

Graduation and Differentiation, with regard to Vulnerability and Fragility

Side event organized by UN-OHRLLS and Ferdi

Development Cooperation Forum

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The side event will deal with the importance of taking into account vulnerabilities in the differentiation of countries, the definition of graduation rules and in the way donors ensure a smooth transition for graduated countries.

Building sustainability and resilience through development cooperation implies taking account the various types of vulnerability – economic, social and climatic – faced by developing countries.

For the least developed countries, vulnerability, that is a key element of the category, is not a compulsory criterion of graduation, but is considered more qualitatively and the UN General Assembly invited development partners to take it into account in their aid allocation, as a way to promote a smooth transition after graduation. At a quite higher level of income per capita vulnerability has also been recognized as an element to be taken into account for the graduation from the DAC list of developing countries eligible to ODA.

Furthermore, regarding graduation at intermediate levels of income, especially for the financial instruments of differentiation of multilateral development banks, vulnerability is not systematically considered, while state fragility may involve a special treatment.

The side event will gather high representatives of governments, international institutions and of civil society to discuss vulnerability and fragility can be consistently taken into account.

Expected panelists are:

Shamshad Akhtar, USG and Executive Secretary of UN ESCAP

Roland Mollerus, Chief, Secretariat of the Committee for Development Policy (UN-DESA)

Robin Ogilvy, Advisor to the Secretary-General, OECD

Susanna Wolf, Senior Programme Officer at UN OHRLLS

Nguéto Tiraina Yambaye, Former Minister of Economy and Development Planning, Tchad, and former Executive Director of African group II at IMF

Chairman: **Patrick Guillaumont**, President of Ferdi