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Policy Forum on Development Latin America Lima, 25-26 June 2014

Dialogue on “Localizing the post-2015 Development Agenda” 25 June 11:00-12:30

BACKGROUND

The Post 2015 Development Agenda is the first major policy process in the United Nations (UN) informed by a comprehensive global consultation, reaching large numbers of people, including policymakers, academics, experts, business people and interested citizens, and putting with a special focus on poor and vulnerable groups. The UN Development Group (UNDG) has guided this unprecedented effort, which has already influenced key reports such as those of the Secretary General (SG)’s High Level Panel of the Post-2015 Development Agenda (HLP) and the SG’s “A Life of Dignity for All”.

While the first phase of the consultation during 2013 was focused on the potential issues and areas to be included in a post-2015 development agenda, in 2014 the UNDG launched a new round of global consultations on the “means of implementation” of the future Sustainable Development Goals. In the framework of these consultations, the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) the United Nations Human Settlements Program (UN-Habitat) and the Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments for the Post-2015 Development Agenda towards Habitat III (Global Task Force) are co-leading the dialogue on **Localizing the post-2015 Development Agenda**.

The dialogue will run from April 2014 to April 2015 and will explore the consequences of localizing the new agenda priorities and what means of implementation will be needed at sub-national level, i.e. the need to identify the role of stakeholders, concrete mechanisms, tools and approaches to effectively translate the agenda into practice at the sub-national level.

The Dialogue on Localizing the post-2015 Development Agenda has the following major components:

- National and Territorial Dialogues in 14 Partner Countries
- Regional and Global Meetings
- E-discussions in the www.worldwewant2015.org/ platform
- Global Meeting in two hosting countries and New York

The results of the dialogues and the e-discussions will be presented to the UN General Assembly and will inform the UN Secretary General Report on the Post-2015 development agenda.

As part of this process, the European Commission and the co-leads of the dialogue on “Localizing the post-2015 Development Agenda” are organizing a regional dialogue during the EU Policy Forum on Development Latin America, to be held on 25 June 2014, from 11:00 to 13:30. Participants attending the EU Policy Forum are invited to join this dialogue to provide their views on the implementation of the future development agenda at sub-national level.

OBJECTIVE OF THE SESSION

In view of the importance of the global dialogue on localizing the post 2015 development agenda and the key role that local/regional governments, their associations, CSOs, local social and economic actors – trade unions, cooperatives, private sector - play in advancing sustainable development, the European Commission and the co-leads are partnering to host a dialogue on Localizing the post-2015 Development Agenda as part of the Policy Forum on Development Latin America.

The dialogue will allow discussing key issues for the effective implementation of the future Development Agenda at sub-national level and come up with concrete policy recommendations based on lessons learned, examples and the analysis of specific challenges and opportunities at sub-national level for the implementation of the post-2015 development agenda.

The dialogue will provide a platform for local/regional governments, CSOs and other relevant stakeholders to:

- Contribute to the broad-based dialogue on the means of implementation of the post-2015 development agenda at sub-national level;
- Discuss around specific issues such as: roles and functions of local/regional governments, their associations, CSOs, relevant social and economic actors – trade unions, cooperatives, private sector - to achieve the proposed targets; mechanisms and processes to facilitate implementation at sub-national level; mechanisms allowing collaborative dynamics between different stakeholders at territorial level; capacity gaps of relevant stakeholders at sub-national level; participation and inclusiveness for the implementation process including sub-national accountability mechanisms to populations.
- Make recommendations which will feed the Dialogue report, which will be made available to the UN General Assembly to support the negotiation processes to achieve a global consensus on the post-2015 development agenda.

Participants are invited to give their contribution to the following questions:

1. What are the **main factors that favour or hinder** the participation of local actors in the implementation of the Development Goals agreed at UN level? (factors that might be structural, political, institutional, human, economic, cultural)

What mechanisms/instruments/dynamics do you know or propose to facilitate the implementation of the future Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)/ Post-2015 Agenda, and particularly:

2. How to promote local policies that integrate the **three dimensions of sustainable human development** (social, economic, environmental)?
3. How can national programs and international cooperation respond to the **demand and interests of the population at local level**? And how can local plans be better articulated with the national and global policies?
4. How to promote **further collaboration** among local authorities, civil society and private sector within a territory? How can **transparency** and **accountability** be enhanced in the implementation of the future SDGs? (internal/domestic and external mechanisms; at horizontal and vertical levels)
5. How can the future SDGs contribute to improve the **local/territorial service delivery** for the population? How to involve **traditionally marginalized groups** in the decision making processes at the local level so their demands can be heard?

In order to gather as many views as possible, participants are kindly invited to provide written answers to the questions prior to the Lima Forum by sending contributions to: info.art@undp.org

Additionally, participants will have the opportunity to provide further written comments during the Lima Forum dialogue; a space to collect these contributions will be made available in the room.

Finally, all participants are encouraged to share their views in the e-discussion hosted at: <http://www.worldwewant2015.org/localising2015> In this online platform participants can also share relevant articles, research studies, reports, etc.