



MUTUAL AGREEMENT

of the signatory bodies of the Economic Section negotiations within the frame

of the Forum for 21st Century

Poverty is undoubtedly the most challenging and key global issue which a society has to face. In present globalized world no one should be unconcerned to this severe problem and ignore the needs of other countries and regions. Forum for 21st Century realizes the share of responsibility that each country has in providing help to developing countries to fight the poverty and to integrate them into the world economy. In regard of the questionable effectiveness of current development assistance, the Forum strives to emphasize that the need of revalue the current cooperation and coordination of donors and recipients is inevitable.

On proposal of the Forum, the signatory bodies agreed on creating a tool, Platform for Development Assistance (PDA) to make development assistance more efficient through improving communication and a closer cooperation of all donors and recipients in the world with the aim to unite development assistance provided by donors with the needs of all countries receiving it. The establishment of PDA should help in creation of the synergetic multilateral world development assistance cooperation.

The signatory bodies agreed on following points:

i) The PDA represents the international database which will be placed under the supervision of the World Bank. The PDA will become a database of completed, ongoing and desired projects of countries, NGOs, organizations or private donors responsible for realization of development projects in recipient countries. The PDA will be organized as a general platform where all developing projects would be incorporated on global, regional, local and district level. It will be a mechanism based on the clusters on national level, in which development projects would be





divided according to its type and specialization and it is ought to be divided into eight general sectors: Agriculture and Food Security, Environment, Education, Health, Infrastructure, Science and Technology, Trade and Market Access and Gender Equality. The responsibility of the recipient countries will be to help stakeholders as much as possible with burden which administration in developing countries represents and also with future orientation of their development projects. The crucial principle will be utilizing as much as possible the experience and advice of each participant in the clusters, sharing useful information and avoiding the duplicity of development assistance provided and in this manner to offer development assistance in more effective way.

ii) As for the character of the PDA, the World Bank will provide its financial and technical support for PDA's establishment. The establishment of platforms will be ensured by the experts of the World Bank. In the specific clusters, namely Agriculture and Food Security, Health and Education, the World Food Programme will share its knowledge database and support synergies for projects within the platform. The People's Republic of China will provide its technical equipment for realization of the PDA. The responsibility for the management of every single cluster will fall under the representative originating from the recipient country. In his competence is to arrange cluster meetings within the country and to assist in diminishing administrative burdens.

iii) The evaluation results of providing development projects according to measurable indicators will be published annually in each cluster. The established database could be a good report area of development assistance provided which will be available for general public and follows some kind of control mechanism. All information that will be public in PDA database has to be available, true, comprehensive and public just in time. The PDA database containing the information of all projects and initiatives in every country could guarantee a transparency of development assistance.

iv) The recipient countries are challenged to define as clearly as possible the needs within their Country Assistance Strategies (CAS) and publish them in the internet database. The CAS identifies key areas where the stakeholders can have a biggest impact on poverty reduction.





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These strategies are considered a starting point of a country's own long-term vision. When developing regions have not defined CAS yet, they are encouraged to agree on a framework of activities specific for each country. In addition to the mentioned above, in order to increase development assistance effectiveness and effective implementation of PDAs, recipient countries should continue in their efforts towards stable political environment, democracy and country without corruption.

The signatory bodies agreed that the technical capacities and the internet database will be launched within a half year period and that the internet database will fully operate on 1 January 2013. The promotion of the PDA by each stakeholder in recipient country will follow immediately after signing of the document. The first official meeting on evaluation of the effectiveness of the platform will be held on 18 October 2014.

By signing this document, the signatory bodies express their will to implement agreed proposals within the time framework set.

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