



## Fourth High-Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness (Busan, South Korean)

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**The background to the Forum:** Since the 1990s there has been a call for greater aid effectiveness. Aid effectiveness means that aid resources are deployed as effectively as possible. Economic and geopolitical realities have smashed old concepts of development - rich countries giving to the poor. The economies of many emerging and developing countries are growing faster than those in developed countries.

The OECD has convened three forums so far to discuss aid effectiveness (see CID's *Fact Sheet: Aid Effectiveness* for details). The Fourth High-Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness is the next forum to be held by the OECD.

### **When and where will the Forum be happening?**

The Forum will be held in Busan, South Korea from 29 November - 1 December 2011.

**Who will be attending?** Over 2,000 attendees are expected. UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, Jordan's Queen Rania, US Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, South Korean President Lee Myung-bak, Rwandan President Paul Kagame, & OECD Secretary Angel Gurría are attending. Other delegates will include the Minister responsible for development cooperation or head of agency for each country or aid agency invited to the event.

New Zealand is sending a delegation which will include CID's Executive Director, Wren Green.

**What will happen at the Forum?** At Busan, global development leaders will review progress in improving the impact and value for money of development aid. They will make new

## The Road to Busan

**Working Party on Aid Effectiveness:** The Working Party on Aid Effectiveness has prepared the documentation for Busan. Its members included representatives of multilateral and bilateral aid agencies, partner countries, representatives of civil society and parliaments.

Partner countries across four continents have provided input through regional workshops and an online consultation, which encouraged discussion and action at the political and technical levels throughout 2011.

**New Zealand's contribution:** New Zealand's contribution to the Working Party on Aid Effectiveness was provided through the Council for International Development, after consultation with New Zealand NGOs and the New Zealand Government. [PEDRAM – is this correct?]

commitments to further ensure that aid helps reduce poverty and supports progress in meeting the Millennium Development Goals.

The Forum discussions will be based on the results of a new survey that defines the roles and responsibilities of donor and developing countries, and assesses whether they are following through on their mutual commitments to ensure effective development.

**What is Busan aiming to achieve?** The aims of Busan are:

- assess global progress in improving the quality of aid against the agreed commitments
- share global experiences in delivering the best results
- agree on a Busan Outcome Document to further enhance efforts globally and within countries to make aid more effective in reducing poverty and achieving the Millennium Development Goals.

More info: <http://www.aideffectiveness.org/busanhlf4/>