

Preparatory Process for the Third International Conference on FfD  
First drafting session: Views on the elements and the zero draft  
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Mr. Co-facilitator,

Let me first make a concrete suggestion on the process.

To make full use of the opportunity where the Post 2015 negotiations will focus on Means of Implementation in April, and seek synergy, co-facilitators might consider organizing a joint session of FfD and Post 2015 during that week.

Now I would share my initial observations on the elements paper.

First, the outcome should be a compact document and easy to communicate. This is crucial in raising awareness of various stakeholders including the private sector.

On the structure, I have 3 points.

- 1) It should be one single document with no annex. The annex to the elements compiled by the Secretariat can be a good reference for some potential ideas but nothing more. It will not be treated as a text to be negotiated.
- 2) We support bundling private financing from domestic and international sources.
- 3) We fully support emphasis on data. Data is the prerequisite for effective monitoring, not only of FfD, MOIs but of the entire Post 2015 Development Agenda.

Next on the substance, I add my voice to EU and others that the outcome should reflect the change of international context with regard to development financing. In this respect, the outcome should fully take into account the report of ICESDF.

Lastly, let me answer to the last question on your elements paper: key deliverables in Adis. At this stage, I would only mention two key principles that should guide our considerations on the deliverables.

1) Global Partnership.

This is essential in order to mobilize all available resources and to use them effectively. All stakeholders including the private sector, practitioners of South- South cooperation and others should play their respective roles.

2) People-centered approach.

This is included as one of the principles of the “Strategic Approach” as described in the ICESDF report.

In our view, key to financing for sustainable development is to promote quality growth, quality investment, quality infrastructure and quality institutions so that the resources are directed to where they are most needed, namely;

- at the country level, to the most vulnerable countries including LDCs, LLDCs, SIDs and countries under conflict and
- at the sub-national level, to most vulnerable people, including women, to address inequality, disparity, and promote equity and shared prosperity in all countries.

I thank you.