In the wake of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, which took place in Addis Ababa in July, the United Nations Summit for the Adoption of the Post-2015 Development Agenda and the 21st session of the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC in Paris, as well as the European Year for Development, the EU is now is now called upon to develop a strategic approach to development cooperation. Alongside other regional and international actors, the EU should be ready to address both universal challenges - such as hunger, poverty, diseases and climate change - and opportunities to manage global public goods, thus turning the Sustainable Development Goals into reality and making the humanitarian-development nexus work.

A deep reflection is needed on two main issues:
- How can the EU reorganize and rationalize the global system for development cooperation, involving diversified local, national, regional and international actors in order to improve its efficiency and get it closer to the needs of the beneficiaries, even through more effective mechanisms of financing, monitoring and evaluation;
- How can the EU establish new ties with the private sector and with civil society organizations, key actors to implement a well-grounded and effective development cooperation. This process also implies to set up more controls and mechanisms to ensure transparency and responsibility.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME
(as of 4 February)
9.00 – 9.30  
*Arrival and registration of participants*

9.30 – 10.00  
*Welcoming Addresses*

- **Representative** of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation
- **Representative** of the Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)
- **Representative** of the European Union Institute for Security Studies (EUISS)
- **Representative** of the European External Action Service (EEAS)

10.00 – 10.40  
*Opening speech*

**Christos Stylianides**, European Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management

*Q&A*

10.40 – 11.00  
*Coffee Break*

11.00 – 12.30  
*Session I*

**Toward a new global governance for development: the 2030 Agenda**

*Chair:*

**James Mackie**, Senior Adviser EU, Development Policy, European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM)

*Speakers:*

- **Indu Bhushan**, Director General, Strategy and Policy Department, Asian Development Bank, Manila
- **Paddy Carter**, Researcher, Overseas Development Institute (ODI), London
- **Sipho Moyo**, Chief of Staff and Director of Cabinet, African Development Bank (AfDB), Abidjan
- **Francesco Petrelli**, Spokesperson, CONCORD Italy, Rome

12.30 – 13.30  
*Buffet lunch*

13.30 – 15.00  
*Session II*

**The European Union between global action and local engagement**

*Chair:*

**Representative** of the European Union Institute for Security Studies (EUISS)

*Speakers:*

- **Arancha González**, Executive Director, International Trade Centre (ITC), Geneva
**Damien Helly**, Deputy Head, Strengthening European External Action Programme, European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM), Maastricht

**Jason Nardi**, Member of the Board of Directors, Intercontinental Network for the Promotion of Social Solidarity Economy (RIPESS)

**Session III**
*Food security, stability and crisis prevention in the 2030 Agenda*

*Chair:*
**Nicoletta Pirozzi**, Senior Fellow, European affairs, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)

*Speakers:*

**Giampaolo Cantini**, Director General for Development Cooperation, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Rome

**Emmy Simmons**, Independent Consultant, USA

**Lindiwe Majele Sibanda**, CEO, Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Analysis Network (FANRPAN), Pretoria

*Other think-tank, tbc*

**Closing session**

**Amina J. Mohammed**, former United Nations Secretary-General’s Special Adviser on Post-2015 Development Planning

**Neven Mimica**, European Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development, Brussels

**Representative** of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation