



**Preparing for the 2014 Development Cooperation Forum
Vienna Policy Dialogue**

**Advancing gender equality and the
empowerment of women: *role of
development cooperation***

Agenda

DAY 1: Thursday, 13 December 2012

Arrival and registration of participants

8:00 – 9:45 am

Welcome and Opening Remarks

10:00 – 11:00 am

Location: Conference Room M2

Official Opening

- ▶ Hon. Barbara Prammer, President of the Austrian National Council
- ▶ H.E. Luis Alfonso de Alba, Vice President of the Economic and Social Council
- ▶ Wu Hongbo, Under Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, UNDESA

Vienna Policy Dialogue: *purpose and expectations*

- ▶ Michelle Bachelet, Executive Director, UNWOMEN (*video message*)
- ▶ H.E. Michael Linhart, Director-General for Development Cooperation, Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs, Austria

Special address

- ▶ Wendy Harcourt, Senior Lecturer, International Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University Rotterdam
“New dynamics for gender equality in a changing development context”

SESSION 1: (*interactive plenary discussion*)

Development cooperation and gender equality: achieving MDGs and translating gender equality commitments into national policies, practices and systems

Location: Conference Room M2

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Moderator: Jon Lomøy, Director, Development Cooperation Directorate, OECD

Speakers: Mary-Anne Addo, Director, External Resources Mobilization Multilateral, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, Ghana

Shailaja Chandra, former first Executive Director of the National Population Stabilization Fund, India

Jeni Klugman, Director, Gender and Development, World Bank

Interactive discussion

Possible discussion questions:

1. What are innovative practices of development cooperation to effectively accelerate progress on gender equality and how can they be brought to scale? What are specific challenges in conflict-affected and vulnerable countries?
2. What are good country examples of national action plans on gender equality that are widely discussed and integrated in national development strategies and aid/partnership policies?

3. What is needed to ensure that international commitments on gender equality and human rights are respected at country level?
4. In light of trends to promote coherence and effectiveness of development cooperation, how can it be ensured that women and girls remain a priority through existing allocation mechanisms?

Lunch Break

1:00 – 3:00 pm

Parallel caucuses of stakeholder groups

(Provider countries / recipient countries / civil society and parliamentarians / UN system)

Location: Buffet in front of M2. Meeting rooms for provider countries: MOE05 / Developing countries: M2 / CSOs and parliamentarians: MOE07 / International Organizations: MOE12

SESSION 2: *(interactive plenary discussion)*

Gender equality in the post 2015 UN development agenda

Location: Conference Room M2

3:00 – 6:00 pm

Moderator: John Hendra, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy and Programme, UN Women

Speakers: Pirjo Suomela-Chowdhury, Director, UN Development Issues, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Finland

Luis Alfonso de Alba, H.E. Luis Alfonso de Alba, Vice President of the Economic and Social Council and Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations (tbc)

Lydia Alpizar, Executive Director, Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID)

Cecilia Lopez, Co-Founder and President, Centro Internacional de Pensamiento Económico y Social (CISOE)

Interactive discussion

Key messages: Wendy Harcourt, Senior Lecturer, International Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University Rotterdam

Possible discussion questions:

1. How can the lessons learned from the MDG experience be brought to bear on a post-2015 development agenda? How can greater emphasis be guaranteed on gender equality and women's rights in the post-2015 development agenda?
2. How can gender equality be better mainstreamed given the increased recognition of "inequality" as a predominant concern at global level while also ensuring that it becomes a core focus in every policy area of development cooperation at the same time?
3. How can development partnerships among all different development cooperation actors be geared towards the achievement of a gender-responsive development agenda and lead to long-term, inclusive development results?

Reception

6:00 – 8:00 pm

Location: in front of Conference Room M2

DAY 2: Friday, 14 December 2012

SESSION 3: *(short conversations followed by interactive debate)*

Development partnerships for gender equality: How can actors be more accountable for gender-specific development impact?

Location: Conference Room M2

10:00 am – 1:00 pm

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- Moderator:** Navid Hanif, Director, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, UNDESA
- Dialogue 1:** **Gender targets for development results: What can sectoral working groups and partnership policies achieve?** A conversation with H.E. Filloreta Kodra, Deputy Minister of Labour, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, Albania and Tony Tujan, jr., International Director, IBON Foundation and Chairperson Reality of Aid (*moderated by Alessandro Motter, Senior Liaison Officer, Inter-Parliamentary Union*)
- Dialogue 2:** **Accountability for commitments and results at global and sectoral level in a changing development context:** Kris Easter, Senior Development Advisor, USAID, Loredana Magni, Senior Expert, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Italy, and Luca de Fraia, Deputy SG of ActionAid Italy on global and sectoral MA in a conversation *moderated by Aine Doody, IrishAid, Co-Chair Gendernet*
- Dialogue 3:** **Transparency for gender equality: The effectiveness of information systems measuring aid that targets gender equality.** A conversation with Mayra Moro-Coco, Development Policy and Advocacy Manager, AWID and Hedwig Riegler, Chair, OECD/DAC Working Party on Development Finance Statistics moderated by *Dasa Silovic, Senior Advisor on Development Cooperation, UNDP*

Possible discussion questions following the dialogues:

1. Judging from existing examples, what are incentives to ensure that sectoral, national and global mutual accountability mechanisms and tools include gender-related targets and indicators to hold providers answerable and involve national advocates for gender equality in their deliberations?
2. What indicators and targets could be used to better monitor the gender impact of development cooperation in future? What role will the Busan indicator to track and make public allocations for gender equality and the empowerment of women and the common standard for transparency have?
3. How can accountability and transparency mechanisms help to track and monitor financing for gender equality and show their contribution to achieving development results?

Lunch Break

1:00 – 3:00 pm

SESSION 4: Gender-sensitive development cooperation hands-on: The success of gender-responsive planning and budgeting

Location: Conference Room M2

3:00 – 5:00 pm

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- Moderator:** Patti O'Neill, Co-ordinator, DAC Network on Gender Equality, OECD
- Speakers:** Gerhard Steger, Director General of the Budget Directorate, Ministry of Finance, Austria
- Baskota Krishna Hari, Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister and Council of Ministers, Nepal
- John Hendra, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy and Programme, UN Women
- Mukunda Julius Mugisha, Senior Programme Director, Forum for Women in Democracy, Uganda
- Key messages:** Andrea Cornwall, Director, Pathways of Women's Empowerment Programme, University of Sussex

Possible discussion questions:

1. What makes gender-responsive budgeting and planning a success story, both in provider and recipient countries? What are incentives and how can collaboration with a wide range of actors, including local governments, civil society, parliaments, and providers, be improved?
2. How can GRB contribute to the transition to sustainable development and more inclusive development cooperation?
3. How can providers best contribute to demand-driven efforts to build or strengthen national capacity for gender-responsive budgeting and planning?

CLOSING SESSION:

Promoting implementation and action on the ground

Location: Conference Room M2

5:00 – 5:30 pm

- ▶ **Irene Dubel**, Senior Advisor on Women's Rights, HIVOS
- ▶ **H.E. Luis Alfonso de Alba**, Vice President of the Economic and Social Council
- ▶ **H.E. Michael Linhart**, Director-General for Development Cooperation, Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs, Austria
- ▶ **Wu Hongbo**, Under Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, UNDESA