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Editor's Pick

ECDPM seeks your views on policy priorities for 2010

ECDPM is currently preparing its annual paper on the challenges for European Union-African Caribbean and Pacific development cooperation for 2010. We are interested in hearing your views on the policy priorities you identify for your region/country for next year and the policy priorities the EU should take into account when engaging with your country. We would also like to know how you rank the EU's importance in your region and elsewhere in comparison to other (emerging) actors. Our last question focuses on the future of the ACP group beyond 2020. **We would appreciate it if you could please take five minutes to respond to this anonymous survey by 23 October 2009 (you can also reply in French).** Click [here](#) to access the survey.

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Policy News

Public Launch of www.capacity4dev.eu. 16 October 2009.

An interactive website supporting the European Commission's reform of technical co-operation. But is making technical cooperation more effective a "Mission Possible"? Click [here](#) to join the debate with the Directors of EuropeAid and ECDPM.

Supporting domestic accountability: Exploring conceptual dimensions and operational challenges. ECDPM Discussion Paper. October 2009.

This paper reports on a Netherlands government initiative to translate policy focus on domestic accountability into operational activities of a strategic nature. The objective is to ensure that ongoing efforts contribute credibly and explicitly to strengthening the domestic accountability of partner governments' institutions to citizens. Click [here](#) to read the document.

EU-African Union Ministerial Troika Meeting. Communiqué. 14 October 2009.

Click [here](#) to access the communiqué.

Spotlight on Policy Coherence. European NGO network CONCORD's report. October 2009.

The report claims that EU trade and agricultural policies are having a damaging impact on developing countries, undoing the potential achievements of EU development aid. At the report's launch this week, the EC announced that it will draw up a work programme for 2010/2011 based on the results of the November 2009 EU Council discussions on this issue. EC officials announced that DG

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Dear,

As we prepare for next week's [European Development Days](#) in Stockholm, this week's update examines some of the key debates that are expected to arise in that forum, particularly in relation to capacity development, domestic accountability, policy coherence for development and ACP-EU trade relations. The [Weekly Compass - Extended Version](#) includes some of the side events that will be taking place there as well. We also provide further reports from the Joint Africa-EU Strategy meetings which concluded this week with a Ministerial level communiqué.

I hope to have to occasion to meet with you next week in Sweden.

All the best,

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Off the track

Participatory Learning and Action - Change at hand: Web 2.0 for development

Web 2.0 tools and approaches are radically changing the ways we create, share, collaborate and publish digital information through the Internet. Participatory Web 2.0 for development is a way of employing web services to intentionally improve information-sharing and online collaboration for development. This special issue shares learning and reflections from practice and considers the ways forward for using the Web. Click [here](#) to read more.

Services

Development has initiated preparations for a Communication on the governance of finance. Click [here](#) for more information.

Economic Partnership Agreements and their impact on ACP States. Follow-up by the European Commission to the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly Resolution. 1 October 2009.

The EC highlights the need for tailor-made solutions for all countries without undue pressure from the EU on what to include in the agreement. The Commission is open to re-discuss any provision of the interim agreements, in the framework of regional negotiations, with a view to improving them where possible. Click [here](#) to read more.

Competitiveness in the European food industry. New trade opportunities in a globalised world. EU Presidency Conference. 15-16 October 2009.

Participants are hearing the latest news on the trade agreements that are currently being negotiated between the EU and third countries and support for new export opportunities, innovations and development. Click [here](#) for more on the conference.

Problem-Driven Governance and Political Economy Analysis. World Bank. October 2009.

The primary objective of this good practice framework is to systematise approaches to governance and political economy analysis for World Bank task team leaders and teams—but they hope it will also be useful for all those who share an interest in governance and political economy diagnostics. The basic approach can be applied to analysis at country, sector or project levels. Click [here](#) to read more.

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