

4th Workshop with Private Sector in the framework of the Policy Forum on Development (PFD)

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Management Center Europe Rue de l'Aqueduc 118, 1050 Ixelles Brussels

| 08.30 - 09.00 | Registration and coffee |
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| 09.00 – 09.30 | Opening Remarks |
| | How to work together for prosperity, growth and jobs in developing countries? Introduction on new policy framework (Consensus for development, Post Cotonou) – with the particular role of the private sector in achieving SDGs |
| 09.30 - 10.30 | Engaging the private sector for sustainable investment |
| | A – The External Investment Plan (EIP) What are the key elements of the EIP? How will it support investment in Africa and the Neighbourhood? How will it work? How can the private sector benefit? (European Commission/DG DEVCO) Q&A – Discussion B – Structured dialogue with the private sector How to make structured dialogue a key engagement mechanism allowing for private sector inputs / reactions / proposals to policy development and implementation? Experiences from current initiatives and future proposals for engaging at global, regional or local level (EU Business groups, Sustainable Business for Africa Platform), will be presented and discussed. (European Commission/DG DEVCO) Q&A – Discussion |
| 10.30 - 11.00 | Coffee break |
| 11.00 – 12.30 | Vision from the private sector Reactions, ideas and suggestions from a panel of private sector representatives regarding the External Investment Plan, structured dialogue and the role of business in development context. (Enterprises, business associations and financial institutions) Discussion |
| 12.30 - 12.45 | Concluding remarks |