



Official Development Assistance

Rambouillet Workshop, 7-8 December 2005

Program

During last September World Summit, support for the Millennium Development Goals and priority for the African region were reiterated. The international community also announced a substantial increase of official development assistance. As 2005 will end with the WTO development round ministerial conference in Hong Kong, the time is right to engage decision makers, think tanks and academics in open discussions on bilateral foreign aid issues. While European countries are getting ready to adopt a declaration on development policy for the European Union, it seems useful for decision makers to share views on key development issues. Our workshop aims at facilitating this process. Three issues will be discussed: the changing nature of the international context; the balance between security and development issues, the strengthening of institutions in fragile states.

Wednesday, December 7th 2005

19h00 – 19h30 Registration

19h30 – 20h30 Introduction to the workshop

Chairman: **Irene Freudenschuss-Reichl**, General Director,
Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Vienna

Speakers: **Philippe Etienne**, General Director, Ministry for
Foreign Affairs, Paris
Laurence Tubiana, Director, Institute for sustainable
development and international relations (Iddri), Paris

20h30 – 22h30 Dinner: From New York to Hong Kong

Hosted by: **Brigitte Girardin**, Minister of Cooperation, Development
and Francophony, Paris

Speaker: **Zéphirin Diabré**, Associated Administrator, UNDP, New
York

Thursday December 8th 2005

9h00 – 10h30 The changing nature of the international context

Security issues are predominant in the U.S. foreign policy agenda, both at the domestic and international levels, as illustrated by the U.S. stance at the last September World Summit. In what way does the current U.S. position influence the international negotiating area, the international cooperation objectives, and the relations between rich and poor countries?

Chairman: **Ruth Jacoby**, General Director, Ministry for Foreign
Affairs, Stockholm

Speaker: **Thomas Risse**, Professor, Free University, Berlin

Discussant: **Clare Lockhart**, Overseas Development Institute (ODI),
London

11h00 – 12h30 What balance between security and development issues?

Today, the Millennium Development Goals do not seem to win the same international consensus as they did during the 2000 UN General Assembly. Does that result from the growing importance of security issues in local and global agendas? Is security one topic of international discussions among others or is it becoming *the* central topic shifting attention and interests away from more traditional development issues? Are these two visions, security and development, compatible within current donor strategies and their implementation on the ground?

Chairman: **Michael Hoffman**, General Director, Ministry for Economic cooperation and Development, Bonn

Speaker: **Ghassan Salame**, Professor, Sciences Po, Paris

Discussant: **Anders Danielson**, Director, Swedish Institute for Development Evaluation (SADE), Stockholm

12h30 – 14h30 Lunch

14h30 – 16h00 Strengthening of institutions in fragile States

Multilateral military interventions to halt violent conflicts in developing countries have multiplied over the last few years. Foreign aid is associated with these external interventions and aims at contributing to State-building. What lessons can be learnt from such donor programs?

Chairman: **Masood Ahmed**, General Director, Department for International Development (DFID), London

Speaker: **Tony Addison**, Deputy Director, World Institute for Development Economics Research, Helsinki

Discussant: **Dirk Messner**, Director, German Development Institute (DIE), Bonn

16h00 – 16h30 Pause

16h30 – 18h00 Prospects for European bilateral donors

Chairman: **Brigitte Girardin**, Minister of Cooperation, Development and Francophony, Paris

Speaker: **Laurence Tubiana**, Director, Iddri, Paris

Discussant: **Stefano Manservigi**, General Director, DG Development, Brussels