**2030 Pact for Effective Development Co-operation**

*Development Effectiveness Dialogue Series: Dialogue #3*

# Mutual Benefits and Interests:

## Implications for the Effectiveness of Development Co-operation?

***Tuesday, 1 December 2026 | 13:00 to 14:30 CET | Virtual (via Zoom)***

***Register:*** *https://meetoecd1.zoom.us/meeting/register/VxnbOh89QdiKZ7B2-zQ7dw*

***Why this Dialogue?***

Mutual benefit is gaining prominence in development co-operation. Providers are articulating their economic and strategic interests more explicitly, while partner countries emphasise structural transformation, agency and self-reliance amid debt pressures. Different actors use similar language, but they do not always mean the same thing.

This Dialogue will not try to settle what mutual benefit means. It will explore the currently active debate on how the four development effectiveness principles (country ownership, focus on results, inclusive partnerships, and transparency and mutual accountability) can help guide partnerships towards results for partner countries.

***Questions we will discuss***

- What is changing in development partnerships as mutual benefit gains prominence, and whose expectations are shaping that change?
- Where could these approaches create more reciprocal and inclusive partnerships, and where will the biggest tensions arise?
- How can mutual benefit approaches uphold the commitment to leave no one behind?
- How can the effectiveness principles guide mutual benefit in practice?

***Programme***

**Welcome**

Moderator: **Professor Samuel Brazys**, University College Dublin.

**Presentation: The Politics of Mutual Benefit**

**Martha Getachew Bekele**, Development Transformations (DevTransform)

**Panel: Mutual benefit: what do we mean, expect and worry about?**

Senior voices from partner countries, DAC providers, South-South co-operation providers and the private sector.

**Open, interactive discussion**

With all participants.

**Closing**

**About the 2030 Pact**

The 2030 Pact for Effective Development Co-operation is a Sevilla Platform for Action initiative. It brings together governments, providers, civil society and other actors in informal, multi-stakeholder Dialogues on how to make development co-operation more effective. A summary of the perspectives shared can inform other processes, including the FfD4 follow-up.

More: https://www.effectivecooperation.org/book-page/2030-pact-effective-development-co-operation