

Nay Pyi Taw, 28 January—The 2nd Myanmar Development Cooperation Forum concluded today and the Joint Statement between the Government of Myanmar and the Development Partners was issued. The full text of the joint statement is as follows:

Joint Statement by The Government of Myanmar and Development Partners

On 27-28 January 2014, Myanmar's development stakeholders participated in the 2nd Myanmar Development Cooperation Forum under the theme of "*Accelerating Actions for Progress through Enhancing Inclusive Coordination*".

Those present included the Government of Myanmar, Members of Parliament, international development partners, and representatives of civil society, the private sector and academia.

The Government of Myanmar and development partners welcome the MDCF as a key platform for in-depth policy dialogue and as a constructive mechanism to discuss Myanmar's development successes, challenges and opportunities.

During the 2nd MDCF we discussed strategies for future progress, the peace process, Myanmar's reform agenda and issues of aid effectiveness. The focus throughout was on the frank exchange of views and identification of lessons learned and next steps needed to better support Myanmar's continued transition toward becoming an inclusive, peaceful, resilient and prosperous country. In coming together, those present recognised their strong, mutual will and collective vision to support Myanmar along this journey.

While Government and development partners acknowledged the significant progress that has been made since the 1st Myanmar Development Cooperation Forum, continued success will require a renewed commitment by all. Development assistance in Myanmar will work most effectively when all citizens, including the most vulnerable, can benefit from and be involved in shaping Myanmar's transition.

We hereby commit ourselves to:

1. Finalise the Nay Pyi Taw Accord Action Plan to ensure the continued implementation of the Accord.
2. Ensure continued support for Myanmar's Framework for Economic and Social Reforms and the National Comprehensive Development Plan.
3. Strengthen Government capacity to lead Myanmar's development efforts and engage with public and private actors in the planning and implementation processes.

We will monitor these commitments and the implementation of other lessons learned at the Forum with integrity and report on progress at a mid-term review meeting later in 2014 and again at the 3rd Myanmar Development Cooperation Forum in 2015. We hereby reconfirm our will to work in partnership as we enter this new phase of Myanmar's development.