



PROGRAMME

EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENT POLICY: AID EFFECTIVENESS AND KEY PRIORITIES

Monday 21 – Thursday 24 January 2008

893rd WILTON PARK CONFERENCE

in co-operation with:

The European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM), Maastricht
and

The Department for International Development (DFID), London

MONDAY 21 JANUARY

1500

INTRODUCTION TO THE CONFERENCE

Camilla FENNING

Programme Director, Wilton Park, Steyning

Gwénaëlle CORRE

Programme Officer, The European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM), Maastricht

1515-1645

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EFFECTIVE EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENT: HOW?

How can we improve the multi-stakeholder dynamic of European development assistance? How best can Europe work in partnership with officials and non-state agencies on the ground? How does the EU add greater value? Is Europe too hidebound by the bureaucratic goals it has set itself? Does Europe need to be more ambitious in its strategy and reach, or to deliver better on its current goals? Are other donor nations forging ahead with different strategies? What are the various strengths and weaknesses of the different European ODA channels: European Commission, Member States or non-state actor?

Paul CULLEY

Director for Trade and Development, Council of the European Union, Brussels

Simon MAXWELL

Director, Overseas Development Institute, London

1645-1730

Tea and conference photograph

1730-1900

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THE CHANGING CONTEXT OF DEVELOPMENT: MEETING SOUTHERN EXPECTATIONS

How can there be a more effective partnership between Southern governments and donors? What are the responsibilities of Southern governments? How can the accountability of international cooperation be improved? What are the tensions between the need for increased national ownership and accountability to the donor? How can donors take better account of and adjust to partner countries' differing constitutional setting and responsibilities? How effective is Europe's performance focus on MDGs and the Paris agenda? How can Europe's bureaucratic processes be streamlined without losing accountability?

Henrique A. BANZE

Vice Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Maputo

Anke HOEFFLER

Research Officer, Centre for the Study of African Economies, Oxford University

Valerie LEACH

Policy Analyst, Research on Poverty Alleviation (REPOA), Dar Es Salaam

From 1900 Reception drinks

2000 Dinner

TUESDAY 22 JANUARY

0900-1000 3 **STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES IN BILATERAL AND EC COOPERATION: THE DEBATE**

How do European governments and populations feel ownership of and engagement with the EU development policy? What are Member states' perspectives on their capacity to deliver in practice the principles stated in the Paris declaration? Aside from the reduction of transactional costs, what could be gained from a greater coordination of Europe's cooperation? What type of accountability could help enhance Europe's global profile on development cooperation? How do European nations balance a moral obligation to alleviate extreme poverty with a more pragmatic approach towards their neighbours? How can the different views on poverty reduction and development objectives be squared within the European Union?

Laurent AMAR

Head of Department for Strategy, European and Multilateral Issues, Development Policies Division, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, Paris

Marija ADANJA

Head, International Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Assistance, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ljubljana

1000-1100 4 **KEYNOTE SPEECH: REFORMING THE EU'S DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTIONS**
Mark LOWCOCK

Director General, Policy and International, Department for International Development (DFID), London

1100-1130 Tea and Coffee

1130-1245 5 **PROGRESS AND CHALLENGES OF EC DEVELOPMENT POLICY**

What are the key objectives of the European Commission's development policy? What is the right balance of policy mix? How can Europe live up to its responsibilities as the predominant ODA donor? What more can be done to make European development policy more coherent and efficient? How will the creation of the External Actions Service affect how development is dealt with by the Commission?

Bernard PETIT

Deputy Director-General, Directorate General for Development, European Commission, Brussels

Paul ISENMAN

Independent Consultant, formerly World Bank and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), Paris

1300 Lunch

1500-1645 6 **FROM POLICY TO PRACTICE: LESSONS LEARNT – Working Groups**

Short presentations in plenary on examples from the field, each illustrating key issues on aid effectiveness. The conference will then split into facilitated working groups, to discuss and draw up recommendations on each issue

Apollinaire NDORUKWIGIRA

Operations Advisor, Program Team Leader Zone I, Southern Africa Operations Zone, African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF), Harare

Antonio TUJAN, Jr
International Director, IBON Foundation, Manila

Richard MORGAN
Director of Corporate Relations and Communications (Africa, Middle East and Turkey),
Unilever plc. London

FACILITATORS:

Myles WICKSTEAD

Visiting Professor (International Relations), Open University; Former Head of Secretariat to the Commission for Africa

Helen O'CONNELL

Chair, BOND European Policy Group; Head of Policy, One World Action, London

1645-1715

Tea and Coffee

1715-1800

FEEDBACK BACK FROM WORKING GROUPS - IN PLENARY

1800-1845

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OECD DAC PERSPECTIVE: KEY ISSUES AHEAD OF ACCRA

Richard MANNING

Former Chair, Development Assistance Committee, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), Paris

1930

Dinner

WEDNESDAY 23 JANUARY

0900-1030

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EU AID ARCHITECTURE AND MANAGEMENT

How does the current European architecture and management structure affect or constrain the decision-making process and relationships with political partners? How can Europe work around the constraints of the European Development Fund? Is the development capacity of the European Commission spread too thin? Does the forthcoming Reform Treaty and Fundamental Budget review offer opportunities to redefine Europe's development policies and funding levels? What will be the effect of the Code of Conduct?

Sven GRIMM

Research Fellow, German Development Institute (DIE), Bonn

Androulla KAMINARA

Director, EuropeAid, European Commission, Brussels

1030-1100

Tea and Coffee

1100-1230

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POLICY COHERENCE FOR DEVELOPMENT: EU/EC/MEMBER STATES SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

Is a strengthened Europe an opportunity or a threat for development outcomes? Do Member States want a strengthened EC model?

Françoise MOREAU

Head of Unit – Forward Looking Studies and Policy Coherence, Directorate General of Development, European Commission, Brussels

Paul ENGEL

Director, European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM), Maastricht

Maurizio CARBONE

Lecturer in Politics and Director of the Scottish Jean Monnet Centre of European Excellence, Glasgow University

1245

Lunch

1430-1600

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FROM ACCOUNTANCY TO ACCOUNTABILITY: TOWARDS A NEW APPROACH FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION – 3 Working Groups

How can the added value of EC development cooperation be defined? How can aid effectiveness be assessed in practice? How does monitoring of EC development cooperation help to increase its effectiveness?

Presentations in plenary of the first results of the ECDPM/Action Aid discussion paper on aid effectiveness followed by working groups on key issues.

Gwénaëlle CORRE

Programme Officer, The European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM), Maastricht

Joanna MAYCOCK

EU Representative, Action Aid International, Brussels

Patrick WATT

Policy Coordinator on EC Aid, Action Aid UK, Brussels

1600-1630

Tea and Coffee

1630-1700

REPORT BACK FROM DISCUSSION GROUPS IN PLENARY

Issues and recommendations arising from the afternoon working group sessions

Gwénaëlle CORRE

Programme Officer, The European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM), Maastricht

1700-1800

11 NON STATE ACTORS: THEIR ROLE

What is civil society's role in delivering development assistance? How do NGOs assess their own performance and how can it be improved? What mechanisms are there for sharing best practice and agreed principles in the field? What advice do NSAs have for European policy makers and recipient governments on how to make aid more effective?

Chair: Helen O'CONNELL

Chair, BOND European Policy Group; Head of Policy, One World Action, London

Simon STOCKER

Director, European Solidarity towards Equal Participation of People (EUROSTEP), Brussels

Bakary FOFANA

Executive Director, Centre du Commerce International pour le Développement (CECIDE), Conakry

1800-1830

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Concluding remarks and recommendations looking forward to Accra

Hon Kwadwo BAAH-WIREDU

Minister, Ministry of Finance, Accra

1830-1915

Interval for changing

From 1915

Reception drinks

2000

Conference dinner

THURSDAY 24 JANUARY

0730-0915

Breakfast and payment of bills

0915

Participants depart