



The North-South Institute • L'Institut Nord-Sud

**Does Aid Work? Can it Work Better?
Crucial questions on the road to Accra and Doha**

Crowne Plaza Hotel, Ottawa
June 17-18 2008

Conference Agenda

Conference Program

This conference will bring together international speakers and Canadian participants to discuss development cooperation and financing issues in the lead up to two key events occurring later in 2008: the Accra High Level Forum on the “Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness”, and the Doha meeting on Financing for Development. These events are expected to have a major impact on aid and development finance policy, and on the long-term prospects of developing countries.

The conference is guided by three objectives: it will take stock of current evidence and thinking on the impact and effectiveness of aid; it will assess the relative importance of aid compared to other sources of development finance; and it will examine new models and new actors in development cooperation.

The conference program highlights Southern perspectives on development cooperation, since these are otherwise frequently downplayed in development policy debates. It also recognizes that improved policy and practice must be based on solid evidence, and therefore places special emphasis on presenting insights from recent research.¹

Day One

8:00 – 9:00 **Registration**

9:00 – 9:20 **Conference Opening**

Welcome and house-keeping

Bill Morton, Researcher, The North-South Institute

Opening Remarks

Roy Culpeper, President, The North-South Institute

9:20 – 10:20 **Panel 1 Southern Perspectives on Aid and Development Finance**

Keynote presentations

Chair: Roy Culpeper, The North-South Institute

Amar Bhattacharya, Director, Group of 24

[*Overview presentation: Aid and development finance \[power point presentation\]*](#)

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Jocelyn Dow, Co-founder, Red Thread
Civil society and Financing for Development

10:20 - 10:50 Robert Greenhill, President, Canadian International Development Agency
Aid effectiveness: Canadian perspectives

10:50 – 11:10 **Coffee**

11:10 – 12:30 **Panel 2 Does Aid Work? Assessing Impact**

Chair: Hau-Sing Tse, Senior Vice-President, Geographic Programs, CIDA

Roger Riddell, Board Member, Oxford Policy Management; Principal, The Policy Practice

[*The impact of aid on development objectives: Current evidence and thinking \[pdf\]*](#)

Moses Kiggundu, Carleton University

[*Assessing aid and the big picture: Can aid make globalization development friendly? \[power point presentation\]*](#)

Discussant

Stephen Brown, University of Ottawa

12:30 – 1:30 **Lunch**

1:30 – 2:50 **Panel 3 Aid Impact in Specific Contexts: Fragile states**

Chair: Gabriel Goyette, Chaire C.-A. Poissant de recherche sur la gouvernance et l'aide au développement, UQAM

Philippe Rouzier, Directeur, Observatoire National sur la Pauvreté, Port au Prince

[*Aid and fragile states: The case of Haiti \(French only\) \[power point presentation\]*](#)

Mahmoud Saikal, Senior Advisor to the Afghanistan National Development Strategy

[*Aid and fragile states: The case of Afghanistan \[pdf\]*](#)

Discussant: [*Nipa Banerjee, University of Ottawa \[power point presentation\]*](#)

2:50 – 3:00 **Short break**

3:00 – 4:20 **Panel 4 Improving Effectiveness: The Paris Declaration and the Accra process**

Chair: Christine Hogan, Vice-President, Strategic Policy and Performance Branch, CIDA

Bernard Wood, Bernard Wood and Associates
[*The Paris Declaration: Progress, pitfalls and potential*](#) [*power point presentation*]

Brian Tomlinson, Canadian Council for International Cooperation
[*Civil society and aid effectiveness: The Paris Declaration, the Accra HLF, and beyond*](#) [*power point presentation*]

Discussant: Sulley Gariba, Institute for Policy Alternatives, Accra

4:20 – 4:40 **Coffee break**

4:40 – 6:00 **Panel 5 The Paris Declaration, Aid Modalities and Governance**
Chair: Lauchlan Munro, International Development Research Centre

David Booth, Overseas Development Institute, UK
[*Aid Modalities and Governance: Where the Paris Agenda Goes Wrong*](#) [*power point presentation*]

Molly Kane, Executive Director, Inter Pares
[*Gender, aid effectiveness and the Paris Declaration*](#) [*pdf*]

Kristinn Helgason, UN Dept. of Economic and Social Affairs
The Development Cooperation Forum: A better model for development cooperation?

6:00 - 10:00 Cocktails, cash bar (Pinnacle Room, Crowne Plaza Hotel)
Conference Dinner (Panorama Room, Crowne Plaza Hotel)

Welcome Philip Johnson, Chair of Board of Directors, The North-South Institute

Keynote Speaker Michael Lee-Chin, Chairman, Portland Holdings
The Role of Business in Sustainable Development - "Building a Better Jamaica"

Day Two

9:00 – 10:30 **Panel 6 Aid dependence, ownership and the aid relationship**
Chair: Charles Lwanga-Ntale, Development Research and Training, Kampala

Alastair Fraser, Global Economic Governance Program, Oxford University
[*Negotiating aid dependency: How important is the aid relationship?*](#) [power point presentation]

Gervase Maipose, University of Botswana
[*Ownership and the aid relationship: The Botswana example*](#) [power point presentation]

Hon. Moses Asaga, Member of Parliament, Ghana
[*Aid and development in Ghana: A parliamentarian's perspective*](#) [pdf]

Discussant: [Nachilala Nkombo, MS Zambia](#) [power point presentation]

10:30 - 10:50 **Coffee**

10:50 - 12:20 **Panel 7 Aid in perspective: The relative importance of aid for development**
Chair: Bill Morton, The North-South Institute

Benu Schneider, UN Dept. of Economic and Social Affairs
[*Aid and other development finance: From Accra to Doha*](#) [power point presentation]

Deshal de Mel, Institute of Policy Studies, Colombo
[*Moving on from aid: The Sri Lanka experience*](#) [power point presentation]

Sunday Khan, University of Yaounde II
[*Aid and other resource flows: Cameroon and CEMAC countries*](#) [power point presentation]

12:20 – 1:30 **Lunch**

1:30 – 3:00 **Panel 8 Development cooperation: New actors, new implications**
Chair: Fraser Reilly-King, Halifax Initiative

Rajiv Kumar, ICRIER, New Delhi
India, development cooperation and aid effectiveness

Li Anshan, Peking University, Beijing
[*Aid and Cooperation in Africa: Chinese way of thinking and Action*](#) [power point presentation]

Sarah-Lea John de Sousa, FRIDE, Madrid

[*Brazil as a new donor, the IBSA initiative, and South-South cooperation \[pdf\]*](#)

3:00 – 3: 30

Closing Remarks

Roy Culpeper

President, The North-South Institute

Gerry Barr

President, Canadian Council for International Cooperation