

# LITHUANIAN DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION: 20 YEARS OF PARTNERSHIPS FOR PROGRESS AND THE WAY FORWARD

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Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania,  
J.Tumo-Vaižganto Str. 2, Vilnius

**09:00-09:30 Registration and Welcome Coffee**

**09:30-09:50 Greeting Speeches**

- Gabrielius Landsbergis, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania
- Jutta Urpilainen, Commissioner for International Partnerships, European Commission (tbc)

**09:50-10:45 20 years of transformation – achievements and challenges of Lithuanian Development Cooperation**

**Presentation:**

- Inga Toločkienė, Political Director, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania: 'Development Cooperation - the Soft Power of Foreign Policy. Achievements and Challenges over the 20 years' (tbc)

**Discussion:**

How has the landscape of international development cooperation evolved over the past decades, and what emerging trends are shaping its future? How can Lithuania leverage its know-how to support economic growth, democratic values, and sustainable development in partner countries? What are the strengths of Lithuanian development cooperation and what can we learn from the past? What are the perspectives for new areas of development cooperation?

- Stela Leucă, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Moldova (tbc)
- Inga Toločkienė, Political Director, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania
- Lawrence Meredith, Director, Neighbourhood East and Institution Building, DG-NEAR, European Commission (tbc)
- María del Pilar Garrido Gonzalo, Director for Development Co-operation, OECD (tbc)

**10:45-11:00 Questions and Answers**

**11:00-11:20 Coffee break**

**11:20-12:30 Discussion Panel. Building Back Better Ukraine**

Reflection on the lessons learnt from Lithuania's projects on reconstruction of Ukraine. How could the private sector get engaged more actively in this process? What are the innovative financing solutions available and what is the role of the international development financial institutions in the reconstruction efforts? How different international donors, funds and programmes are engaged in rebuilding of Ukraine and what is the potential of Lithuania's contribution through the multilateral system?

- Oleksandr Kubrakov, Deputy Prime Minister for Restoration of Ukraine – Minister for Communities, Territories and Infrastructure Development of Ukraine (tbc)
- Giedrė Balčytytė, Chancellor of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania (tbc)
- Arup Banerji, World Bank Regional Country Director for Eastern Europe (tbc)
- Denise Brown, UN Resident Coordinator in Ukraine (tbc)
- Ulf Bojö, NEFCO Vice President, Green Transition Eastern Europe (tbc)
- Nerijus Udrėnas, Food for Ukraine -Charity and Support Foundation (tbc)

**12:30-13:00 Questions and Answers**

**13:00-14:00 Lunch**

**14:00-14:45 Discussion Panel. Vision for the Future – Lithuanian Development Cooperation in the Global Context**

Discussion on the future perspectives, outlining the vision for Lithuania's development cooperation policy. What are the strategies of major international donors in building long lasting partnerships and addressing common challenges such as food insecurity, climate change, pollution, inequality, etc? How could the role and impact of small donors be strengthened in international development architecture? How could Lithuania use its agility to innovate in development cooperation, bringing fresh ideas and solutions to global challenges?

- Žygimantas Pavilionis, Chairman of Foreign Affairs Committee, Parliament of Lithuania (tbc)
- Rasa Juknevičienė, Member of the European Parliament (tbc)
- Rebeca Grynspan Mayufis, UNCTAD Secretary General (tbc)
- Jovita Neliupšienė, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania
- Sigitas Mitkus, Adviser to the President of the Republic of Lithuania (tbc)
- Koen Doens, Director General for International Partnerships, EC (tbc)
- María del Pilar Garrido Gonzalo, Director for Development Co-operation, OECD (tbc)

**14:45-15:00 Questions and Answers**

**15:00 Closing remarks**

- Jovita Neliupšienė, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania



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