

OWG 10: Remarks by Denmark, Ireland and Norway on

Focus area 18: Means of implementation/Global partnership for sustainable development

To achieve the SDGs a **global partnership** is needed, consisting of a diversity of partnerships, stakeholders and means. We need to engage civil society, media, the private sector, the research community and other potential stakeholders in the implementation of the post-2015 agenda. Such a global partnership should be based on shared responsibility, delivering results, promoting policy coherence, resilience and strong accountability measures.

Appropriate and adequate **Means of Implementation** (MoI) will be important for the achievement of the SDGs. Therefore, we need to look at MoI in a **comprehensive** way. We would like to highlight some elements in this regard:

- A recommitment by developed countries to **meet ODA targets** is essential. Even if its relative importance is decreasing overall, ODA is still an important contributor to development financing in many countries and in particular for Least Developed Countries.
- Principles for **effective development cooperation** should be applied both to ODA and other sources of finance.
- It is equally important to think beyond ODA. The SDGs cannot be achieved without facilitating the substantial mobilization of **additional financial resources** – private and public, domestic and international.
- **Countries have a primary responsibility** for their own development and the means of implementation will need to be adapted to the specific needs and capacities of each country.
- **Domestic resource mobilization** is increasing in most countries. This is a promising trend that needs to be re-enforced, as sustainability depends on it.

- Vast resources that could have been spent on financing poverty eradication and sustainable development are lost due to **illicit financial flows, tax evasion and corruption**. Tackling these issues must be given high priority.
- Effective and targeted **capacity building** should support the national implementation of the SDGs.
- Policy and progress should be informed and measured by evidence based **data**.
- The diffusion of **technological solutions** in developing countries is essential.
- An **open, rules-based multilateral trade system** benefits all countries and should be promoted. A key element in this regard is the preferential market access for produce and products of Least Developed Countries.

We are not convinced of the practicality of attempting to design MOI for each Goal. A broader set of stakeholders has to be involved in such discussions.

We look forward to the report of the **Intergovernmental Expert Committee on Sustainable Development Financing** which will propose options on an effective sustainable development financing strategy to facilitate the mobilization of resources and their effective use in achieving sustainable development.

We are committed to an ambitious and universally agreed Global Partnership, including means of implementation and look forward to further discussions to this end.