

Expert Group Meeting on Asian Partnership in Financing SDGs

Dhaka: 15-16 May 2015

A Concept Note

Background. One of the major weaknesses of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) was the lack of clarity in specifying the availability of financing and other resources to achieve the declared objectives. The final outcome document of the [Open Working Group \(OWG\)](#) on the post-2015 international development goals has thus rightly included the Means of Implementation (MoI) as an important item of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In connection with the preparation for the upcoming third conference on [Financing for Development \(FfD\)](#) to be held in Addis Ababa (July 2015), discussion on issues related to financing are gathering momentum. In this context the relationship between the SDG and FfD processes are being clarified and the level of ambition of the outcome FfD document is being tested. Discussions are underway to identify specific financial and other needs of different groups of countries including their regional priorities.

The EGM. In this context an expert group meeting (EGM) titled “Asian Partnership on Financing SDGs” is being convened by the [Centre for Policy Dialogue \(CPD\)](#) in collaboration with [Southern Voice \(SV\)](#) on Post-2015 International Development Goals (Southern Voice) and in partnership with the [UN Millennium Campaign](#). The EGM is scheduled to take place in Dhaka on 15-16 May 2015.

Objectives. The prime objective of the EGM will be to explore the possible sources of finance and other means of implementation of the SDGs in the Asian context. The EGM will also try to assess the relevance of Busan process for improving the effectiveness of the financial flows in Asia. Concretely, the EGM will consider a regional framework paper and three thematic papers prepared for the meeting. The outcome of the EGM will feed into an integrated report (along with African perspectives) which will be disseminated at the FfD Conference in Addis Ababa.

Resources. As mentioned, the EGM will discuss a framework paper on financial and trade flows in Asia and provide an outlook for the FfD Conference.

The thematic studies, will focus on the following.

- i. The Asian Experience on Public Private Partnership (PPP)
- ii. Role of Overseas Remittances in Promoting Growth and Alleviating Poverty in Asia
- iii. Financing Data and Information Needs for Monitoring and Accountability Mechanism of the Post-2015 Agenda

The thematic papers will present cross-country perspectives in the context of post-2015 development agenda. Researchers with expertise in the abovementioned subjects from three different Asian countries will be approached to write the papers.

Outcome. The outcome of the EGM will be a set of summary and recommendations based on the proceedings. The outcome document will be subsequently integrated into a fuller report to be presented at a side event at the FfD Conference.

Participants. The EGM will be attended by about 15 participants. They will include the authors of the framework paper and the three thematic papers. A group of scholars and policy activists from the region along with government officials, development partners will be invited to the EGM. The proceedings will remain open to media.

CPD will identify and invite the participants as well as arrange their travel logistics.

Draft Programme Schedule

Day 1, 14 May 2015	
Opening Session	Framework Issues for Asian Partnership in Financing SDGs
	Refreshment
Working Session 1	Theme I: Public Private Partnership (PPP): The Asian Experience
	Lunch
Working Session 2	Theme II: Role of Overseas Remittances in Promoting Growth and Alleviating Poverty in Asia
	Refreshment
	Social Dinner
Day 2, 15 May 2015	
Working Session 3	Theme III: Financing Data and Information Needs for Monitoring and Accountability Mechanism of the Post-2015 Agenda
	Refreshment
Closing Session	Wrap-up and Discussion on the Draft Outcome Document
	Lunch