisiting the ODA Concept*” will highlight the key background elements for the discussion.
- Background Paper No. 2 outlines a list of recent ODA reform proposals.
- 10:45 – 11:00 **Coffee Break**
- 11:00 – 13:00 **Discussion (continued)**
- Fifteen minutes should be reserved at the end for the Group to draw up and agree on conclusions and next steps. A sandwich lunch will be served. Experts may leave immediately after the discussion, should their travel plans require it.

Debriefing DAC Delegates

Chair: Mr. Jon Lomøy

- 13:00 – 14:00 **Meeting DAC Delegates**
- Participants will include DAC delegates, the Session Chairs and the DCD Director. Experts’ participation is optional. The event will consist of a short debriefing by Session Chairs and end with a Q&A.
- 14:00 End of the Expert Reference Group meeting
- 14:30 A DAC Development Debate will immediately follow the Expert Reference Group meeting, at which Development Initiatives Executive Director Judith Randel will present Development Initiatives’ *Investments to End Poverty Report*, launched in New York on 23rd September 2013.