2014 DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION FORUM

SUMMARY OF SIDE EVENT

Getting the right information into the right hands: Transparency and Open data for the Post-2015 Agenda

Hosted by Publish What You Fund, Development Initiatives, UNDP, Open Aid Partnership

CHAIR

Dr. David Hall-Matthews, Director, Publish What You Fund

PANEL

Ms. Viviana Caro Hinojosa, Minister of Development Planning, Plurinational State of Bolivia
Mr. Robin Uyterlinde, Head of the Budgetary Affairs Division at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the Netherlands
Mr. Danny Sriskandarajah, Director, CIVICUS
Mr. Tony German, Executive Director, Development Initiatives
Ms. Mariam Sherman, Director for Results, Openness & Effectiveness, The World Bank Group
Mr. Niloy Banerjee, Director Knowledge, Innovation and Capacity Group, Bureau for Development, United Nations Development Program (UNDP)

EVENT SUMMARY

This event intended to create a multi-stakeholder dialogue on how transparency, open data and accountability can enhance the impact of the Post-2015 agenda. By showcasing existing initiatives, particularly in the Netherlands and Bolivia, the audience could see on how open data provides a tool for governments, international financial institutions and civil society to monitor and better coordinate finance for development resources.

The panel discussed what can be done in order to make transparency and open data an effective tool to achieve sustainable development outcomes, while exploring how this can be built into the post-2015 development agenda. They also specifically attempted to address the following questions:

- What's the landscape of transparency for development cooperation?
- How can transparency and open data improve the delivery of sustainable development outcomes?
- How can these efforts be a concrete part of the post-2015 agenda and further its impact?

WHO	WHAT
Mr. David Hall-Mathews, Director Publish What You Fund	Introduce Publish What You Fund, the panel and agenda. Show Publish What You Fund video: Transparency & Results on the Ground.
Mr. Tony German, Executive Director, Development Initiatives	Provide background and context on development finance and the landscape of transparency in development cooperation.
Ms. Viviana Caro Hinojosa, Minister of Development Planning, **Plurinational State of Bolivia**	The experience of Bolivia: • How transparency; open and citizen engagement, why this is important • What Bolivia is doing: recent launch of interactive map tracking loans and grants for development • Work on feedback mechanism for citizens (feedback loops) and focus on social inclusion
Ms. Mariam Sherman, Director for Results, Openness & Effectiveness, The World Bank Group	The experience of the World Bank: • What is the World Bank's contribution towards strengthening transparency and improving the availability and use of open data? • What are the World Bank's recommendations on how greater transparency and open data can feature in the post 2015 development agenda and improve the delivery of sustainable development outcomes?
Mr. Robin Uyterlinde, Head of the Budgetary Affairs Division at the **Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the Netherlands**	The experience of the Netherlands: • How transparency and open data helps the Netherlands to coordinate its cooperation, why this is important • What Netherlands is doing: recent launch of interactive map using IATI data
Mr. Danny Sriskandarajah, Director, **CIVICUS**	The experience of civil society: • Why transparency and open data is important for civil society? • CSO transparency initiatives: The Big Data Shift project
Mr. Niloy Banerjee, Director Knowledge, Innovation and Capacity Group, Bureau for Development, **United Nations Development Program (UNDP)**	The experience of UNDP (and the UN system) • How transparency and open data helps the work of the UN system in development, why this is important • Initiatives in which UNDP is involved.
Chair invites questions from the audience	The chair asks: **How can these efforts be a concrete part of the post-2015 agenda and further its impact**
David Mathews-Hall, Publish What You Fund	Wrap up and final message: • The development community is making important efforts on implementing transparency and accountability for development. These efforts need to be accelerated so 2015 goals are achieved. • Audience is invited to watch for more events and activities in the context of Publish What You Fund's new campaign Road to 2015: Open Data for Sustainable Development.