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Provisional programme

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

Thursday 17 – Friday 18 November 2016 | WP1492

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)

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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), Brasília

0915-0930

Introduction

Alexander Ellis

Ambassador to Brazil, British Embassy, Brasília

João Almino de Souza Filho

Director, Agência Brasileira de Cooperação (ABC), Brasília

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), Brasília

***Michelle Barron**

Chief, South Cooperation Unit, UNICEF, Brasília

*TBC – Ambassador from Mozambique to Brasília

*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, Brasília

***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

1430-1600

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 focussing 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), Brasília

Indranil Chakrabarti

Counsellor for International Cooperation and Development, British Embassy, Brasília

***Amadou Hamadoun Babana**

Professor, Faculty of Sciences and Techniques, University of Sciences Techniques and Technology of Bamako (USTTB), Mali

1600-1645

Tea/coffee and conference photograph

1645-1815

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, Brasília

*Facilitator TBC, Ministry of Social Agricultural Development, Brasília

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), Brasília

Group 3: Environment (including forest protection)

Alan Bojanic

Head of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Brasília

Wófsi Yuribe 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

Francisco Reifschneider

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

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 Abdenur**

Academic, Brazil

Group 3: Capacity building

Murilo Vieira Komniski

Advisor to the Director, Agência Brasileira de Cooperação (ABC), Brasília

Bianca Suyama

Executive Director, Articulação Sul, São Paulo

***Alex Shankland**

Fellow, Institute of Development Studies, Brighton

Group 4: Technical assistance

Hur Ben Corrêa da Silva

General Coordinator of Innovation, Special Secretariat for Family, Agriculture and Agricultural Development, Brasilia

***Mariella di Ciommo**

Strategic Partnerships Manager, Development Initiatives, Rio de Janeiro

1230-1330

7. Feedback from working groups

1330-1500

Lunch

1500-1630

8. The future of partnerships: Conclusions, commitments and continuity

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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