Brief intro to the state of the FfD process: Opportunities for CSO engagement

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State of play
Official schedules
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- Substantive informal sessions
  October – December 2014

- Informal interactive hearings: CSOs and Business 8–9 April 2015

- Drafting sessions on the outcome document
  - First drafting session: 27–29 January 2015
  - Second drafting session: 13–17 April 2015
  - Inter–sessional meetings: 11 – 15 May, 26 – 29 May
  - Provisional meeting: 1 – 5 June 2015
  - Third drafting session: 15 – 19 June 2015

- International Conference: 13 – 16 July 2015
Official Negotiations

- First drafting session: Elements paper
- Second drafting session: Zero Draft
- Joint FfD – post-2015 session:
  - Technology & innovation
  - Concrete deliverables & SDG–FfD relationship
  - Follow-up and monitoring
- Intersessionals:
  - First draft of Addis Ababa Accord
  - Expect line-by-line negotiations
  - Expect some smaller negotiating sessions
Some expectations

- **Preparatory Process**
  - A revised draft this week
  - Intensified negotiations in May and early June
  - Possible extension of final drafting session into the following week
  - Complete negotiations end June

- **Modalities for the Conference**
  - 6 Roundtables – final topics not selected, 3 on the global partnership, 3 on means of implementation
  - Plenaries for heads of delegation to speak
Opportunities for CSO engagement

Messy politics
Formal opportunities

- CSOs were invited to the completed drafting sessions and given the floor
  - Inter-sessionals will not maintain this modality
  - There will be opportunities for interaction in the mornings
- We are maintaining flexibility on accreditation
- Side events in NY are always possible – we can help publicise them
- Side events in Addis
  - Requests now open:
## Major areas of debate

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Informal advice

- Member state driven process
- (Lack of) coordination across ministries in capitals?
- Be strategic about which issues you fight
  - Concentrate your efforts
- Construct coalitions of allied governments
  - Work across traditional country groups
  - Find a champion – can be in New York or capitals
- Political will is critical
Thank you

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