



Overseas Development Institute
News Release

ODI recognised in New Year Honours

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ODI has been recognised in the New Year Honours published today, by the award of a CBE (Commander of the Order of the British Empire) to its Director, Simon Maxwell. The honour is given for 'services to international development'.

Speaking from his home in Brighton, Simon Maxwell said:

'I'm delighted by this award and by the recognition of our work. I would like to think the honour celebrates three things:

First, the current salience of efforts to reduce global poverty;

Second, the role that research and good ideas play in that process; and

Third, the particular contribution made by those of us at ODI and elsewhere who work at the interface of research and policy, to turn good ideas into practical solutions.'

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Notes for Editors

1. Simon Maxwell has been Director of ODI since 1997. Before that, he worked for ten years overseas, in Kenya and India for UNDP, and in Bolivia for the British aid programme, and then for 15 years at the Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex. He is an economist, with degrees from Oxford and Sussex. He was President of the Development Studies Association of the UK and Ireland from 2001-5.
2. Founded in 1960, 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

3. Simon Maxwell is available for interview. To arrange to speak to him please call Kirsty Cockburn, ODI Head of Communications on 07801 370991, or Anna Tublin, Media and Events Officer, 07799 140470.

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