



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

Yaoundé, Cameroon, 1-2 June 2006
Facilitated by ODI

PROGRAMME

| Day 1: Thursday 1 June | |
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| 09.15-09.45 | Welcome and Introduction <i>Cameroon Government</i> <i>Indrajit Coomaraswamy, Commonwealth Secretariat</i> <i>OIF Representative</i> |
| 09.45-10.00 | Tea/Coffee |
| 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: Matthew Odedokun, Commonwealth Secretariat</i> |
| 10.45-11.45 | Roundtable discussion among workshop participants about the most pressing issues related to the international aid system in the African 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 Burall, 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, ODI</i> |

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| 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: Sven Grimm, ODI</i> |
| 18:30-20.30 | Reception hosted by the Commonwealth Secretariat |

| Day 2: Friday 2 June | |
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| 09.15-09.30 | Tea/Coffee |
| 09.30-11.15 | Paris Declaration and Arrangements for Aid at country level (Topics to include project vs sector vs budget support; predictability of donor support; accountability to donors vs sovereignty; transaction costs; donor co-ordination arrangements) <i>Speaker: Sven Grimm, ODI</i> |
| 11.15-11.30 | Tea/Coffee |
| 11.30-13.00 | Matrix scoring exercise: Comparative advantage of bilateral and multilateral institutions <i>Facilitators: Sven Grimm/Simon Burall, 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>Sven Grimm, ODI</i> <i>Indrajit Coomaraswamy, Commonwealth Secretariat</i> <i>OIF Representative</i> |