

Concept Note

Side event

Strengthening Follow-up and Accountability: what options for FFD's future?

Co-organisers: Addis Ababa CSO Coordinating Group and Women's Working Group on FFD

Facilitating organizations: CIDSE, Society for International Development, Beyond-2015, Bread for the World, Christian Aid, ACT Alliance, International Budget Partnership

Description of Event

The Addis Ababa International Conference on Financing for Development will provide an agreement and follow up mechanism for the wide-ranging and ambitious agenda of the Monterrey Consensus and Doha Declaration. The measure of the commitment of states to orient the financial system and related components within the trade and monetary system to sustainable development and the human rights agenda will be gauged by the strength of the follow-up process.

At the same time, given the other political processes in the UN in 2015, agreements in Addis Ababa are essential to provide an important part of the means of implementation of the Post-2015 framework and its Sustainable Development Goals. These processes are complementary and need to relate to each other, yet each has a quite distinct history, features and purposes and needs to maintain certain integrity. Both need continued dialogue and engagement of their respective stakeholders to enable innovative and expert thinking and input.

The Doha declaration acknowledged the need to strengthen the Financing for Development follow-up process and make it more effective. However, until now proposals to address this gap have not been acted upon.¹ Addis Ababa provides an opportunity to address this gap, learning from what has and has not worked so far. Insofar as agreements in Addis Ababa will form an important part of the means of implementation of the Post-2015 framework and Sustainable Development Agenda, it is essential the discussion on the follow-up of the Addis Ababa outcome document clarifies its role and interaction vis-à-vis the Monitoring, Accountability and Review of such framework and goals at the local, national, regional and global level.

The side-event will be an important space to discuss:

- What lessons from the current follow-up FFD?
- How to ensure normative discussions on FFD are effectively advanced?
- How to ensure that the Addis Ababa outcome supports SDG implementation through monitoring, accountability and review from the global to the local level.
- The design, representation and resourcing of the mechanisms
- Gaps that remain in the Addis Ababa follow up and how best to address them

Format:

1. A Panel made up of high level representatives from Member States (adequately reflecting the diversity of views on follow-up and accountability), from the UN system, other institutional stakeholders (international or regional financial institutions) and civil society.
2. Interactive discussion between the panelists with a reserved slot for audience participation

¹ Para 89, see for instance A/67/353 Report of the Secretary General. Modalities of the financing for development follow-up process. 31 August 2012

Practical:

When: Wednesday 15 July 2015, 1.15-2.45pm

Venue: Elilly Hotel, Classic Hall

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