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CONCEPT NOTE

Day 1 Thematic Session on Conflict and Fragility

Tuesday, 29 November 2011, 14:30-16:30

Smart Aid for the Bottom Billion: What Does the Evidence Tell Us and How Do We Accelerate Results?

Rationale:

One dollar spent in fragile contexts today saves many in peacekeeping and reconstruction tomorrow. Both returns and risks are higher in fragile states than in more stable environments. International engagement contributes to preventing the conflicts that set development in reverse, fighting extreme poverty and supporting national stakeholders to transit from fragility to more resilience. However, despite the significant investment (one-third of aid), the Paris Declaration and the Accra Agenda for Action, results are modest. For the investment in fragile states to generate returns, it must be well-managed, follow tailor-made approaches and focus on achieving crucial peacebuilding and statebuilding goals.

A recent survey of 13 fragile states identifies lessons learned, both positive and negative, on international engagement in fragile states.¹ Now more than ever – when nearly all low-income countries (LICs) and a dozen middle-income countries (MICs) are by most accounts fragile, when there is a risk of a double-dip recession, when the Arab Spring opens as many challenges as opportunities and when the combination of demographic pressures and environmental degradation may add to the list of fragile situations – there is a need to capitalise on lessons from experience.

What stands in the way of progress? Political leadership in both partner and donor countries is essential to bridge the gap between what the international community knows it should be going, and what it is doing. The survey provides the evidence base for the New Deal for Engagement in Fragile States, which the g7+ (a growing group of self-selected fragile states) and international actors participating in the International Dialogue on Peacebuilding and Statebuilding will be announcing on Day 2 of the Fourth High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness (HLF-4) in Busan.

Description:

This thematic session aims to:

- recall the value of investing in fragile states and discuss the main reasons for good or weak donor performance in fragile states
- identify areas for improvement as the evidence base for the New Deal for Engagement in Fragile States presented on Day 2 of the HLF-4.

Format:

During this thematic session, the moderator will invite panelists to comment on the key findings and lessons emerging from the recent fragile states survey and to identify the main reasons for good or bad donor performance. The moderator will then challenge panelists on how international engagement can be improved in fragile states and to identify the top priority commitment politicians should deliver on in 2012 to improve results. Participants will be invited to engage in the debate from the floor. The main findings and concrete suggestions will be recorded by the rapporteur and presented at the plenary session on fragile states the following day.



Panel members:

Co-Moderators:

Mr. Tobias NUSSBAUM, Co-Chair of the OECD DAC International Network on Conflict and Fragility (INCAF)
Dr. James F. KOLLIE, Acting Deputy Minister for Regional & Sectoral Planning, Liberia

Panellists:

Panel 1

- Helen CLARK, Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme
- Samura KAMARA, Minister of Finance, Sierra Leone
- Peter MOORS, Director General for Development Cooperation, Belgium
- Gervais RUFYIKIRI, Second Vice-President, Burundi
- Michael von der SCHULENBURG, Special Representative of the UN Secretary General, Sierra Leone

Panel 2

- Joachim von AMSBERG, Vice President, Operations Policy and Country Services, World Bank
- Nancy LINDBORG, Assistant Administrator, United States Agency for International Development
- Mustafa MASTOOR, Deputy Minister of Finance, Afghanistan
- Paul OKUMU, Head of Secretariat, Africa CSO Platform of Principled Partnership
- Emilia PIRES, Minister of Finance, Timor-Leste

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¹ The 2011 survey entitled *International Engagement in Fragile States: Can't We Do Better?* provides one of the only sources of evidence on the quality of development co-operation in fragile and conflict-affected states and situations. The 2011 survey shows that, in four years, the practices of providers of development assistance have not improved significantly to achieve better results. Read more at www.oecd.org/document/60/0,3746,en_2649_33693550_48696949_1_1_1_1,00.html.

