

Annotated Agenda

Retreat of the Group of Friends of Monterrey
January 28th and 29th, 2016
Mexico City, Mexico

Overall objectives:

- **Take stock and advance on a common understanding of the correlation between relevant outcomes of the international processes on development issues** taking place in 2015, namely, the Conference on Financing for Development (Addis Ababa, July), the UN Summit for the Adoption of the Post-2015 Development Agenda (New York, September) and the 21st Conference of the Parties of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.
- **Identify synergies between the FfD Agenda and the 2030 Agenda**, focusing on the specific contributions of these processes for the implementation of the SDGs.
- **Discuss how to best take advantage of the renewed and strengthened FfD follow-up process** in order to ensure the implementation of the commitments. For this matter, it will be important to discuss and agree whether the follow up will be qualitative or quantitative, as well as to take stock on how to take full advantage of its potential contribution to the implementation of the 2030 Development Agenda and the SDG's.
- **Discuss how the recommendations report of the FfD Forum will be shaped**, in order to deliver it to the HLPF, taking into account if it should be focused into one thematic area or more general in its content.

The dynamic of the meeting will be based on brief expert inputs followed by an open and dynamic discussion under Chatham House rule.

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Thursday, January 28th, 2016

9:00 – 10:30

Opening Session

This session intends to reflect on the challenges in terms of coherence between the parallel processes (The Conference on Financing for Development, the UN Summit for the Adoption of the Post-2015 Development Agenda and the 21st Conference of the Parties of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change). In that regard, there will be a general overview on the kind of recommendations we need to focus on and the questions that must be addressed.

- Welcoming remarks by Ms. Gina Casar, D.E. of AMEXCID and Germany Dominik Ziller, Deputy Director General for Global Affairs (10')
- H.E. Oh Joon, President of ECOSOC, U.N. (5')
- AAAA Facilitators: H.E. George Talbot of Guyana and H.E. Geir Pedersen of Norway (10')
- Mr. Alexander Trepelkov, Director of the Financing for Development Office, UNDESA (5')
- *Key Note Speech, Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University (15')*
- Reactions from participants (35')

10:30 -11:00

Coffee Break

11:00 –12:30

Plenary Session I

This plenary session will seek to guide the discussions on what do we need to have a very successful 1st Forum on FFD in April. Ms. Shari Spiegel will participate as a guest speaker to share with the participants a preliminary outline about the content and advances on the Report of the Inter-Agency Taskforce. The panel will

be shared by other colleagues from DESA, representatives of the UN Foundation and other non-profit organizations representing civil society and the private sector who will give their perspective on the FfD process.

- Background paper on what do we need to have a successful FfD Forum: UNDESA (10')
- Q&A (20')
- Advances on the Report of the Interagency Taskforce: Shari Spiegel (tbc) (10')
- Q&A (20')
- Comment CSO/UN Foundation (5')
- Comment Private Sector (5')
- Q&A (20')

Documentation: *Inter-agency Task Force on the follow-up to the Financing for Development outcomes and the means of implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (IATF on FfD).*

12:30 –14:00

Lunch

14:00 –15:30

Workshop 1 (Split-up Session): General Overview of the FfD Process & Follow-up

- **Group A & B: Modalities of First FfD Forum**

The objective is to exchange ideas regarding the FfD Follow-up Forum and to formulate expectations on topics and formats for the first FfD Forum. Participants are invited to comment and put their ideas on a pin board, that will be shared and discussed in the Plenary Session II.

Desired outputs: Discuss on (1) what are the key deliverables (formal and informal) of the Follow-up Forum); and on (2) how discussions should be structured or conducted to achieve these deliverables.

Documentation: *Background document: Modalities of First FfD Forum – Key Deliverables and Discussion Format.*

- **Group C & D: Options for a practical and robust monitoring of AAAA commitments**

The objective is to exchange ideas regarding a strong monitoring framework and to formulate recommendations for a monitoring framework for the AAAA.

Desired outputs: Discuss on (1) how a monitoring framework for FfD should look like and how it would relate to the monitoring of the 2030 agenda (2) on how different levels (national, regional and global) should be considered in the monitoring process.

Documentation: *Background document: Options for a Strong And Inclusive monitoring Framework.*

15:30 – 16:00

Coffee Break

16:00 -17:30

Plenary Session II: Reporting back from split-up sessions and open discussion

The session is oriented towards briefly presenting the results of the split-up sessions and sharing specific expectations and recommendations among participants that will be part of the final outcome document of the conference.

19:00 – 22:00

Cultural Dinner

Friday, January 29th, 2016

9:00 – 9:45

Recap of day 1

Mr. Zimmerman opens the second day of the meeting by sharing the main outcomes and conclusions from the first day (10')
The Role of MICs in FFD Agenda: Juan Pablo Prado and Carlos Cerda (15')
Q&A, reactions from participants (20')

9:45 – 10:00

Coffee Break

10:00 - 11:30

Workshop 2 (Split-up Session): Prospective

- **Group A : Coherence of the International Financial and Economic System and Sustainable Development (National Level)**

The objective is to discuss and collect proposals on how to strengthen policy coherence at the national level for an enabling domestic environment to advance on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. Also, to identify disruptors of policy coherence that can potentially have negative spillover effects on sustainable development and the mechanisms that could be used at the national level to address them.

Desired outputs: Discuss on (1) the disruptors for policy coherence at the national level (2) the influence on these disruptions and (3) how dialogue and coordination can be facilitated to overcome these disruptions.

Documentation: *Background document: Coherence of the national Financial and Economic Policies and Sustainable Development*

- **Group B: Coherence of the International Financial and Economic System and Sustainable Development (International Level)**

The objective is to discuss and collect proposals on how to strengthen policy coherence at the international level for an enabling environment to advance on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. Also, to identify disruptors of policy coherence that can potentially have negative spillover effects on sustainable development and the mechanisms that could be used at the international level to address them, and in particular the FfD Forum.

Desired outputs: Discuss on (1) the disruptors for policy coherence at the international level (2) the influence on these disruptions and (3) how dialogue and coordination can be facilitated to overcome these disruptions.

Documentation: *Background document: Coherence of the International Financial and Economic Policies and Sustainable Development*

- **Group C: Implementation of AAAAA through Multi-stakeholder Approaches**

The objective is to collect ideas on forms of multi-stakeholder approaches and ways on how they can contribute to the implementation of AAAAA commitments. Also, to identify the factors that can enhance MSHPs effectiveness.

- **Desired outputs:** Discuss on (1) how MSHPs can contribute to implementing AAAAA (2) how the private sector can be successfully integrated into MSHPs (3) how the civil society can be successfully integrated into MSHPs.

Documentation: *Background document: Implementation of AAAA Through Multi-stakeholder Approaches*

- **Group D: New International Development Architecture in Support of 2030 Agenda (ODA, MICs, SSC, etc)**

The objective is to identify and discuss challenges and opportunities of the emerging trends in international development cooperation to implement the 2030 Agenda.

- **Desired outputs:** Discuss on (1) the role that south south and triangular cooperation may play for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda (2) how the private sector and institutional investors can be better integrated into the development architecture (3) The role of ODA in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and how to ensure its effectiveness.

Documentation: *Background document: New International Development Architecture in Support of the 2030 Agenda*

11:30 – 11:45

Coffee Break

11:45 -13:00

Plenary Session III: Reporting back from split-up sessions and open discussion

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13:00-14:15

Lunch

14:15 –15:00

Wrap-up and conclusions

- Mr. Zimmermann (20')
- H.E. Oh Joon (5')

Farewell Mr. Dominik Ziller, Deputy Director General for Global Affairs , Germany, Ms. Gina Casar, E.D. of AMEXCID (10')