

# OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE NEWS RELEASE

## FORMER DIRECTOR OF ODI AWARDED OBE – 16<sup>th</sup> June 2007

Tony Killick, one of the UK's leading development economists, and a former Director of ODI, has been awarded an OBE in the Honours List published today, 16 June.

Speaking in London, Simon Maxwell, ODI's current Director, said:

'Tony Killick has been an inspiration to many of us in the profession. He is someone who combines a deep commitment to Africa with the highest level of economic skills. His contributions have ranged from national development strategy to international economic policy-making. His critiques of structural adjustment and of conditionality by the international financial institutions remain highly relevant today. He was Director of ODI during a crucial period of the Institute's development, from 1982 to 1987. He was also President of the Development Studies Association between 1986 and 1988. Holding the first of those posts, and having held the second, I know from the inside how much Tony's contribution is valued. We are proud that he remains an active Senior Research Associate of the Institute.'

Tony Killick said:

'I am delighted with this honour. Above all, it reflects the high quality of the research team of the Overseas Development Institute, of which I was fortunate to be a member. I hope this recognition also serves to further highlight the cause of African economic development and the need for an evidence-driven approach to that.'

### Notes for Editors

1. Tony Killick was born in 1934. He was a Lecturer in the Economics Department of the University of Ghana from 1961-65, and then a Tutor in Economics at Ruskin College, Oxford (1965-67). He worked in Ghana and Kenya and for the British aid ministry (then the Overseas Development Administration), before joining ODI in 1979. He is currently a Senior Research Associate of the Institute. Tony Killick is the author of 15 books and very many articles and other publications. He is in constant demand as an adviser and consultant.
2. For interview of further comment please contact Anna Tublin, ODI Media and Events Officer (tel: +44 (0)20 7922 0419; a.tublin@odi.org.uk ) or Kirsty Cockburn, ODI Head of Communications (tel: +44 (0)20 7922 0423; k.cockburn@odi.org.uk ).
3. ODI is Britain's leading independent think-tank on international development and humanitarian issues. Its mission is to inspire and inform policy and practice which lead to the reduction of poverty, the alleviation of suffering and the achievement of sustainable livelihoods in developing countries. Locking together high-quality applied research, practical policy advice and policy-focused dissemination and debate, ODI works with partners in the public and private sectors, in both developing and developed countries. Further details can be found on the ODI website ([www.odi.org.uk](http://www.odi.org.uk)).

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