

Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing

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Mr. Pertti Majanen has a broad view on all development issues based on over 30 years experience that has covered practical development cooperation work and policy questions including development financing in Africa, Latin America, Asia and Europe. Mr. Majanen joined the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland in 1974 and served in various positions in development cooperation at home and abroad. After serving as Ambassador of Finland to the Philippines he was nominated the Under-Secretary of State for Development Cooperation for 2000-2005. Thereafter he has served as Ambassador to OECD and UNESCO, and now to Ireland, completing his mission in August 2013. As Deputy Director General for Development Policy and Under-Secretary of State, Mr. Majanen was in charge and instrumental in preparing and producing four Finnish Development Policy White Papers to three separate Governments. Mr. Majanen was also a member of a Reflection Group established by the OECD in 2008 to assess its development cooperation and prepare a proposal for the future of Development Assistance Committee. Under-Secretary Majanen was the Finnish Governor in all three Regional Development Banks, and for five years the President of the Board of FINNFUND that provides non-interest credits to developing countries. .