



DRAFT PROGRAMME

“Parliament and the MDGs in the Context of the Changing Aid Architecture: Prioritizing South-South Cooperation”

EU PRESIDENCY SEMINAR: MADRID, SPAIN 25-26 FEBRUARY 2010

DAY 1: 25 FEBRUARY

13:00- 13:30 PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION

13:30-14:30 OPENING SESSION

- Hon. Francisco Javier Rojo Garcia, President of the Spanish Senate
- Ms. Soraya Rodriguez Ramos, Secretary of State for International Cooperation
- Hon. Abdirahin Abdi, Speaker of the East African Legislative Assembly (EALA)
- Ms. Miet Smet, President AWEPA
- Mr. Ricardo Martínez Vázquez, Director General, Casa Africa, Spain

14:30-16:00 LUNCH

16:00-17:30 SESSION 1: THE ACHIEVEMENT OF NEPAD OBJECTIVES IN THE CHANGING AID ARCHITECTURE

Chair: MP Spain

- Mr. Bankole Adeoye, NEPAD Secretariat
- Representative OECD Working Party on Aid Effectiveness (WP-EFF)
- Representative UN Development Cooperation Forum (DCF)
- Ms. Severine Donnet-Descartes, Co-Chair of the OECD DAC Task Team on South-South Cooperation
- Ms. María del Carmen Moreno Raymundo, Director Spanish Cooperation Agency for International Development (AECID)

This session will be dedicated to providing participants with an update as to the various initiatives currently in motion on the subject of aid reform. This will include perspectives from NEPAD, the OECD, the UN-DCF and local CSOs on the challenges involved in meeting NEPAD objectives.

17:30- 19:00 SESSION 2: THE ROLE OF PARLIAMENT IN MAKING AID MORE EFFECTIVE FOR THE MDGS

Chair: MP Colombia

- Mr. Kevin Deveaux, UNDP, Parliamentary Affairs
- Representative UN Millennium Campaign - Europe



- Mr. Svend Robinson, Senior Advisor, Parliamentary Relations and Special Initiatives, the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria
- Representative, Better Aid Platform
- Ms. Theresa Sanchez, Representative, Spanish Federation of Family Planning
- Mr. Jorge Enrique Prieto Cardozo, Official Development Aid Sub-Director, Presidential Agency for Social Action and International Cooperation, Colombia

This session will serve to highlight the role of parliament in the aid equation. This includes not only a discussion of the important role these representatives can play, but also an exploration as to the challenges of getting them fully involved in the process, their relationship with both the executive and CSOs, as well as solid examples of successful engagement on the part of parliaments and parliamentarians toward meeting the MDGs, especially from a gender perspective.

DAY 2: 26 FEBRUARY

9:00-12:00 PANEL DISCUSSION: SOUTH- SOUTH COOPERATION AND THE EFFECTIVE USE OF AID- A COLLECTION OF CASE STORIES FOR THE COLUMBIAN HLE

Moderator: Hon. Brendan Howlin, Deputy Speaker of the Parliament of Ireland, AWEPA Vice President
Keynote address: Dr. Peter Holland, Monash University, Australia

- Hon. Mary Mugenyi, Vice-President Pan-African Parliament (PAP)
- Hon. Dr. Esau Chiyiya, Secretary General SADC- Parliamentary Forum (SADC-PF)
- Hon. Abdirahin Abdi, Speaker of the East African Legislative Assembly (EALA)
- Member, ECOWAS-Parliament (ECOWAS-P)
- Hon. Bart Tommelein, Chair Benelux Parliament
- 4 Members, Latin American Parliament (LAP)

First Respondent: Dr. Peter Holland, Monash University, Australia

This session will serve to collect and explore various perspectives on the relationship between South-South Cooperation and aid effectiveness. Discussions on how triangular (S-S-N) cooperation fits in to this equation may be examined as well. This session aims to establish a common understanding as to the potential merits and limitations of such cooperation in the context of the changing aid architecture.

Furthermore, this panel discussion will serve to facilitate discussions on the anecdotal accounts (i.e. "stories") on how Members of the various parliamentary networks and regional parliamentary bodies have been successful in cooperating in a South-South context, or, where limited success was had, capacity impediments or other factors which may have contributed to this.

12:30-13:00 CLOSING SESSION

Chair: Mr. Francisco Arnau, Former Spanish MP, Senior Specialist Labour Administration (ILO) MP Spain

- Hon. Jean Pierre Lola Kisanga, MP of the Democratic Republic of Congo
- Mr. Pär Granstedt, Former Member of Parliament of Sweden