Foreword

The multilateral aid architecture is a complex “ecosystem” with many different types of organisations delivering assistance in a variety of different forms. More than 200 multilateral donors receive or serve as a channel for 40% of all aid. The challenge is to ensure that this aid is delivered in the most effective way and that efforts among donors are as co-ordinated as possible, both with each other and with the priorities of the developing countries in which they work.

*Multilateral Aid 2010* covers trends and total use (core and non-core) of the multilateral system, with a special focus on trust funds of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and the World Bank. It provides an overview of the response of multilaterals to the financial and economic crisis, and explores the development perspectives of the already complex climate change funding architecture. It also includes information on the multilateral strategies and assessment approaches of the 24 countries in the OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC).

While the OECD’s annual *Development Co-operation Report* serves as a key reference for statistics and analysis on the latest trends in international aid, the *Multilateral Aid* report – as the name implies – takes a specific look at trends in multilateral aid only.