Provisional programme

Improving the impact of development projects in Sub-Saharan Africa through increased UK/Brazil cooperation and partnerships

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To be held in Brasilia

The United Nations’ (UN) 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development acknowledges that countries across the African continent require more focussed and scaled-up assistance to ensure that they are supported in protecting the most vulnerable and reaching more universal achievement of the new Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Both Brazil and the United Kingdom have – in different ways – been providing cooperation and development assistance to countries across the continent for many years. Given the distinct approaches to cooperation taken by the UK and Brazil – that of a traditional Development Assistance Committee member and a horizontal partner respectively, what value and impact could be achieved by a more collaborative and integrated style of cooperation provision for countries in Sub-Saharan Africa through a united partnership? Where is the space for African agencies and partners?

It is crucial that cooperation and assistance of any kind is well thought out and supported by enabling conditions on the ground in order to facilitate sustainable, inclusive and sustained socioeconomic development. There will no doubt be a greater say for the Global South in the rules-based international system and a strengthened participation in international decision making and global economic governance, so development cooperation needs to reflect this changing landscape.

How could a blended, modern approach to socially responsible, inclusive and sustainable development best combine the perspectives of developing countries, developed countries and the important voices of the cooperation partners and recipients of aid and assistance? What new strategies, policies and partnership could evolve between Brazil and the UK that might deliver additional and more effective development impacts for African countries?

(*denotes to be confirmed)

In partnership with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and the Alexandre de Gusmão Foundation (FUNAG)
Thursday 17 November

0830-0900  Participants arrive for registration

0900-0915  Welcome and opening remarks

Richard Burge
Chief Executive, Wilton Park

Sergio Eduardo Moreira Lima
President, Fundação Alexandre de Gusmão (FUNAG), Brasilia

0915-0930  Introduction

Alexander Ellis
Ambassador to Brazil, British Embassy, Brasilia

João Almino de Souza Filho
Director, Agência Brasileira de Cooperação (ABC), Brasilia

0930-1100  1. Scene-setting: the status of partnerships in Sub-Saharan Africa

Stock-taking of the Brazil-UK partnership in development cooperation: trilateral cooperation and the MoU on a partnership for global development. What has been achieved? What have we learned? Why do we do it? What are the expectations from Brazil, the UK and African countries?

Anna Maria Graziano
Co-operation Analyst, Agência Brasileira de Cooperação (ABC), Brasilia

*Michelle Barron
Chief, South Cooperation Unit, UNICEF, Brasilia

*TBC – Ambassador from Mozambique to Brasilia

*Director, Africa, Brazilian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

1100-1130  Tea/coffee

1130-1300  2. Brazil-UK cooperation to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals in Africa

What type of partnerships and principles will be needed to implement Agenda 2030? How can inclusive development partnerships reinforce the Leave No One Behind agenda? What is the role for multilateral organisations and civil society?

Mário Gustavo Mottin
Chief, General Coordination for Sustainable Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Brasilia

*Robert Muggah
Research Director and Program Coordinator for Citizen Security, Igarape Institute, Rio de Janeiro

*Kojo Amanor
Associate Professor, Institute of African Studies, University of Ghana

1300-1430  Lunch
3. National priorities and action plans

An assessment of the UK, Brazil and African partners’ national priorities and action plans for most effective delivery of development programmes. Participants will share their views and experiences of horizontal cooperation and Official Development Assistance (ODA). What are the different objectives, processes and outcomes of programmes focusing on socioeconomic growth in Africa? What is the role of the private sector and public-private partnerships to generate development opportunities in Africa? How can partners energise business-friendly policies without imposing conditionalities?

Márcio Lopes Corrêa
General Co-ordinator for Multilateral and Triangular Technical Co-operation, Agência Brasileira de Cooperação (ABC), Brasilia

Indranil Chakrabarti
Counsellor for International Cooperation and Development, British Embassy, Brasilia

*Amadou Hamadoun Babana
Professor, Faculty of Sciences and Techniques, University of Sciences Techniques and Technology of Bamako (USTTB), Mali

4. Working groups: strengthening productive capacities

Participants will discuss how horizontal cooperation, aid and development assistance can strengthen the productive capacities of least-developed countries in key sectors. How can strong, sustainable economic foundations for partner countries in Sub-Saharan Africa be built? What are the gaps and who is best placed to meet the needs of each sector/community?

Group 1: Social programmes
Peter Rodrigues
Director, Centre of Excellence Against Hunger, World Food Programme, Brasilia

*Facilitator TBC, Ministry of Social Agricultural Development, Brasilia

Group 2: Agriculture and natural resources
*Adewale Olusegun Obadina
Lecturer, Biotechnology Centre, Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta

Francisco Reifschneider
Researcher, Empresa Brasileira de Pesquisa Agropecuária Ministério da Agricultura, Pecuária e Abastecimento (EMBRAPA), Brasilia

Group 3: Environment (including forest protection)
Alan Bojanic
Head of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Brasilia

Wófsi Yuriibe de Sousa
Coordinator, Agencia Brasileira de Cooperacao (ABC), Brazil

Group 4: Infrastructure
Marcio Senne de Moraes
General Coordinator for External Relations, Vale

Michele Paba
Urban WASH Specialist, UNICEF Ethiopia, Addis Ababa

1830
Reception
Friday 18 November

0800-0845  Breakfast and checkout

0900-1030  5. Measuring programme and mechanism effectiveness

An exploration of existing policies and institutional mechanisms; participants will evaluate effective mechanisms to ensure transparent and effective data collection, analysis and project evaluation. What are the opportunities for greater efficiency and accountability in these areas? How can donors or partners ensure assistance is sustainable and supported on the ground? How can stakeholders identify good impact evaluation practices and tools, and build new evaluation coalitions for market-oriented development initiatives? What sort of market-based instruments, incentives and challenges best encourage innovation and results?

Paulo Esteves  
PhD in Political Science, PUC Rio, Rio de Janeiro

Ilyas Malek  
Head of Africa Prosperity Team, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London

*Susan Mochache  
Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Labour and East African Affairs, Government of Kenya, Nairobi

1030-1100  Tea/coffee

1100-1230  6. Working groups: innovative methodologies

Participants will examine the various modalities of development assistance/technical cooperation in Africa and beyond. Are there different types of opportunities for social impact investment, for example? What are the opportunities for leveraging government agencies and civil society groups for development? How can we harness the capacity and experience of the not-for-profit sector? Funding and Sustainability: how to leverage funds?

Group 1: Technology and skills transfer
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Researcher, Empresa Brasileira de Pesquisa Agropecuária Ministério da Agricultura, Pecuária e Abastecimento (EMBRAPA), Brasilia

Sean Burges  
Deputy Director, Australian National Centre for Latin American Studies, Australian National University, Acton

Group 2: Knowledge sharing
Francisco Gaetani  
President, Escola Nacional de Administração Pública

*Adriana Abdenu  
Academic, Brazil

Group 3: Capacity building
Murilo Vieira Komniski  
Advisor to the Director, Agência Brasileira de Cooperação (ABC), Brasilia

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In this session, participants will be encouraged to propose ways of taking the discussions and operational recommendations forward in practical ways. It will give an opportunity to map ideas to processes, propose timescales for adoption of changes, and identify potential for adoption of new strategies. The session is intended to provide measurable ways for participants to act upon the ideas explored at the meeting and secure commitments to action points from all. What value and impact can be achieved through a united partnership? How can stakeholders secure and implement actions and commitments, bearing in mind that the concept of a hybrid approach is broader than this kind of configuration? What role is there for International Financial Institutions and other funders in financing and resourcing development partnerships in Africa?

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1630  
Participants depart

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