



Commonwealth and La Francophonie Workshop
The Future of Aid: User Perspectives on Reform of the International Aid System

Sheraton Hotel, Dhaka, 20-21 March 2006
Facilitated by ODI

PROGRAMME

Day 1: Monday 20 March	
09.15-09.30	Tea/Coffee
09.30-10.00	Welcome and Introduction <i>Bangladesh Government</i> <i>Indrajit Coomaraswamy, Commonwealth Secretariat</i>
10.00-10.45	Setting the context: from the 'Washington Consensus' to a new leading paradigm of effective aid? <i>Chair: Indrajit Coomaraswamy, Commonwealth Secretariat</i> <i>Speaker: Alina Rocha Menocal, Overseas Development Institute</i>
10.45-11.45	Roundtable discussion among workshop participants about the most pressing issues related to the international aid system in the Asian context <i>Chair and Facilitator: Indrajit Coomaraswamy, Commonwealth Secretariat</i>
11.45-12.00	Tea/Coffee
12.00- 13.15	The UN Development System from a user perspective: status, challenges, opportunities and possible directions of travel <i>Speaker and Facilitator: Simon Maxwell, ODI</i>
13.15-14.45	Lunch
14.45-16.00	The World Bank and Regional Development Banks: status, challenges, opportunities and possible directions of travel <i>Speaker and Facilitator: Bishakha Mukherjee, Commonwealth Secretariat</i>

16.00-16.15	Tea/Coffee
16.15-17.30	The European Union (EDF and Budget instruments): status, challenges, opportunities and possible directions of travel <i>Speaker and Facilitator: Simon Maxwell, ODI</i>
18:30-20.00	Reception for workshop participants

Day 2: Tuesday 21 March	
09.15-09.30	Tea/Coffee
09.30-10.15	Short briefing on the Paris Declaration and its implications at the country level <i>Speaker: Alina Rocha Menocal, ODI</i>
10.15-13.00	Matrix scoring exercise: Comparative advantage of bilateral and multilateral institutions <i>Facilitators: Simon Maxwell and Alina Rocha Menocal, ODI</i>
13.00-14.00	Lunch
14.00- 16.00	Concluding panel session: lessons learned and future actions What is the future of aid? Brainstorming session on ideas and recommendations to be fed into the preparation of a paper on aid architecture for the Commonwealth Senior Financial Officials meeting in Colombo, September 2006 <i>Lead Speakers: Two speakers among workshop participants to be identified by the Commonwealth Secretariat</i> Closing remarks: <i>Simon Maxwell, ODI</i> <i>Indrajit Coomaraswamy, Commonwealth Secretariat</i>