



A Post-2015 Framework for Development: Starting a Substantive Conversation

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Introduction

Since 2000, the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) have set the standard for global cooperation for development. Despite initial reluctance in some quarters, governments and international institutions have increasingly drawn on the set of targets and indicators expressed in the MDGs to set priorities for aid and development policy, to explain the development effort to the tax-paying public, and to set the framework for international coordination and cooperation.

In 2015, the current set of goals and targets will expire. Nearly one billion people will still live in poverty despite progress on some of the goals. What is the best way to address the world's remaining poverty and other development challenges? Sticking with the existing framework is not necessarily the right choice. Since the MDGs were agreed, the development landscape has changed, new challenges have emerged, other issues and processes have come to the fore in our development thinking. New themes, such as social protection, have moved to a more central place in the development debate. And new challenges, such as climate change, have moved to the fore of global concerns. Newer development partners, such as China, are focusing more on infrastructure than the social sectors which are the focus of the MDGs.

Any international framework on development that goes beyond 2015 will have to recognise and incorporate these new trends and developments, while retaining the strength and clarity of the MDGs.

In order to ensure that both substantive and political work is informed by the perspectives of all stakeholders, it is essential that discussions start early with as wide a range of key people from developing low and middle income countries, as well as the G20 as possible.

Hence, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Overseas Development Institute (ODI) organized a workshop entitled **"A Post-2015 Framework for Development: Starting a Substantive Conversation"** in order to discuss both the technical and political work needed for a post-2015 agreement. The workshop took place in Cairo, Egypt from 26 to 27 October 2011. The Cairo workshop gathered policy makers and participants from civil society, academia and think tanks from across the globe. A good balance was ensured between South and North and between different areas of expertise and different roles in the development process. It is hoped that the workshop is only the start of a longer conversation and the participants will develop a network which will exist beyond the workshop.

The workshop opened with introductory remarks by James Rawley – UN Resident Coordinator for Egypt – who reflected on the dynamics of the Arab Spring, what this suggested in terms of our understanding of development, and hence the process of agreeing a post-MDG development framework. Selim Jahan – Director of the UNDP Poverty Group – gave a historical perspective on the MDGs, the responses that the framework has catalyzed, and how economic and political changes in the last decade have changed the context for development.

The background paper¹ prepared for the workshop reviewed current thinking and political developments in the debate around the post-2015 agenda and identified four key questions to be discussed at the workshop:

1) What would we want a global agreement to do, and how?

- What are the changes at a global level that would make the most difference to development? (more aid, better trade rules, an improved system for intellectual property, or mechanisms for technology transfer, for example)
- Of these, which can be feasibly incentivised through a global agreement?

2) How could an agreement be designed to encourage these changes at global or national level?

- What are the pros and cons of the targets and goals approach adopted by the MDGs?
- What are the ideal structures for an agreement given the changes that are needed?
- What is realistic to expect in the current global climate?

3) How should a new global agreement link to the national level?

- How could a global agreement reconcile global goals or other instruments with the importance of national level sovereignty, in a context of varying commitment to development in both Northern and Southern countries?

4) What kind of politics and coalitions are needed to produce a new global agreement?

- What are the current global trends working for and against an agreement?
- Who are the key players, and what are the key moments, involved in getting a post-2015 global development strategy first discussed and then agreed?
- What single narrative or idea can best convince key actors of the need for an agreement and the feasibility of negotiating one?

¹ <http://www.odi.org.uk/resources/docs/7369.pdf>

I. What would we want a global agreement to do, and how?

Participants addressed the following questions:

- What are the changes at a global level that would make the most difference to development?
- Of these, which can be feasibly incentivised through a global agreement?

To consider what we would want a future global agreement to do, many participants reflected initially on their assessment of the MDGs and the effectiveness of goals in general. Most agreed that goals can influence both discourse and behaviour, albeit sometimes with perverse outcomes. The MDGs are no exception. They have helped to raise awareness and build a constituency for development, influence resource allocation, and breathe extra life into the Millennium Declaration (one participant thought that “the shelf life of the Millennium Declaration would have been much shorter without the MDGs”). There is some evidence of an impact at national level, though national level target setting might be a more effective way to do this.

But the impact of the MDGs may not have been entirely helpful. They have been misinterpreted as planning goals, focused resources on a reductionist agenda (one participant contrasted the broader ‘development’ agenda with the ‘poverty reduction’ agenda of the MDGs), and not served to reflect all of the needs of southern governments or the views of southern CSOs. They have been criticised by human rights advocates for their failure to engage with a rights-based understanding of development. Aside from their impact on aid levels, their impact at the national level in OECD countries has been limited, and many of the promises of MDG 8 have struggled to get traction. This perhaps shows the limits of a target-based approach.

That said, participants on the whole did not want to lose the MDG framework recognizing its simplicity and narrative power, and also the fact that many of the goals will not be met by 2015 (so we are not starting from a clean sheet). However, the experience of the MDGs thus far would need to be built on for any future agreement, bringing more voices into the formulation process and considering what lessons to draw on for future agreements.

There was a sense that any future agreement or compact would need to reflect the content of the Millennium Declaration more closely, and draw lessons from recent work on conceptualizing wellbeing (e.g. the Stiglitz-Sen-Fitoussi Commission). Development in the MDGs largely reflects a basic needs agenda, but this fails to capture the broader dynamic of development (particularly growth and employment, but also human rights, empowerment and dignity). There was also an underlying question about what a new agreement would be for, and through what mechanism it might have a real impact on people’s lives. One

strand of the discussion implied that a key role of a future agreement is to change the development discourse, just as the MDGs did: the question is what norms should be promoted in this framework. This view encouraged a more ambitious agenda. A second view was that a development framework reflects a global policy consensus on development, and this view encouraged a narrower agenda, based on current or future political realities.

Several issues came up repeatedly in the discussion as being particularly important for inclusion in the new normative understanding of development that would be created by a new agreement. Many participants focused on growth and employment, and on inequality, as issues central to development but not adequately treated in the current MDGs. This is particularly important since recent decades have seen the phenomenon of “elite growth”, with a lack of decent employment and a rise in income inequality – “not all boats have been lifted”. Linked to this, specific global issues which “affect countries’ ability to earn their own living” such as trade, technology transfer and migration were identified by a number of participants as problems which a new framework might be able to address.

There was also a strong view among some participants that a new agreement would need to factor in the agenda on sustainability (environmental factors in light of Rio + 20, and equity as a driver of sustainability). One participant described this broader agenda as “sustainable equitable human rights based development”. In doing so, it is likely that such a development agenda would not be directed at countries in the south, but instead reflect on behaviours in the whole world. It would recognize the increasingly blurred lines between developed and developing, north and south, donor and recipient.

There were varying views in terms of the ambition of a new framework. All felt that it would have to add recognizable value – otherwise energy invested in its formulation could be invested elsewhere. Some felt that it should – at least initially – be aspirational and rise above the politics, focusing on the issues of most importance to development regardless of the political feasibility of getting agreement in the short term.

Others felt that it needed to be pragmatic and recognize the real political boundaries that exist. There were two approaches to this. One focused on identifying those issues that are important but on which, given the state of global negotiations in those areas, agreement is very unlikely to be reached. So, for example, despite the importance of sustainability issues, how practical would it be to seek tighter agreements on climate change and energy use? Would the inclusion of issues related to environmental sustainability, or conflict and security, detract from currently neglected areas such as maternal health? Would the inclusion of migration – emphasized by many participants as a key influence on wellbeing – be “visionary or insane”, and would it jeopardise any possible gains from a more narrowly focused and politically palatable framework?

A second approach to political boundaries focused on identifying areas where the boundaries are shifting and focusing on the gains that could be made there. It might for example be possible to take advantage of the policy space opened up by recent crises – “shocks provide opportunities” – and the more heterodox policy responses in the areas of social protection, taxation, and regulation. A second approach would be to take the new issues rising up the development agenda – such as universal health care or an increasing focus on the quality of education – and use a new agreement to accelerate progress.

Some participants argued for not settling on a structure too quickly, as other structures should also be explored such as league tables and treaties, or existing obligations on human rights. There was something of a trade-off identified between more binding agreements which are harder to negotiate and looser agreements which may have less impact. A number of different possible frameworks were suggested, including a permanent agreement where the level of ambition of the targets was periodically raised in line with progress; a set of agreed minimums focusing attention on the areas identified as most important; or a change from one-size-fits all global quantitative targets to global goals that are more qualitative and reflect principled aspirations.

There was some discussion on how any new framework would incentivize national behaviours. Target setting (quantitative) could take place at the national level, strengthening accountability between governments and citizens. Indicators could be developed and applied both nationally and globally. Exceptions to this overall structure might be necessary where collective action is needed on global public goods (e.g. aggregated national commitments on CO2 emissions would need to be below the scientific ‘planetary boundary’.)

Summary of first session: key issues

The key issue concerned the tension between what a new agreement should do to have the most impact on development, and what is politically feasible and useful for it to do.

- Everything the MDGs do (though a bit differently), plus:
- Inequality – could be tackled with new targets or changed monitoring of existing targets
- Employment/production/growth – how can these be incorporated; are targets and goals the right approach for this?
- Migration, trade, climate, IP – these are crucial global issues for national level development but would politics be an insurmountable obstacle?
- Targets based on people’s own priorities, e.g. the Stiglitz-Sen-Fitoussi Commission – what would this look like in practice?

II. How could an agreement be designed to encourage these changes at global or national level?

Participants addressed the following questions:

- What are the pros and cons of the targets and goals approach adopted by the MDGs?
- What are the ideal structures for an agreement given the changes that are needed?
- What is realistic to expect in the current global climate?

What are the pros and cons of the targets and goals approach adopted by the MDGs?

Goals as benchmarks of progress are crucial because they take value-based normative objectives and convert them into operational frameworks. The targets and goals approach in the MDGs has been very successful for getting action on some of the targets in MDGs 1-7, though less so on others or in Goal 8. Targets make agreements specific and monitorable, and numbers give traction (compare the MDGs with other global agreements that were without targets and which made less of a difference).

Targets can help measurement in different ways. One of the powerful aspects of the MDGs is comparability. The MDGs also improved coordination and collection of data on social indicators. While shaping a post-2015 framework, it would be important to review methodological problems related to measurements and definitions. What is measured has to be a good reflection of what is happening on the ground.

Monitoring and orientation of the MDGs have been on inputs and outputs, rather than outcomes. It would also be important to assess outcomes, i.e. to what extent did the MDGs improve livelihoods?

The targets and goals approach can also introduce unhelpful distortions. The focus of the MDGs has been on the social sectors, and this has distorted donor priorities in particular and reduced policy space in aid dependent countries. More discussion on how to focus on productive sectors at the national level has to be encouraged. The experience of the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP), setting targets for agricultural growth and spending on agriculture by governments, might be instructive for this. Also donors need to rethink their policies (e.g. infrastructure versus social sectors).

What are the ideal structures for an agreement given the changes that are needed?

Participants identified the following range of structural options for a post-2015 agreement:

- 1) Same terrain, new framework and instruments: E.g.: universalising the MDGs through establishing set of global minimum standards on income, health and education, with an implementation plan. This goes with current policy trends and could help to address inequalities in specific outcomes. However such an approach would not expand into new areas such as sustainability or growth.
- 2) New terrain and same framework: Including new goals on issues such as growth and employment, while continuing with the existing framework of goals and targets. This could be problematic given a lack of data (though the existence of targets would incentivise data collection, as the MDGs have done), and the nature of some issues (e.g. employment).
- 3) New terrain and new framework: New issues and new structure, which could be based on national goal setting within a set of agreed global minimum standards (or universal entitlements) applying to all governments, or within a global consensus on a set of more aspirational wellbeing goals such as those proposed in the Stiglitz-Sen-Fitoussi Commission.

There seemed to be consensus among participants that the third option is the most appropriate one for a post-2015 agreement.

While target setting should be a national exercise tailored to national development priorities, one challenge would be how to address spillover effects of national policies on other countries. For certain issues related to collective action problems around global public goods, global targets might be necessary. It would also be important to think of goals and targets at sub-national levels in particular to address inequalities and disparities, bearing in mind measurement and disaggregated data issues.

What is realistic to expect in the current global climate?

A post-2015 structure needs to generate traction on national and global decision makers, balancing global and national issues and linkages. A number of different models were proposed for how to do this, depending on the nature of different issues:

Some examples of the issues that might require global targets include technology transfer, tax heavens, illicit financial flows, and international aspects of financing for development such as Official Development Assistance, remittances, and innovative sources of international finance.

Some of the issues might be best addressed by a combination of global goals/floors and nationally-set targets. One example would be a social protection floor identifying a basic minimum global set of social rights, services, and facilities, upon which countries can build.

Other examples include clean energy and national aspects of financing for development such as domestic taxation, natural resource revenues, transparency, and financial inclusion.

An international agreement could also facilitate sharing existing proven solutions to national issues previously seen as mainly rich world concerns such as tobacco and alcohol use, road safety and non-communicable diseases.

Whereas participants agreed on the need to address inequality, growth and employment issues in a post-2015 agenda, translating them into a global agreement is challenging partly due to measurement issues. Inequality can be tackled through changed monitoring of existing targets. There is need for new data and targets for growth and employment issues and a global agreement can serve as a catalyst for obtaining them.

In all this, it is important to assess what is politically feasible at global and national levels. There are some issues which do not seem realistic—however desirable they might be — to expect from a post-2015 agreement such as migration, climate change, intellectual property, and trade. These issues either suffer from major political obstacles or they are already included in other multilateral processes. Trying to include them in a post-2015 framework could threaten such a framework's own prospects.

Participants also highlighted that in order to ensure implementation of a global agreement there is need for peer pressure. It would be desirable to make use of existing structures for implementation instead of creating new mechanisms.

Summary of second session: key issues

Changes could be made in the range of issues while keeping the same framework, or in the framework while keeping the same issues, or to both range and framework. Criteria for thinking about what changes to make would include:

- What changes, and by what institutions, would a new framework be trying to incentivize?
- The 'targets' of a new agreement could include national governments, donors, or even the private sector. What framework would have most traction with these different actors?
- The changes a new agreement would be trying to bring about could be to national level policy making in both developed and developing countries (e.g. in the area of social policy, domestic resource mobilization, trade or migration policy), or to global level resource mobilization or policy making, for example in the areas of ODA or multilateral negotiations on climate or trade. What frameworks would be most likely to incentivize these different changes?

III. How should a new global agreement link to the national level?

Participants addressed the following question:

- How could a global agreement reconcile global goals or other instruments with the importance of national level sovereignty, in a context of varying commitment to development in both Northern and Southern countries?

The MDGs were problematic for national level policy making in donor-dependent countries since the focus was on PRSPs as the condition for aid and debt relief. PRSPs were a 'distraction' from the MDGs. In recent years donor perceptions of "developing countries", how to reduce poverty (e.g. through ODA) and the space they "allow" for national policy-making have changed. Developing countries have better policy space now.

A post-2015 framework has to be shaped in a more open, genuine, and inclusive way, involving wide range of actors in consultative processes, if it is to get traction at national level. As well as monitoring outcomes, some participants argued that new framework should monitor behavioral change at the national level as well as policy coherence in a more systematic way. There are various existing mechanisms that can be good starting points such as OECD peer reviews and the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM).

One way of incentivizing national governments might be to involve regional institutions, which could help to create incentives at the national level. Engaging key regional and national players and identifying champions would be important.

Targets and goals might not be the most effective way to get governments to act. Other successful frameworks worth investigating include league tables, which can promote competition between governments. League tables have proved to be useful in certain cases such as vaccination. In order to work effectively, league tables should be simple. However, it might not be feasible or efficient to construct league tables for a broad set of indicators.²

The workshop also addressed what the value-added of a global agreement might be for both aid-dependent and non-aid dependent countries.

For aid-dependent countries, a global agreement should open up policy space for national ownership in formulating a national agenda, while also ensuring that donors are held accountable and aid is well targeted. At the same time policy coherence for development is crucial. Non-ODA flows should not jeopardize development. The agreement needs to be

² One related question that was raised in the workshop was whether it would be desirable to construct league tables of donors.

outcome-focused and create autonomy for national governments. The ultimate aim should be graduating from aid.

For non-aid dependent countries, a global agreement could provide opportunities and leverage for implementing policies that would otherwise be politically difficult to achieve in the absence of a global agreement. It would also provide opportunities to engage and cooperate with global actors on non-aid issues such as global public goods. Depending on the nature of the agreement, there could be some incentives to participate – for example, past agreements, such as the Montreal Protocol, have been successful in creating incentives for technology transfer which is of interest to emerging economies.

Participants also discussed the cases of governments that are unable or unwilling to act. In the case of governments that are unable to act due to political constraints or lack of technical capacity and infrastructure, a global agreement should facilitate their access to financial and political resources.

In the case of governments that are unwilling to act, a global agreement could provide both incentives—again in the form of financial and political resources—and possible sanctions from the international community and peer pressure. An agreement could also be useful for activists trying to get change in those countries, on the basis of its power to affect global norms around development and expectations of government behavior.

Summary of third session: key issues

- Targets are global but development is national: how can a global agreement be appropriate and deliver at the national level in different contexts?
- Aid dependent countries: targets can shape donor/government relations.
- All countries: targets can be mobilizing tool for activists, or have political traction if have supporters within government; targets can offer 'carrots' for specific actions, or encourage race to the top through power of comparison, a narrative of 'success' can be positive spur to action.
- Realism: there is lots of good policy and progress on poverty without targets too.

IV. What kind of politics and coalitions are needed to produce a new global agreement?

Participants addressed the following questions:

- What are the current global trends working for and against an agreement?
- Who are the key players, and what are the key moments, involved in getting a post-2015 global development strategy first discussed and then agreed?
- What single narrative or idea can best convince key actors of the need for an agreement and the feasibility of negotiating one?

Many participants noted that the political context has changed significantly, providing both opportunities and challenges for agreeing a post-2015 compact. Following a relatively buoyant period for multilateralism in the 1990s and early 2000s, the current period is characterized by a lack of leadership across an array of international issues. The ongoing recession will challenge aid budgets that had risen up to 2010. While the first wave of the financial crisis that started in 2008 has delivered new innovations in global governance, and in some cases an appetite for coordinated action, more recently this appears to have run into sand. For some participants this pointed to the prospects for a meaningful new agreement being weak. It would likely draw on existing (insufficient) language, and omit powerful factors influencing development such as governance, the environment, and migration.

However, it will still be important to catalyze key players and draw on momentum created at key moments. While some considered that the Busan meeting on aid effectiveness will have implications for the discussion on post-2015, most participants agreed that Rio + 20 will represent the most important stepping stone (not least because of the objective of some governments to promote sustainable development goals). It is unclear at this stage what momentum the SDGs will generate, what political support they will garner, and how broad the parameters of 'sustainability' will be (including multidimensional aspects of sustainability or concentrating narrowly on environmental aspects). The upcoming International Conference on Population and Development (2014) was also mentioned – and the fact that reproductive health was a casualty of the politics involved in negotiating the MDGs last time around.

The role of the UN was considered by many to be critical. The UN should not seek to be prescriptive as with the last set of MDGs, but rather facilitate a broad and inclusive coalition to agree on a new compact. This would be important not just for the quality of the content, but also (a) political legitimacy, and (b) creating pressure through elected representatives at national level. It was noted that the UN Secretary-General had set out his intentions for the process that would lead to a new framework: an initial task team

coordinated by UNDP and UN-DESA, a high-level panel to be appointed in 2012, and an intergovernmental process beginning in September 2013. It was also noted that UNDP, within the broader context of the UN Development Group, was aiming to facilitate at least fifty national level consultation processes and a series of global meetings on thematic and cross-cutting issues such as inequality, sustainability, population, and governance.

Many felt that the emerging south should play a key role in the debate, but the question was raised as to whether they would. The developing country members of the G20 – the “super south” – are starting to display some of the unilateral traits of their northern counterparts and do not represent low-income countries and the LDCs. After some initial success in responding to the financial crisis, the G20 has now slipped back into being “oppositional rather than propositional”. It was suggested that regional bodies and instruments could act as an important bridge to a global agreement.

The role of citizens themselves was emphasized, as the post-2015 process can “open up spaces that re-shape relationships between governments and social movements”. It will be important to capture the voices and inspiration of citizens in both the north and south, to tell governments about “the world we want”. It will be particularly important to bring young people into the conversation, because of the long-term intergenerational aspects of a post-2015 framework. It was suggested that if the intergovernmental outcome lacked ambition and dropped to the lowest common political denominator, cross-border movements could present an alternative framework and start to measure governments against it. The target date of 2015 was less important than agreeing a meaningful framework. It was suggested that philanthropic investment could bring people together in spaces where others cannot, and also bring more diverse voices in (such as the ‘occupy’ movements targeting inequality).

Research could be taken forward on different themes that had been raised in the workshop, particularly on inequality, volatility / stability, and the potential structure of goals and targets. It was suggested that research should not be based on assumptions on what is politically feasible (because context can change rapidly, and what was previously unacceptable can become accepted), and could seek to reduce the technical obstacles that governments raise (for example, data sets and indicators on issues).

Finally, two questions of balance were raised. The first was about not forgetting about the effort still needed on the MDGs between now and 2015. The second was not about letting the perfect become the enemy of the good in attempting to get a post-2015 framework agreed.

In addition to a summary of the discussions at the workshop, an email discussion group would also be initiated, with the possibility of convening future meetings with the same group.

Summary of last session: key issues

- Pessimism about prospects for multilateralism, and therefore caution about the likelihood of an ambitious agenda emerging from political process.
- Optimism about possibility (though not necessarily in short term) of developing countries shaping the post-2015 framework, and of the prospects for involving poor people themselves in the debates.
- Gathering momentum among UN bodies, civil society, researchers and some governments on this agenda – things are changing fast!

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