

Southern CSO and DAC Roundtable: ODA and broader development finance in a post-2015 world *Including the launch of the 2014 Reality of Aid Report*

Draft Concept Note

4 December 2014, 4.00 – 7.30 pm

OECD Conference Centre, Auditorium, Paris

In December 2012, OECD-DAC Ministers and Heads of Agencies acknowledged the profound changes of the development finance landscape and the need to modernise the concepts and measurement of external development finance. At their upcoming High-Level Meeting (HLM) on 15-16 December 2014, they are expected to provide further guidance on a number of key elements that will help shape the framework for measuring and monitoring development finance post-2015. In this context, the Reality of Aid Network (RoA), the CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness (CPDE) in co-operation with the OECD Development Assistance Committee (OECD-DAC) are co-organizing a roundtable on “ODA and broader development finance in a post-2015 world”.

The roundtable aims to provide an opportunity for CSOs from the South and the OECD-DAC to discuss key priorities in providing and measuring development finance in the light of the upcoming High-Level Meeting and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) agenda. This roundtable is part of a series of engagement activities carried out by the OECD-DAC in preparation for its HLM in December 2014. It is an opportunity for CSOs from the South and DAC members to exchange views on the new development finance landscape, after a first seminar already held on 20 November at the OECD with CSOs mainly from OECD countries. The debate will focus on the issues that are at the heart of the current international debate on financing for development and that are expected to shape the agenda for the 3rd UN-led Conference on Financing for Development due to take place in Addis-Ababa in July 2015. The DAC work is focused on:

- **Modernising ODA, to better measure the way concessional loans are treated.**
- **Increasing overall allocations of concessional finance towards countries most in need**, fully recognizing the diversity of individual incentive frameworks of the DAC membership.
- **Establishing a new, more comprehensive measure of Total Official Support for Sustainable Development (TOSD)**, which would cover the totality of official resources in support of sustainable development and global public goods deemed relevant for development.
- **Creating the basis for assessing the effectiveness of development co-operation by working further on increasing transparency of resource inflows to developing countries.**

Objective of the Roundtable

This event will be a forum for CSOs from developing countries and OECD-DAC members to share views and perspectives on the various reform elements of the OECD-DAC development finance measurement framework. It is also an opportunity to explore mechanisms for regular dialogue in the future. Finally, it provides a platform for launching the 2014 Reality of Aid report and put its conclusions into perspective.

Agenda

- CSO-DAC Roundtable, 4.00 – 6.00 pm
 - **Introductory remarks by Mr. Erik Solheim, DAC Chair and Rev. Malcolm Damon, RoA Chair** about the main issues related to the measurement of development finance.
 - **A panel of representatives** from the DAC and CSOs will provide their views on specific aspects of the current reform process. The floor will then be open for a **Q&A session**. The panel will be comprised of:
 - **Moderator: Vitalice Meja, RoA Africa**
 - **Alberto Croce, Fundación SES/LATINDADD** (on the Latin America perspective on modernising ODA)
 - **Josephine Kamel Youssef, AWEAPON** (on TOSD, focusing on peace & security aspect)
 - **Erin Palomares, RoA Asia Pacific** (Private sector financing)
 - **A DAC representative** (*Exact name to be confirmed*)
- Cocktail for the launch of the 2014 Reality of Aid Report, 6.00 – 7.30 pm

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