STRENGTHENING CAPACITY FOR DEVELOPMENT CO-OPERATION IN THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC AND OTHER EMERGING EUROPEAN DONORS

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Wednesday 3 October 2012

13:00 – 13:30  Registration

How the Slovak Republic is responding to the Special Review of its Development Co-operation

The OECD has now completed four Special Reviews of European Union member states: the Czech Republic (in 2007), Poland (in 2010), the Slovak Republic (in 2011) and Slovenia (in 2012). These Special Reviews, which draw on the DAC Peer Review methodology, provide critical, helpful and respectful insights to support a country’s own efforts to strengthen its development co-operation programme and systems, including its role and obligations as a member state of the European Union. Special Reviews also provide an opportunity for the DAC to learn from the perspectives and experience of providers of development co-operation beyond its own membership.

This session will focus on how the Slovak Republic is using and building on the findings from its Special Review as it sets the future orientations for its development co-operation. Representatives from other countries that have had a Special Review will be encouraged to contribute to these reflections, based on their own experience of providing development co-operation.

Moderator: Ingrid Brocková, Ambassador and Special Representative of the Slovak Republic to the OECD

Welcoming remarks

Peter Burian, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic (10 minutes)

Main Findings and Recommendations of the DAC’s Special Review of the Slovak Republic

Brian Atwood, Chair, OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC) (20 minutes)

How the Slovak Republic is Responding to its Special Review

Peter Hulényi, Director, Department of Development Assistance and Humanitarian Aid, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic (15 minutes)

Open discussion (45 minutes)

15:00 – 15:15 Coffee break

Roundtable discussion on future orientations for the Slovak Republic’s development co-operation

Moderator: Michael Ward, Senior Policy Analyst, Review, Evaluation and Engagement Division, OECD

- Programme-based Approach in the Slovak ODA
  Mário Virčík, Director, Department of International Relations, Ministry of Finance of the Slovak Republic (10 minutes)

- Working With and Through NGOs
  Zuzana Fialová, Chairman of the Slovak NGDO Platform (10 minutes)

- The Role of the Slovak Republic and Other EU Member States in the European Union’s Development Policy
  Renate Hahlen, Deputy Head of Unit, Aid and Development Effectiveness and Financing Unit, Europe Aid, European Commission (10 minutes)

- Slovak Aid and Effective Multilateralism
  Daniel Hanspach, Emerging Donors Policy Specialist, UNDP Europe and the CIS, Bratislava Regional Centre (10 minutes)
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<td><strong>Global Platforms and Tools to Improve Slovak Aid Effectiveness</strong>&lt;br&gt;Frans van der Straaten, Regional Coordination and Partnerships, World Bank Institute (10 minutes)&lt;br&gt;Open discussion (40 minutes)</td>
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<td>17:00 – 18:00</td>
<td><strong>Conclusions, next steps and closing remarks</strong>&lt;br&gt;Peter Hulényi, Director, Department of Development Assistance and Humanitarian Aid, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic&lt;br&gt;Michael Laird, Senior Policy Analyst, Review, Evaluation and Engagement Division, OECD</td>
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