

The Second Development Cooperation Forum of the Economic and Social Council provided strategic input for the High Level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly, on the Millennium Development Goals in September. Contributions by all stakeholders including national governments, parliamentarians and representatives of civil society and local governments were instrumental to

- **Aid quality assessments need to be broadened to include additional key concerns of non-OECD stakeholders, on issues such as use of programme country evaluation systems, flexibility to combat exogenous shocks, and reducing policy and procedural conditionality.**
- **Mutual accountability is best exercised through high-level programme country-led processes, with full inclusion of parliaments, civil society organizations, and decentralised governments. Providers should support dramatic strengthening of such processes, especially in Sub-Saharan Africa and fragile states, by committing to individual targets, to ensure behavioural change.**
- **The international community should insist that global and regional accountability mechanisms use more inputs by programme country governments and non-executive stakeholders, and improve country-level relevance to change behaviour. It should assess their progress annually, create a focal point to share best practice lessons, and fully fund the best mechanisms.**
- **Greater transparency on development cooperation results should be strongly promoted, by including more detailed and timely analysis of a wi**