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BACKGROUND

Over the last decade, the development policy debate has been dominated by the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). This set of development policy objectives has proved to be a very effective tool for public awareness-raising and campaigning on development issues. At the same time, however, the last ten years have also highlighted the weaknesses of a development policy approach which is focused primarily on combating the most extreme forms of income poverty and hunger and meeting communities' basic needs. In view of the changes taking place in global economic and (power-)political relations – China's upsurge in significance being an obvious example – the division of the world into "industrialised" and "developing" countries, with an affluent North and impoverished global South, seems increasingly anachronistic. In our ever more interdependent world, countries which were long characterised as "developing" or "emerging" nations are now helping to shape the international policy agenda and bringing their own ideas and concepts to the table. The global power shift, the emergence of new strategic alliances and the growing importance of global public goods are just some of the crucial factors influencing the international community's efforts to negotiate a new development agenda. Some of the emerging countries are themselves now playing a greater role as development actors in other countries and regions of the world – a major paradigm shift in the global development architecture. These changes bring new challenges and offer new opportunities. Above all, they force us to question the usefulness of development goals which, although formulated at the global level, are mainly relevant to a narrowly defined group of "poor" countries.

In recent years, processes which seek to identify alternative concepts of development and models of prosperity have been initiated at various levels. At the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) the international community agreed to develop a set of sustainable development goals (SDGs). However, they will be elaborated in a different organisational setting to the post 2015 Millennium Development Goals planning process. Aspirations to combine both agendas in the near future were disappointed.

Against this background, the Development and Peace Foundation (SEF), together with the Global Policy Forum and the United Nations Association of Germany, will give a discussion floor to those still demanding and working for a common agenda. The Symposium will explore the fundamental issue of what development will mean in an increasingly complex and differentiated world in future. Which new strategies and forms of cooperation must be developed at the global policy level in response to an increasingly diverse cast of actors and growing global interdependencies? This year's Symposium will provide a platform here in Germany for the debate – now being conducted with growing intensity by international civil society and policy-makers – about the future of the MDGs and their institutional parameters, and, in particular, will explore the implications for UN institutions and other Bonn-based organisations.

The Bonn Symposium is a platform for the exchange of international knowledge and experience on the implementation of the sustainable development principle. As a core event for Bonn as an International City, the Bonn Symposium aims to raise the City's external profile as a centre of excellence for sustainable development issues.

: Tuesday, 13 November 2012

Deutsche Welle, Bonn

Chairing the conference

Conny Czymoch

Journalist, TV Anchor, Bergisch Gladbach

09.30 hrs

Registration and coffee

WELCOME

10.00 hrs

Erik Bettermann (tbc)

Director

Deutsche Welle, Bonn

Karin Kortmann (tbc)

State Secretary (ret.)

Chairperson of the Executive Committee of the
Development and Peace Foundation (SEF), Bonn

10.15 hrs

Greeting by

Professor Jakob Rhyner

Director

Institute for Environment and Human Security (UNU-EHS) and Vice-Rector of the United Nations University in Europe (UNU-VIE), Bonn

PART I

EXPECTATIONS OF A POST-2015-DEVELOPMENT-AGENDA

10.30 hrs

Keynotes

Roberto Bissio

Coordinator

Social Watch Network, Montevideo

Eva Joly MdEP (tbc)

Chair

Committee on Development of the European Parliament, Brussels

11.15 hrs

Plenary discussion

12.00 hrs

Lunch

PART II

BASES, SCOPE AND LIMITATIONS.

THE NORMATIVE FRAMEWORK FOR A NEW DEVELOPMENT AGENDA

Key questions

What is the normative framework for a future global development agenda? Which themes/sectors should this agenda cover? Should the future development agenda apply only to the “developing countries”, or should it adopt a universal approach? What are the consequences caused by a different organisational set up for future SDGs and MDGs?

13.00 hrs

Input

Khalid Malik (tbc)

Director

Human Development Report Office, UNDP

Comments

Charles Abugre-Akelyira (tbc)

Regional Director Africa

UN Millennium Campaign, Nairobi

Gabriele Köhler (tbc)

Development economist

Mara Simane

Consultant

Cross Sectoral Coordination Centre for the Latvian National Development Plan 2014-2020

14.00 hrs

Plenary discussion

15.00 hrs

Coffee break

PART III**WORKSHOPS****BUILDING BLOCKS FOR A NEW DEVELOPMENT AGENDA****Key question**

Which thematic areas should feed into a new development agenda? Different actors set different priorities, some of which will be presented and discussed as examples during the workshop sessions.

15.30 hrs

Parallel workshop sessions

WS A**A practical response to the globalised high-protein feed production****– German**

Organiser: **Stiftung Umwelt und Entwicklung**

In the global animal feed production, there are two models opposing each other: the dominating type of a global division of labor and the local production type. In the global scheme, the Europeans usually produce and export grain, while soy is being produced in South and North America. How and why has this economy been established like that? Which problems result from such a division of labor and which benefits could derive from a regional production? These questions will be debated on the topic of high-protein animal feed production.

WS B**In search of a new development narrative****– English**

Organiser: **European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes**

There have been numerous calls for a new development narrative/paradigm in the past. The EADI/DSA Conference in September 2011 aimed to generate ideas on new narratives and universals for this changing world and asked some hard questions: Whether 'development' should be more about 'global development' or 'one-world' and how is this consistent with a focus on the poorest and 'the bottom billion'? How can we work with uncertainty as the norm rather than stability? How can we better address vulnerability and resilience, two critical dimensions of sustainability, in conceptual analysis and strategic implementation when discussing development? Building on these questions and the outcomes of this conference, a working paper (to be published in October 2012) will be presented and discussed.

WS C**Sustainability, green economy, green growth... what next?****– German**

Organiser: **Deutsche UNESCO-Kommision**

The main aim of the concept of "green economy" is to build a "bridge" towards the concept of sustainable development. Sustainable development has been declared as global objective in theory, but there are few serious implementation efforts. Rio +20 almost ended up in tearing down even this bridge. What does the current discourse shift mean, in particular for the cultural and social dimensions of sustainable development and education for sustainable development?

WS D**Titel****– English**

Organiser: **Germanwatch**

18.00 hrs

WALK TO HAUS DER GESCHICHTE

: Tuesday, 13 November 2012

Public Debate

Haus der Geschichte, Bonn

Chair

Conny Czymoch

Journalist, TV Anchor, Bergisch Gladbach

WELCOME

18:30 hrs

Angelica Maria Kappel

Mayor of the Federal City of Bonn

Marc Jan Eumann

State Secretary

Ministry for Federal Affairs, Europe and the Media of
North Rhine-Westphalia, Düsseldorf

PLENARY

Global Development Goals: A common Agenda for All?

Input

Carlos Lopes (tbc)

Executive Secretary of the UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), Addis Ababa

Comments

Christine von Weizsäcker

President

ECOROPA

Jens Martens

Director

Global Policy Forum Europe, Bonn

20:30 hrs

RECEPTION HOSTED BY THE CITY OF BONN

: Wednesday, 14 November 2012

Deutsche Welle, Bonn

Chairing the conference

Conny Czymoch

Journalist, TV Anchor, Bergisch Gladbach

08.30 hrs

Registration and coffee

PART IV

POWER, INTERESTS AND ALLIANCES.

AGENDA-SETTING UNDER NEW GEOPOLITICAL CONDITIONS

Key questions

Which (power-political) interests are the various actors pursuing in the development of a new agenda? Which role do conventional alliances of states within the UN play, particularly the G77 as the largest organization of the global South? Do new state alliances beyond the traditional categories of North/South respectively Industrial-/Developing countries emerge? Which measures can be taken to include the interests of small states, indigenous peoples and civil society organisations in the discussions of a new development agenda appropriately?

09.00 hrs

Input

Barbara Adams (tbc)

Senior Advisor

Global Policy Forum Europe

Comments

Sascha Gabizon (tbc)

Executive Director

Women in Europe for a Common Future

Martin Khor (tbc)

Executive Director

South Centre, Geneva

Paula Lucci

Research Officer

Overseas Development Institute (ODI), London

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Centre for International Governance Innovation, Canada

10.00 hrs

Plenary discussion

11.00 hrs

Coffee break

PART V**WORKSHOPS****WHO WILL DETERMINE THE NEW DEVELOPMENT AGENDA?****Key question**

Shaping and implementing a new agenda for development is not just a matter for the world's countries and governments. Which role can, and should, be played by other institutions/actors?

11.30 hrs

Parallel workshop sessions

WS A**Shaping global development cooperation:
The role of the EU in the United Nations****– English**

Organiser: **Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE)**

The United Nations are a key forum for shaping international cooperation. What is the role of the EU Commissions and member states in this regard? What are the opportunities and challenges in coordinating positions within the UN? In particular, what role will the EU Commissions and member states play in shaping the post-2015 development agenda? These questions will be discussed in the course of this workshop on the role of the EU in the United Nations.

WS B**Overrated or Underestimated? The Influence of Private Foundations
on the Global Development Agenda****– English**

Organiser: **Institut für Entwicklung und Frieden (INEF)**

Private donors do not only contribute financial resources, but are expected to be more “effective” in development cooperation. For critics, however, it seems quite problematic that public goods are increasingly delivered by private actors. How do private foundations, as one type of private actor, shape the global development agenda? What kind of problems and challenges do they have to cope with? How do they try to achieve their goals, and what impacts do they have?

WS C**MDG's and the role of the media:
Ranging from traditional to new interactive forms****– English**

Organiser: **Deutsche Welle**

Do you use the media to implement your development agenda? The discussion in this workshop is supposed to show which role traditional as well as new social media can play within development cooperation. Be it E-Learning networks, blogs, facebook sites or SMS responses – already there exists a wide range of possibilities to involve your partner on the spot into the process of development and evaluation.

13.30 hrs

Lunch break

PART VI**OUTLOOK.****STRATEGIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF A FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AGENDA****Key questions**

What steps are required to bring together the global sustainability and MDG-agenda? What can be expected and demanded by the new „High-level Panel of Eminent Persons“ for the future development agenda? What by the SDG working group? What should the division of work in formulating a new development agenda between states, UN, civil society and science look like? Which are the future fora to formulate and safeguard global development goals?

15.00 hrs

Input

Hans-Jürgen Beerfeltz (tbc)

State Secretary

Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Berlin

Comments

Maja Göpel

Director Future Justice

World Future Council, Hamburg

Dr Hildegard Lingnau (tbc)

Senior Counselor

Development Cooperation Directorate at the OECD

Dr Amy Pollard (tbc)

Co-Chair of Beyond 2015

Lead Analyst on Post-MDGs at CAFOD

15.45 hrs

Plenary discussion

16.30 hrs

Closing remarks by the organisers

Jens Martens

Director

Global Policy Forum Europe, Bonn

Dr Michèle Roth

Executive Director

Development and Peace Foundation (SEF), Bonn