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Position of the African Union on the proposal of the Forum for 21st Century



Before starting to present our position on proposal, we have to express our worries and dissatisfaction. We consider the draft proposed by the Forum for the 21st Century highly unprofessional as it is not based on updated information, which is crucial for future development. To make it concrete:

-  There is unsubstantiated information which is generalized in scale of all development countries, which is not in accordance with global effort to make a development aid more targeted. (For example: it is not possible to evaluate development aid as uncoordinated in scale of all development countries without any specifics.)
-  There is self-denial statement which makes it impossible for the African Union to make a position. (For example – The proposal to establish a new organization, which would cost a lot of money but not to increase the volume of financial capital at the same time is not possible.)
-  The incorrect notions can cause a misunderstanding. We demand strict segregation of notions „donor“ and „investor“. This was not respected in that proposal.
-  The Organization of World Official Development Aid – new organization within structure of the UN is not feasible. We consider OCHA to have a role of a coordinator.
-  The proposal to make a controlling body of development aid would limit donors' sovereignty of making own decision about an allocation of its finance resources.
-  The Forum declared to change the point of view on the development aid. We consider this to be really needed, but we did not identify any new, concrete proposition of this



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new point of view on development aid. That is the reason why we are not able to take a clear position in this point of discussion.

- The phrase „investing activity of donors“ is confusing. We identify, as the main role of donors, to substitute missing social system in developing countries. This part of development aid is targeted to help the most vulnerable citizens of our planet.
- The challenge of the Forum towards the African Union to define the needs of its region is realized since the establishment of NEPAD.

Take into consideration: The 14th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the African Union (AU) held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in February 2010 adopted the Decision on the integration of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) into the structures and processes of the AU. This included the establishment of the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency (NPCA) as a technical body of the AU to replace the NEPAD Secretariat. The Assembly mandated NPCA to facilitate and coordinate the implementation of continental and regional priority programs and projects and to mobilize resources and partners in support of their implementation. It also directed the NPCA to conduct and coordinate research and knowledge management, monitor and evaluate the implementation of programs and advocate on the AU and NEPAD vision, mission and core values.

We cannot take the proposal of the Forum seriously as the proposal includes proposition which has been already implemented.

All, listed above, force us to express our concern about work and future relevance of the Forum.

We can express our will to make the development aid more effective. We are open to start world wide discussion on this issue.

However, with deep respect to the Forum we would like to kindly ask to redefine its proposal to make it based on facts.