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European Development Cooperation to 2020: can Europe meet climate change challenges for development cooperation?

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Brussels, Belgium

An international seminar organised by the Overseas Development Institute (ODI), the Institute of Development Studies (IDS) and the German Development Institute (Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik- DIE) in the framework of the "European Development Co-operation to 2020 [EDC 2020]" project

Summary and Objectives

Two key challenges face European countries in their efforts to support developing countries respond to climate change. First, is the issue of how to raise and provide the necessary finance for such actions; and second, how to ensure coordination, complementarity and coherence between different Member States' efforts and different department, i.e. environment and development. Overcoming these interlinked issues is crucial to laying the foundations for a future climate change regime that is effective and sustainable in the long run.

This workshop will focus on these issues within the context of the European development cooperation and climate change policy processes. The event forms part of a new FP7 funded policy research project which is looking at the future of European Development Cooperation to 2020 (for further information please visit www.edc2020.eu). It is part of a series of activities on this theme and the outcomes will help to shape further dialogue and research on these issues over the next two years.

Opening presentation: Future challenges for European Development Cooperation

Speakers:

James Mackie, ECDPM (The Netherlands)

Leo Peskett, ODI (UK)

Overview of big picture issues facing European Development Cooperation in the next 12 years (e.g. European Integration), with main focus on how climate change issues fit into this wider landscape.



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Session 1:

The climate finance challenge: what role for Europe?

Speakers

Sebastian Wienges, International Climate Initiative, Germany

Andrew Hingham, Energy Research Centre, Netherlands

Marco Túlio Scarpelli Cabral, Head of Energy and Sustainable Development Section at the Brazilian mission to the European Community

Neil Bird, ODI, UK

Chair

Imme Scholz, DIE, Germany

Three immediate issues that have significant long-term implications for Europe can be highlighted. First, the financial mechanisms of providing finance (and technology) to support developing countries adapt to unavoidable climate change and to develop sustainably on low carbon pathways is one of the most prominent issues in the climate change debate. Many different options are being tabled, including traditional public and private sector investment and more innovative approaches such as levies and market mechanisms. Second, the relationship between adaptation finance and paying for international mitigation efforts that will be based in developing countries is not yet clear. And third, the relationship between the financial flows associated with official development assistance and climate finance has yet to emerge.

This session will therefore focus on the architecture of the emerging international financial system associated with climate change and highlight European thinking on system design considerations that will set the trajectory of climate finance.

Key questions for consideration (for speakers and plenary discussion):

1. What should the emerging institutional architecture for climate change financing look like? Do current financial arrangements for climate change/development cooperation need to be reconfigured?
2. What role does/should public finance play in financing responses to climate change in developing countries? Where does it sit in relation to private sector investment in terms of offering leverage?
3. How do fluctuations in financial markets affect climate change finance for developing countries? How can it be ensured that such fluctuations do not jeopardise long term climate change responses?
4. What is the role of the EU in emerging climate finance architecture?
5. What is driving different Member State country positions on climate change related finance?





Session 2:

EC-member state relationships: coordination, complementarity and coherence of EU development cooperation on climate change

Speakers

Walter Kennes, DG Development

Johan Schaar, Swedish Commission on Climate Change and Development

Helena Princová, Ministry of Environment, Department of Climate-Energy Package
Renewables, Slovak Republic

Nuno Lacasta, Climate Policy Director (Portugal)

Chair

Merylyn Hedger, IDS

Numerous initiatives have been launched by European donors over the last few years to help developing countries respond to climate change. But some concerns have been raised for example over a lack of coordination or coherence of efforts, and the added value of Commission led initiatives. Such fragmentation could lead to reduced effectiveness of actions in the future. This repeats earlier concerns over the effectiveness of development cooperation, which led to the 2005 Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness.

This session will focus mainly on the internal organisation of climate change and development cooperation policy within Europe. What does the current climate change and development cooperation 'landscape' look like? What is driving different Member State positions? What works well currently and what should be improved and how? What can be learnt from the Aid Effectiveness debate?

Key questions for consideration (for speakers and plenary session):

1. Where are different member states currently at in terms of development cooperation efforts on climate change?
 2. How do they view relationships between their own bilateral activities and different multilateral activities (e.g. the EC, World Bank and UNFCCC)? What are their perspectives on the appropriate form of European climate responses to climate change in developing countries?
 3. What role can/should the EC play in influencing the international architecture of the CC and development-cooperation system?
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Panel Discussion with Leo Peskett (ODI), Merylyn Hedger (IDS) and Imme Scholz (DIE)

