

Speech Outline for FASID Study Group Meeting, Tokyo, 26 May 2006

Making a Real Contribution to Real Development: Four Issues for the Development Community

Issue 1: Are donors serious about scaling up ODA?

- The 2005 commitments: how real?
- Innovative finance: what role?
- Delivery plans: how credible?

Issue 2: Are donors serious about making aid more effective?

- Ownership and alignment to local priorities: what are the realities? (especially in “difficult cases”, such as Ethiopia)
- Harmonisation and reducing transaction costs: can we expect real progress?
- Aid instruments: is there a basis for a broader consensus on the roles of projects, programmes and budget support?
- Capacity building: can we move from principles to action?

Issue 3: Are donors really “managing for results”?

- Reforms in US, Japan, Germany; White Papers in Australia, Ireland and UK: what’s the story?
- How well are donors managing their own systems to achieve the results they say they want?
- How well are recipient countries doing likewise?
- Impact evaluation: is this an area for international initiative?
- Third Roundtable on Results (Vietnam, February, 2006): does it matter?

Issue 4: Will “Emerging Donors” change the face of development cooperation?

- What are the facts? (OECD non-DAC donors; EU non-OECD donors ; Middle Eastern Funds; other donors)
- OECD/DAC: what approach to adopt?

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