

Can Europe meet climate change challenges for development cooperation?

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*Future Challenges for European
Development Cooperation*

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Outline

- Overall challenge – achieving the MDGs
- More & Better Aid – international / EU debate
 - ODA levels
 - Aid Effectiveness – Paris & Accra
- How best to organise a ‘*shared competence*’
 - The Maastricht 3Cs → EU or EC?
 - Institutional change & the Lisbon Treaty
- Current policy debates
 - Aid Architecture
 - Financing development: Using aid strategically

The Challenge - 2020

- Still consensus on overall challenge
 - *Meet the MDGs by 2015*
- But at Mid-Point – doubts creeping in
 - Patchy performance – Africa in particular
 - Are we doing enough? ODA levels
 - Are we doing the wrong things?
 - Are MDGs too limited a focus?
 - Will extraneous factors derail effort?

More & Better Aid

- International debate / EU dimensions
 - EU actively seeks leadership role
- ODA levels – Monterrey targets
 - Good progress but signs of slippage
- Aid Effectiveness – Paris & Accra (AAA)
 - Absolutely key debate
 - *Ownership, alignment, harmonisation*, plus managing for results & mutual accountability

Organising EU DC

- *A shared competence* since 1992
- Though EU (MS+EC) committed to ‘3Cs’
 - *Coordination, complementarity & coherence*
- But actual progress made is very slow
 - MS only move when pushed
 - In face of major pressures: eg. 9/11
 - Peer pressure: DAC, Paris, AAA
- EU or EC? – can we overcome 27+1?
 - Scale of our ambitions depends on this

EU Strength & Weakness

- EU (EC+MS) provides 55% global ODA & 64% of funding to UN
 - What do EU citizens expect for that?
- Currently no one EU DC programme
 - EU enlargement makes things worse: 27+1
 - More complementarity → more effectiveness
- EU has some of the highest quality donors
 - But also some not so good ...
- So what is responsible strategy for EU?
 - Excellence of few, LCD or raise average?

EU Institutional Change

- Change in 2009 – sets scene till 2015 ...
 - New commissioners & portfolios
 - EP election also, though less important
- Lisbon Treaty – EFM, EEAS
 - Increased leadership? Also in DC?
 - Greater coherence in external action?
- *Will EU institutions command respect of MS?*
- For EC mid-term review of financial instruments
 - ENPI, Stability, DCI – EDF in budget?
- Next FP from 2014 - ~2020

Key Current Debates

- Division of Labour / Complementarity
 - In country, between countries, by sector
 - Follow partner country lead
- Aid architecture – need to simplify
 - Proliferation of donors & funds
- Learning from experience
 - Good intentions & quick action not enough
 - Need to value expertise & not reinvent wheel
 - Have to be far better at working for results
- Integrated approach: both PCD & in financing
 - ODA not enough so use it strategically

DC challenges to CC

- Take lessons of Effectiveness debate seriously
 - Ownership, alignment, harmonisation
- Simplify architecture & ensure transparency
- Respect need for integrated approach:
 - Peace, stability, good governance, HR, poverty focus, sustainability, gender, growth ...& PCD
- Financing must come from multiple sources:
 - FDI, trade, ODA, remittances, internal tax base
 - Each has value and role, none enough on own
- DC must keep eye on goal – poverty focus

Thanks for your attention

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