PROGRAMME

INTRODUCTION (09.00-09.30)

Susanna Moorehead, Chair, OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC)
Pierre Habbard, General Secretary, Trade Union Advisory Committee to the OECD (TUAC)

SESSION 1 (09.30-11.00): THE PRIVATE SECTOR CONTRIBUTION TO THE SDGS AND THE “IMPACT IMPERATIVE” IN FINANCING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

It is widely recognised that a significant scale-up of investments is required to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The 2030 Agenda explicitly calls on business to contribute to sustainable development. Thus, the private sector should incorporate the SDGs in its visions and strategies. Evidence presented in the 2019 OECD Social Impact Investment report shows that most investors seek market rate returns, and the assessment of achieved social outcomes is uneven at best. All sustainable development finance actors share responsibility to deliver the 2030 Agenda, and this means adopting a shared understanding of what we mean when we talk about impact on sustainable development. This session will consider current practices in private investment for sustainable development, highlighting challenges and opportunities and especially what policy options can be triggered to improve private sector alignment with, and impact on, the SDGs.

MODERATED PANEL AND OPEN DEBATE

Moderator: Susanna Moorehead, DAC Chair

Haje Schütte, Senior Counsellor and Head of Division, Financing for Sustainable Development Division, OECD Development Co-operation Directorate
Pablo Antolin, Head of OECD Private Pensions Unit, OECD Directorate for Financial & Enterprise Affairs
Jan Kæraa Rasmussen, Head of ESG, PensionDanmark

Concluding remarks:
PIERRE HABBARD, TUAC GS

Coffee Break (11.00 – 11.30)
SESSION 2 (11.30-13.00): THE ROLE OF SOCIAL DIALOGUE IN ACHIEVING THE SDGS AND JUST TRANSITION

The Paris Agreement (PA) highlights “the imperatives of a just transition of the workforce and the creation of decent work and quality jobs in accordance with nationally defined development priorities”. Just Transition is based on an inclusive approach, bringing together workers, communities, employers and governments in social dialogue to drive the concrete plans, policies and investments needed for a transformation towards a low carbon economy. This objective is reflected throughout the 2030 Agenda such as in SDG 13 but also 6, 7, 11, 12 and 15. The DAC promotes coherence between the PA and development co-operation. This session aims at sharing experience on just transition and TUs involvement to draw policy drivers for innovative approaches to development co-operation.

MODERATED PANEL AND OPEN DEBATE

Moderator: Paola Simonetti, Deputy Director Economic and Social Policy Department, ITUC

Brian Kohler, Director - Health, Safety and Sustainability, IndustriALL Global Union
Hauwa Umar Mustapha, Head, Climate Change Desk, Nigeria Labour Congress
Jens Sedemund, Team Lead, Environment and Climate Change, OECD Development Co-operation Directorate

Concluding remarks:
SUSANNA MOOREHEAD, DAC CHAIR
MAMADOU DIALLO, DEPUTY GENERAL SECRETARY, ITUC

Lunch Break (13.00 – 14.30)

SESSION 3 (14.30-16.00): TRANSITION FINANCE STRATEGIES

The DCD is studying the behaviour of external finance as countries transition along their development path (for example from lower middle-income to upper middle-income status), including the eventual graduation from eligibility for ODA. Based on this research, the DCD is engaging with donors to support their capacity to put in place solid “transition strategies” for developing countries. To this end, the DCD is conducting country-based case studies in Africa (Cabo Verde, Zambia, Uganda), Latin America (Chile), the Middle East (Lebanon), and Asia (Vietnam). The focus of this session is to share the findings of those studies and highlight key elements to draw policy guidelines.
MODERATED PANEL AND OPEN DEBATE

Moderator: Jorge Moreira da Silva, Director, OECD Development Co-operation Directorate

Cecilia Piemonte / Jieun Kim, Policy Analysis & Strategy, Financing for Sustainable Development Division, OECD Development Co-operation Directorate

Ciara Begley, Development Officer, Permanent Representation of Ireland to the OECD

Concluding remarks:
SUSANNA MOOREHEAD, DAC CHAIR
PIERRE HABBARD, TUAC GS

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