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Dear Reader,

A very Happy New Year to you. I, and all of us here at ECDPM, wish you a healthy and happy 2010. We hope our Challenges paper featured this week will help guide you through what's ahead this year. The Spanish have taken over the rotating EU Presidency, the first to do so under the new Lisbon Treaty and the latest documents and meeting schedules can be found in the [Weekly Compass-Extended Version](#). You'll find there also information on next week's European Parliament hearings for the European Commissioners-Designates. Looking back to December, we provide a selection of the key articles on the outcome of the Copenhagen summit for the climate and multilateralism as well as the next steps to be taken this year. Several regulations on trade issues were also passed in the final days of last year which are of potential interest to third country exporters. Finally, ECDPM is still recruiting a [Programme Officer for the Economic and Trade Cooperation Programme](#) if you know of anyone who may be interested.

Looking forward to a fruitful collaboration in 2010,

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## Editor's Pick

**Looking ahead: challenges for ACP-EU Relations in 2010**

In the newly published annual Challenges Policy and Practice Insights paper, ECDPM researchers and partners from African institutions preview some of the debates on EU development cooperation that are expected to unfold in 2010. Rather than predict outcomes, the paper seeks to frame the key issues, and the broader backdrop against which they are situated, enabling as wide a group of stakeholders as possible to follow and participate in them. Drawing on an ECDPM opinion survey on EU-ACP relations conducted in 2009, the paper covers a broad landscape of issues including: the repercussions of the financial crisis and its impact on North-South relations; changing dynamics in global governance, including the critical issues of climate change, poverty reduction, migration and related development challenges; the state of EU institutional reform; and regional priorities in the ACP, the role of emerging actors and the future of the ACP Group as a whole. Click here to download the full paper. [http://www.ecdpm.org/Web\\_ECDPM/Web/Content/Navigation.nsf/index2?readform&http://www.ecdpm.org/Web\\_ECDPM/Web/Content/Content.nsf/0/F40022D6700AEF63C125768E00551A85?OpenDocument](http://www.ecdpm.org/Web_ECDPM/Web/Content/Navigation.nsf/index2?readform&http://www.ecdpm.org/Web_ECDPM/Web/Content/Content.nsf/0/F40022D6700AEF63C125768E00551A85?OpenDocument)

## Other Policy News Highlights

**Donors agree way forward on governance and political economy analysis in sectors**

Sector reform and effective service delivery are critical factors for making progress on the Millennium Development Goals and achieving sustainable and equitable growth. Yet blockages for effective reform can be political, making technical solutions alone insufficient. Governance and political economy tools are therefore necessary to understand the context for sector reform. Donors discussed these at a workshop organised by the Overseas Development Institute. Click here to read the report of the meeting.

[http://www.odi.org.uk/resources/details.asp?id=4665&title=governance-political-economy-workshop-report&utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+ODI+%28Overseas+Development+Institute%29&utm\\_content=Bloglines](http://www.odi.org.uk/resources/details.asp?id=4665&title=governance-political-economy-workshop-report&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+ODI+%28Overseas+Development+Institute%29&utm_content=Bloglines)

**Latest Trade Negotiations Insights published**

Three sectors of key importance to ACP countries are under particular threat from climate change: agriculture, tourism and fisheries. Experts describe how trade measures can address these challenges in this issue of ECDPM-ICTSD's Trade Negotiations Insights. Also included are articles on aid for trade, the implications for EU trade policy from the Treaty of Lisbon and the regular WTO Roundup and EPA Negotiations Update. Click here to read the full publication. [http://www.acp-eu-trade.org/library/files/tni\\_en\\_8-10.pdf](http://www.acp-eu-trade.org/library/files/tni_en_8-10.pdf)

**Latest ISS report on the AU Peace and Security Council published**

This issue of the Addis Ababa-based Institute for Security Studies (ISS) monthly Peace and Security Council (PSC) Report, meant to feed information into the official decision-making processes of the African Union's (AU) PSC, includes a report on the Joint AU-UN Hybrid Operation in Darfur, country analyses of the Western Sahara and Liberia, and a spotlight on the European Union-AU partnership on peace and security. Click here to read the report.

[http://www.issafrica.org/dynamic/administration/file\\_manager/file\\_links/NO6JAN2010.PDF?link\\_id=3&slink\\_id=9388&link\\_type=12&slink\\_type=13&tmpl\\_id=3](http://www.issafrica.org/dynamic/administration/file_manager/file_links/NO6JAN2010.PDF?link_id=3&slink_id=9388&link_type=12&slink_type=13&tmpl_id=3)

**EU adopts guidelines on implementation and evaluation of sanctions**

Implementation of European Union's (EU) sanctions in the framework of the Common Foreign and Security Policy is standardised and methods of implementation strengthened. The guidelines do not, however, address the political process leading to the decision to impose or repeal restrictive measures. Click here to read the guidelines.  
<http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/09/st17/st17464.en09.pdf>

### **Greater aid transparency crucial for aid effectiveness**

This paper by the Overseas Development Institute sets out and explores the link between donor aid and recipient country budgets and the role greater transparency about aid can play in improving budget transparency, the quality of budgetary decisions, and accountability systems. These efforts provide an important opportunity to enhance the effectiveness of both the recipient governments' own spending and the aid they receive from donors. Click here to read the paper.

[http://www.odi.org.uk/resources/details.asp?id=4673&title=aid-transparency-aid-effectiveness&utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+ODI+%28Overseas+Development+Institute%29&utm\\_content=Bloglines](http://www.odi.org.uk/resources/details.asp?id=4673&title=aid-transparency-aid-effectiveness&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+ODI+%28Overseas+Development+Institute%29&utm_content=Bloglines)

### **China into Africa. Trade, Aid and Influence**

Africa and China are now immersed in their third and most transformative era of heavy engagement, one that promises to do more for economic growth and poverty alleviation than anything attempted by Western colonialism or international aid programs according to this paper from the Brookings Institution. Among the specific topics tackled are China's interest in African oil; military and security relations; and the influx and goals of Chinese aid to sub-Saharan Africa. Click here to order the book.

<http://www.brookings.edu/press/Books/2008/chinaintoafrica.aspx>

### **EU-ACP Secretariat call for proposals**

This latest call is for supporting and strengthening local authority associations at ACP national and regional levels. The deadline for submission of proposals is 31 March. Click here for more information.

[https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?](https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?ADSSChck=1260951926513&do=publi.detPUB&searchtype=QS&orderby=upd&orderbyad=Desc&nbPubliList=15&page=1&aoref=129417)

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## Off the track

### **U.S. Secretary of State sets out new development policy for the 21st Century**

Click here to read the speech delivered at the Peter G. Peterson Institute for International Economics in Washington, D.C. on 6 January.

[http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2010/01/06/hillary\\_clinton\\_on\\_development\\_in\\_the\\_21st\\_century](http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2010/01/06/hillary_clinton_on_development_in_the_21st_century)

## Development Policy

### **International external assistance**

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Africa and China are now immersed in their third and most transformative era of heavy engagement, one that promises to do more for economic growth and poverty alleviation than anything attempted by Western colonialism or international aid programs. Robert Rotberg and his Chinese, African, and other colleagues discuss this important trend and specify its likely implications. Among the specific topics tackled here are China's interest in African oil; military and security relations; the influx and goals of Chinese aid to sub-Saharan Africa; human rights issues; and China's overall strategy in the region. China's insatiable demand for energy and raw materials responds to sub-Saharan Africa's relatively abundant supplies of unprocessed metals, diamonds, and gold, while offering a growing market for Africa's agriculture and light manufactures. This evolving symbiosis could be the making of Africa while it further powers China's expansive economic machine.

[www.brookings.edu/press/Books/2008/chinaintoafrica.aspx](http://www.brookings.edu/press/Books/2008/chinaintoafrica.aspx)

## EU external assistance

**Call for Proposals. Framework Contract in the field of external audit of programmes and projects of external aid financed by the European Commission. January 2010.**

<http://tiny.cc/Eh9bK>

**Developing countries require stronger EU commitment. European Economic and Social Committee. 17 December 2009.**

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**EU Member States contributions to the European Development Fund 2011. EU Council Decision. 18 December 2009.**

The Council adopted a decision establishing the ceiling on the financial contributions to be paid by the member states to finance the European Development Fund (EDF) in 2011. The ceiling for the annual amount of the contribution for 2011 is hereby set at EUR 3 690 000 000 for the Commission and at EUR 210 000 000 for the European Investment Bank.

[http://www.consilium.europa.eu/App/NewsRoom/loadDocument.aspx?](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/App/NewsRoom/loadDocument.aspx?id=354&lang=EN&directory=en/trans/&fileName=111996.pdf)

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### **Network of Regional Integration Studies – NETRIS. Strengthening regional integration studies in the ACP countries.**

The specific purpose of NETRIS is to establish and coordinate a network of ACP Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) working within the field of (comparative) regional integration. The overall objectives of the network are to strengthen the research and training capacities of the partners in the field of regional integration studies, to stimulate mutual learning, shared practices and collective dissemination, and encourage policy relevant research. [www.netris-acp.org/](http://www.netris-acp.org/)

### **US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton on Development in the 21st Century. Foreign Policy. 6 January 2009.**

The prepared text of U.S. of Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton's speech, delivered at the Peter G. Peterson Institute for International Economics in Washington, D.C. [http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2010/01/06/hillary\\_clinton\\_on\\_development\\_in\\_the\\_21st\\_century](http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2010/01/06/hillary_clinton_on_development_in_the_21st_century)

### **The case for messy multilateralism. Council on Foreign Relations (US) President in the FT. 5 January 2010**

Not elitism or regionalism or functionalism or informalism is a panacea. Such collective action is invariably less inclusive, less comprehensive and less predictable than formal global accords. It can suffer from a lack of legitimacy. But it is doable and desirable, and can lead to or complement classic multilateralism. Multilateralism in the 21st century is, like the century itself, likely to be more fluid and, at times, messy than what we are used to. [www.ft.com/cms/s/0/18d8f8b6-fa2f-11de-beed-00144feab49a.html](http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/18d8f8b6-fa2f-11de-beed-00144feab49a.html)

## **EU development effectiveness**

### **UPCOMING EVENT: European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes Annual Global Development Conference. 18 January 2010.**

EADI will hold a session entitled "New Crises - New Policy Responses? Rethinking European Development Co-operation (EDC)" at the GDN annual conference on 18 January 2010 in Prague. [www.eadi.org/events/forthcoming-events/gdn2010.html](http://www.eadi.org/events/forthcoming-events/gdn2010.html)

### **Report of the Policy Coherence for Development Roundtable meeting. Fostering Global Responsibility. 29-30 October 2009.**

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## **Migration and development**

#### **Migration and Development. “Don’t let anyone tell you that what’s right is impossible”. Owen abroad blog. 20 December 2009.**

Michael Clemens from the Center for Global Development talks about immigration – which he describes as “The Biggest Idea in Development that No One Really Tried”. In this TED-talk style video, he addresses criticisms of open borders such as the idea that open immigration would impoverish rich countries (it wouldn’t), and that it is politically impossible (so too, once, was the abolition of slavery).

[www.owen.org/blog/2924](http://www.owen.org/blog/2924)

## **Climate change and development**

#### **EU to review climate strategy in February. European Voice. 7 January 2010.**

Council president adds climate change to agenda of informal summit of EU leaders.

<http://www.europeanvoice.com/article/2010/01/eu-to-review-climate-strategy-in-february/66821.aspx>

**A detailed account of how China wrecked the Copenhagen deal from a reporter who attended the final Heads of Government meeting. The Guardian (UK). 22 December 2009.**

The writer offers a fly-on-the-wall account of how talks failed. The truth is this: China wrecked the talks. It was China's representative who insisted that industrialised country targets, previously agreed as an 80% cut by 2050, be taken out of the deal. China, backed at times by India, then proceeded to take out all the numbers that mattered. Had the Chinese not been in the room, we would have left Copenhagen with a deal that had environmentalists popping champagne corks popping in every corner of the world. Why did China do it? China wants to weaken the climate regulation regime now "in order to avoid the risk that it might be called on to be more ambitious in a few years' time". China knows it is becoming an uncontested superpower; indeed its newfound muscular confidence was on striking display in Copenhagen. It illustrated a profound shift in global geopolitics.

[www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2009/dec/22/copenhagen-climate-change-mark-lynas](http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2009/dec/22/copenhagen-climate-change-mark-lynas)

**We should change tack on climate after Copenhagen. FT. 21 December 2009.**

Bjørn Lomborg writes that after 12 days of protests, posturing and seemingly endless palaver, the elephantine gathering that was the Copenhagen climate summit has laboured mightily and brought forth ... a mouse. As vague as it is toothless, the accord on curbing greenhouse gas emissions that emerged imposes no real obligations, sets no binding emissions targets and requires no specific actions by anyone. The millions of concerned people around the world who put their hopes in Copenhagen may have been bitterly disappointed by the paltry outcome. But the summit's failure could be a blessing in disguise. For the last 17 years, we have been putting the cart before the horse, pretending we could cut carbon emissions now and solve the technology problem later. Perhaps now, as they limp home from Copenhagen, our leaders will recognise the deep flaws in their current approach and chart a smarter course.

[www.ft.com/cms/s/0/46455cb4-ef39-11de-86c4-00144feab49a.html?nclick\\_check=1](http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/46455cb4-ef39-11de-86c4-00144feab49a.html?nclick_check=1)

**United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Official website. Final summit documents.**

<http://unfccc.int/2860.php>

**The Copenhagen Accord. A first stab at deciphering the implications for the EU. The Centre for European Policy Studies. 5 January 2010.**

[www.ceps.be/book/copenhagen-accord-first-stab-deciphering-implications-eu](http://www.ceps.be/book/copenhagen-accord-first-stab-deciphering-implications-eu)

**The Copenhagen Accord. Lofty plans and blurred allegiances. Analysis of summit outcome. Overseas Development Institute. 21 December 2009.**

[http://blogs.odi.org.uk/blogs/main/archive/2009/12/21/45346.aspx?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed:+ODI\\_Blog+\(Blogs+from+the+Overseas+Development+Institute\)&utm\\_content=Bloglines](http://blogs.odi.org.uk/blogs/main/archive/2009/12/21/45346.aspx?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+ODI_Blog+(Blogs+from+the+Overseas+Development+Institute)&utm_content=Bloglines)

**European Commission President Statement on the Copenhagen Climate Accord COP 15 Copenhagen. 19 December 2009.**

"This was a positive step but clearly below our ambition. We have to be honest when we analyse this result, there are good things and not so good things. I will not hide my disappointment regarding the ambition in terms of the binding nature or non-binding nature of the future agreement. On this particular point, the text agreed today falls far short of our expectations."

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=SPEECH/09/588&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

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**Hitting Reboot. Where next for climate after Copenhagen? Managing Global Insecurity. December 2009.**

This paper by Alex Evans and David Steven asserts that Copenhagen got us little further than Bali: a weak political declaration, with 2°C as the only number. In some respects, the result moves us backwards. Rather than hitting the brakes, deal-makers need to steer into the skid by building on unprecedented engagement by heads of state. To do this they should build and diversify the support base for action on climate change, making tangible to elites and publics what a long-term solution looks like; create the 'bandwidth' needed to agree a comprehensive deal, while developing the institutions needed to build confidence that the deal can actually be implemented; and increase levels of trust in the climate policy debate, by showing a new willingness to talk frankly and honestly about how to manage climate risk. With these ends in mind, the paper offers 12 recommendations.

[http://globaldashboard.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/Hitting\\_Reboot.pdf](http://globaldashboard.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/Hitting_Reboot.pdf)

**Climate shame. Get back to the table. Initial analysis of the Copenhagen climate talks. Oxfam International. 22 December 2009.**

In the closing hours of negotiations, world leaders drew up the Copenhagen Accord. It grabbed headlines, but offered no lifelines – and so may end up on the sidelines. The talks ended with little more than agreement to keep talking, offering just a dim beacon for the way forward. At a time when the urgency of the climate challenge is blatantly clear, stand-offs between the most powerful countries have left the world heading towards 4°C global warming – a catastrophic prospect, most especially for the world's poorest people. Negotiations must get straight back on track. All countries need to get back round the table and deliver what science – and people worldwide – are demanding: a fair, ambitious and binding deal in 2010.

<http://www.oxfam.org/sites/www.oxfam.org/files/briefing-note-climate-shame-get-back-to-the-table.pdf>

**EU Council adopts conclusions in several areas of interest to the ACP. 22 December 2009.**

Areas include: Environment; Restrictive measures against Guinea; Union for the Mediterranean; Office of the EU special representative to the African Union; Opening and suspension of autonomous EU tariff quotas; and Appointment of the future Secretary-General of the Council of the EU (26 June 2011 until 30 June 2015).

<http://www.consilium.europa.eu/App/NewsRoom/loadDocument.aspx?id=356&lang=EN&directory=en/envir/&fileName=112072.pdf>

**EU Presidency conclusions on COP 15 Copenhagen climate conference. 22 December 2009.**

The EU strives for an agreement that is legally binding for all parties and sufficiently ambitious to limit global warming well below 2°C compared to pre-industrial level by reducing global emissions by 50% by 2050. Further work should follow a tight time schedule with clear deadlines and the EU should continue to offer ambition and leadership. The Presidency and the incoming Spanish Presidency look forward to, as a first step, an analysis by the Commission in view of the informal meeting of Environment ministers in Seville in January 2010. The EU reiterates its conditional offer to move to a 30% reduction by 2020 compared to 1990 levels. The EU and its Member States are ready to contribute with fast-start funding of EUR 2.4 billion annually for the years 2010 to 2012 in the context of implementing the agreement.

<http://www.consilium.europa.eu/App/NewsRoom/loadDocument.aspx?id=356&lang=EN&directory=en/envir/&fileName=112067.pdf>

**Food security / agriculture**

## International Relations

**EU institutional change****UPCOMING EVENTS: Hearings of the European Commissioners-designate. Detailed timetable. 11-15 January 2010 in Brussels and 18-19 January 2010 in Strasbourg.**

[www.europarl.europa.eu/hearings/static/programme/programme\\_en.pdf](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/hearings/static/programme/programme_en.pdf)

See also: <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/hearings/default.htm?language=en> Watch live (or recorded afterwards) at: <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/wps-europarl-internet/frd/live/live-program?language=en>

**Future of the EU. Annual Brussels Think Tank Forum 2010. Bruegel et al. 12 January 2010.**

With ratification of the Treaty of Lisbon behind it, the European Union is under pressure to "return to the serious business of governing". At this critical juncture in the EU's development, eight leading Brussels-based think tanks have initiated an annual forum to deal with the Union's emerging politico-strategic agenda. The results of a brainstorming exercise by policymakers and other experts on the Copenhagen Agreement, the current financial turbulence, the Stockholm Programme, as well as the EU's role in a changing global environment will be presented for discussion. Due to limited space, registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis. In order to register your attendance, please contact Secretary General Matt Dann. If you would like to attend, you must register by Friday, 8 January, at 9:00 a.m.

[http://www.bruegel.org/fileadmin/files/admin/member\\_s\\_area/events/Workshops\\_and\\_Conferences/2009/thinktank\\_conference\\_120110\\_invitation.pdf](http://www.bruegel.org/fileadmin/files/admin/member_s_area/events/Workshops_and_Conferences/2009/thinktank_conference_120110_invitation.pdf)

**EU Spanish Presidency. Provisional agendas for Council meetings prepared by Coreper. Part 1. 6 January 2010. [http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms\\_data/docs/pressdata/en/fc/112175.pdf](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/en/fc/112175.pdf)**

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The Lisbon Treaty now having entered into force, it is time for the EU to get back to work and more specifically to focus on its foreign policy. In a world that is increasingly complex and multipolar, the EU must act strategically. To avoid becoming an irrelevant international actor, Brussels needs to (1) develop a grand strategy to define the true purpose of its foreign policy; (2) forge solid strategic partnerships with key global players; and (3) contribute to the building of a new effective multilateral system which takes into account the new global structure of power.

[http://www.egmontinstitute.be/papers/10/sec-gov/SPB-5\\_EU-Strategy-for-a-Multipolar-World.pdf](http://www.egmontinstitute.be/papers/10/sec-gov/SPB-5_EU-Strategy-for-a-Multipolar-World.pdf)

**Andris Piebalgs, commissioner-designate for development policy, has chosen Chris Jones, who used to work in his cabinet, as his head of private office. European Voice. 17 December 2009.**

<http://www.europeanvoice.com/article/imported/seminar-to-focus-on-roles-and-duties/66721.aspx>

**Work Programme, meeting dates for EU Spanish Presidency. 1 January - 31 July 2010.**

[www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms\\_data/docs/pressdata/en/fc/112127.pdf](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/en/fc/112127.pdf)

**EU diplomatic representation in third countries First half of 2010. 21 December 2009.**

Arrangements decided in 2006 which will continue to apply during the 1st semester of 2010. Arrangements establishing a system according to which Member States are to take on the functions of the Presidency in third countries.

<http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/09/st17/st17770.en09.pdf>

**The EU Spanish, Belgian and Hungarian Presidencies. 18 month programme of the Council. Final Version. 22 December 2009.**

<http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/09/st17/st17696.en09.pdf>

**Corrigendum to Council Decision on the exercise of the Presidency of the Council. 23 December 2009.**

Corrigendum to Council Decision laying down measures for the implementation of the European Council Decision on the exercise of the Presidency of the Council, and on the chairmanship of preparatory bodies of the Council. 23 December 2009.

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**EU Common Foreign and Security Policy – The EU's role in the world****A Strategy for the European Union in the Post-Cold War International System. A Third-party. Egmont, Royal Institute for International Relations. January 2010.**

In this first paper of the Grand Strategy Project series, French expert Frédéric Ramel describes the EU as being a third party more than a strategic actor. In a world that is unstable due to its oligopolar structure and its heterogeneous nature, he argues, the EU needs a "complete strategy" in order to (1) reconcile maximum variety and diversity with maximum unity and integration; (2) set up coordination with other actors; and (3) develop strategic agility and strategic expectancy.

[http://www.egmontinstitute.be/papers/10/sec-gov/SPB-4\\_Ramel-strategy-for-EU\\_third-party.pdf](http://www.egmontinstitute.be/papers/10/sec-gov/SPB-4_Ramel-strategy-for-EU_third-party.pdf)

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**EU guidelines on implementation and evaluation of restrictive measures (sanctions) in the framework of the EU Common Foreign and Security Policy. 17 December 2009.**

As discussed by the Foreign Relations Counsellors Working Party on 7 and 14 December 2009.

<http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/09/st17/st17464.en09.pdf>

## Conflict, peace-building, security and development (for all conflict and peace related items that are not explicitly CFSP related)

### **The role of churches in creating social capital and improving governance in Papua New Guinea. Lessons for working in fragile situations. Public Administration and Development journal. October 2009.**

This article by ECDPM's Volker Hauck researches the different types of contributions of Christian churches to governance and the creation of social capital in Papua New Guinea. The analysis is done against the background of debates on how to deal with situations of fragility and what role civil society can play in such situations. The article demonstrates what churches, as a sub-set of civil society, can contribute to enhancing public performance; public policy and decision making; transparency and information sharing; supporting social justice and reconciliation and peace building and examines what capabilities allow churches to shape social capital.

[http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/search/allsearch?](http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/search/allsearch?mode=viewselected&product=journal&ID=122630233&view_selected.x=59&view_selected.y=10&view_selected=view_selected)

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### **African Union Peace and Security Council decision on Sudan. 22 December 2009.**

[http://www.africa-union.org/root/au/Conferences/2009/december/213 Communique - PSC Mission to Sudan \\_Engl Final\\_ \\_2\\_.pdf](http://www.africa-union.org/root/au/Conferences/2009/december/213%20Communique%20-%20PSC%20Mission%20to%20Sudan%20_Engl_Final%20_2_.pdf)

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## Political dialogue – ACP-EU

### **The Humanitarian Impact of Economic Sanctions. Ioana M. Petrescu, Harvard University. January 2010.**

There is a heated debate on what should be the balance between achieving foreign policy goals using economic sanctions and the adverse effects of sanctions on human rights. In order to find such a balance, one needs to know under what circumstances such negative effects occur and what is the magnitude of these effects. This study attempts to answer these questions by estimating the impact of in utero exposure to sanctions episodes on infant weight, child height, and child mortality.

[www.aei.org/docLib/102609humanitarian.pdf](http://www.aei.org/docLib/102609humanitarian.pdf)

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## African Union / NEPAD

**UPCOMING EVENT: African Union Summit. Information and Communication Technologies in Africa: Challenges and Prospects for Development. 25 January- 02 February 2010.**

To be preceded by meetings of the Permanent Representatives Committee and Executive Council.

[www.africa-union.org/root/AU/Conferences/2010/january/summit/14thsummit.html](http://www.africa-union.org/root/AU/Conferences/2010/january/summit/14thsummit.html)

**African Union. Institute for Security Studies (Addis) Peace and Security Council Monthly Report. 6 January 2010.**

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## Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs) negotiations

### **The Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat has been forced to relook at its projects submitted to the European Union for funding under European Development Fund 10. 7 January 2010.**

This follows the decision by the Europeans not to fund two of the projects. One is the controversial Office of the Chief Trade Adviser for PACER Plus Related Activities (OCTA)

[http://www.islandsbusiness.com/islands\\_business/index\\_dynamic/containerNameToReplace=MiddleMiddle/focusModuleID=18972/overrideSkinName=issueArticle-full.tpl](http://www.islandsbusiness.com/islands_business/index_dynamic/containerNameToReplace=MiddleMiddle/focusModuleID=18972/overrideSkinName=issueArticle-full.tpl)

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[www.netris-acp.org/](http://www.netris-acp.org/)

### **Nigerian Minister of Commerce says Economic Partnership Agreement with EU could be signed in 2010.**

Minister of Commerce and Industry, Achike Udenwa says if market access and development issues are satisfactorily addressed, the agreement could be signed.

<http://234next.com/csp/cms/sites/Next/Money/Business/5507496-147/story.csp>

### **Cemac. Le taux de croissance espéré à 4 % en 2010. Le Quotidien Mutations (Yaoundé). 28 decembre 2009.**

Révélation faite lors de la dernière réunion annuelle de son Comité de politique monétaire de la Beac.

[www.lexpressplus.com/Cemac-Le-taux-de-croissance-espere-a-4-en-2010\\_a4075.html](http://www.lexpressplus.com/Cemac-Le-taux-de-croissance-espere-a-4-en-2010_a4075.html)

### **Trade Negotiations Insights. ECDPM-ICTSD. December 2009-January 2010 issue.**

Contents \* Aid for trade and climate change financing mechanisms: Maximizing Benefits from Complementarities (V D Ancharaz) \* Editorial & News and publications In brief \* Trade, climate change and agriculture: Towards a low-carbon future (J Keane) \* Trade, tourism and climate change: Responding to the ecological and regulatory challenges (K Nurse) \* Trade, climate change and fisheries: Building resilience through trade-policy reform (P Ghisu) \* Energy poverty, renewable energies and the Economic Partnership Agreements \* (S Karekezi, J Kimani, and O Onguru) \* Standard as protectionist device: the EU Renewable Energy Directive (F Erixon) \* The Treaty of Lisbon: Implications for EU Trade Policy (S Woolcock) \* Free-trade agreements: the other side of liberalization - What is developing countries' room to manoeuvre? (D Lagandré, JP Rolland and A Alpha) \* WTO Roundup \* EPA Negotiations Update \* Calendar and resources

[www.acp-eu-trade.org/library/files/tni\\_en\\_8-10.pdf](http://www.acp-eu-trade.org/library/files/tni_en_8-10.pdf)

### **Les Accords de Partenariat Economique. Le Mali va-t-il signer? Le Quotidien de Bko. 5 janvier 2010.**

« L'impact des Accords de Partenariat Economique sur l'économie malienne : une analyse en équilibre calculable », était le thème d'une conférence publique, organisée par le Centre d'études et de renforcement des capacités d'analyse et de Plaidoyer (CERCAP), le mercredi 23 décembre 2009, au grand hôtel. L'objectif de la conférence est de construire un modèle de micro simulation de base modulable, avec autant de secteurs d'activités que les données le permettent de simuler des politiques économiques. Spécifiquement, il s'agissait d'estimer les élasticités du commerce extérieur correspondant aux produits, et d'analyser les différents scénarii d'une ouverture commerciale dans le cadre des APE.

[www.maliweb.net/category.php?NID=54982](http://www.maliweb.net/category.php?NID=54982)

#### **Nigeria Will Not Sign EPA Until Development Issues Agreed says Trade Minister. 21 December 2009.**

The Minister of Commerce and Industry, Chief Achike Udenwa has said that although Ghana and Cote'dvoire have signed a partial agreement with the European Union on the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA), Nigeria will only sign the agreement if the development issues are agreed.

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200912210884.html>

#### **Union Monétaire Ouest Africaine. Communiqué de Presse Conseil des Ministres Statutaire. 17 décembre 2009.**

[www.uemoa.int/actualite/2009/CM17122009/COMMUNIQUE\\_DE\\_PRESSE\\_CM17122009.pdf](http://www.uemoa.int/actualite/2009/CM17122009/COMMUNIQUE_DE_PRESSE_CM17122009.pdf)

### **Aid for Trade / EPA development support**

#### **COMESA hosts workshop on trade capacity building. 14-15 December 2009.**

The COMESA and the Commonwealth Secretariats co-hosted a regional workshop on trade policy capacity on 14-15 December 2009 in Lusaka. The workshop was held under the banner of the COMESA Hub & Spokes project — jointly funded by the Commonwealth and European Commission that was initiated in 2004 and has seen the deployment of trade policy experts across the ACP regions, including Eastern and Southern Africa.

<http://www.comesa.int/lang-en/component/content/article/34-general-news/330-comesa-hosts-workshop-on-trade-capacity-building>

### **Monitoring EPA implementation**

#### **Implementation of the Caribbean-EU Economic Partnership Agreement likely to require new governance structures. Stabroek News. 6 January 2010.**

Regarding the place of the region in respect of its future relations with Europe, and the manner in which the region is likely to have to cope with the implementation of A more cohesive and efficient decision-making and decision-implementation system for the EPA have taken so long to see the light of day, that even a conclusion of discussions on them in the near future might prove irrelevant to current Caribbean geopolitics and geoeconomics. The assertive diplomacy of the Dominican Republic, before and since the signing of the EPA, gives every indication of that country's desire for a new institutional arrangement. And we are inclined to think that what can only be described as a recent shot across Caricom's bow by the EU representative in Jamaica, in respect of the institution's alleged inefficiency in implementing the EPA agreement, would suggest that the EU is in the DR's corner.

[www.stabroeknews.com/2010/editorial/01/06/the-region-in-the-new-decade/](http://www.stabroeknews.com/2010/editorial/01/06/the-region-in-the-new-decade/)

#### **Haiti. Contre la ratification de l'APE. maximini.fr. 22 decembre 2009.**

La coalition nationale « Bare Ape » dénonce la signature de l'Accord de partenariat économique (Ape) par le gouvernement haïtien. Elle a aussi mis le Parlement en garde contre la ratification du document.

[www.maximini.fr/fr/haïti/actualite/info-antilles/info\\_antilles.asp?num=19809](http://www.maximini.fr/fr/haïti/actualite/info-antilles/info_antilles.asp?num=19809)

#### **Réunion des hommes d'affaires haïtiens et dominicains sur l'APE. 28-30 janvier 2010.**

L'objectif de cette rencontre est d'accélérer l'agenda de compétitivité et le développement durable dans deux pays, en vertu de l'accord de partenariat économique CARIFORUM-Union européenne, APE. Les rencontres seront axées sur le commerce et le développement économique se tiendra en présence des représentants des deux gouvernements pour stimuler la compétitivité et le développement économique bilatéral. Elle vise à identifier les obstacles à l'investissement, pour ensuite formuler des recommandations et propositions qui vont contribuer à court et à moyen terme à augmenter les opportunités d'affaires. Des questions relatives au cadre juridique réglementaire, les opportunités d'affaires et l'examen des conclusions des études sur les entreprises seront également débattues.

[www.maximini.fr/fr/haïti/actualite/info-antilles/info\\_antilles.asp?num=19932](http://www.maximini.fr/fr/haïti/actualite/info-antilles/info_antilles.asp?num=19932)

### **General economic and trade issues**

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS: Agricultural Trade and Export Development in Africa. World Bank Institute-Trapca Course. Arusha. 15-19 February 2010.**

Agricultural trade is undoubtedly the single most important link between trade and poverty in Sub Saharan Africa, where farming accounts for more than two thirds of total employment and constitutes the main income source for the vast majority of the poor. In that context, the Agricultural Trade and Export Development in Africa course, jointly organized by WBI and TRAPCA, fleshes out the key issues that are of special interest to African decision-makers and discusses the strategic agricultural trade and export development issues associated with poverty reduction which are increasingly gaining interest in the region. Members of the South-North Training, Research and Policy Network on Trade and Development (SN2) and the Network of Regional Integration Studies (NETRIS) networks may be particularly interested in this training course.

[www.saber.ula.ve/ciaal/pdfs/trapca\\_announcement\\_feb2010.pdf](http://www.saber.ula.ve/ciaal/pdfs/trapca_announcement_feb2010.pdf)

#### **EU Council Regulations on tariff duties on certain industrial, agricultural and fishery products and on import values for entry prices of certain fruit and vegetables. 8 January 2010**

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/JOHtml.do?uri=OJ:L:2010:004:SOM:EN:HTML>

#### **Agritrade News Update. CTA. January 2010.**

Information and analysis on key agricultural topics for ACP-EU countries. Agritrade provides update information and analysis on key topics for ACP including EPA, WTO, CAP reform, food safety as well as major commodities such as sugar, banana, cotton and fisheries issues.

[http://www.acp-eu-trade.org/library/library\\_detail.php?doc\\_language=en&library\\_detail\\_id=5202](http://www.acp-eu-trade.org/library/library_detail.php?doc_language=en&library_detail_id=5202)

#### **Opening and providing for the management of autonomous tariff quotas of the EU for certain agricultural and industrial products. EU Council Regulation. 22 December 2009**

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#### **Human rights and pro-poor growth. Overseas Development Institute. January 2010.**

This Project Briefing reviews the findings of an ODI study on the relationship between human rights and pro-poor growth, identifying points of connection, as well as contradiction. It provides practical recommendations for a more integrated approach to human rights and pro-poor growth. The study was commissioned by the Governance Network (GOVNET), under the OECD Development Assistance Committee (OECD-DAC), to build the foundations for effective collaboration between different constituencies for sustainable development.

[http://www.odi.org.uk/resources/details.asp?id=4613&title=human-rights-pro-poor-growth&utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed:+ODI+\(Overseas+Development+Institute\)&utm\\_content=Bloglines](http://www.odi.org.uk/resources/details.asp?id=4613&title=human-rights-pro-poor-growth&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+ODI+(Overseas+Development+Institute)&utm_content=Bloglines)

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#### **EU to launch FTA negotiations with individual ASEAN countries, beginning with Singapore. EC Press Release. 22 December 2009.**

EU Member States gave the green light for the Commission to pursue negotiations towards free trade agreements (FTAs) with individual countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). As a first step, the Commission intends to begin negotiations with Singapore early in 2010. With around € 55 billion of bilateral trade, Singapore is the EU's most important trading partner among the ASEAN countries. However, the door remains open for other ASEAN countries willing to negotiate a comprehensive FTA with the EU.

<http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/press/index.cfm?id=504>

#### **Agritrade Newsletter. CTA. December 2009**

A monthly update on agricultural trade issues in future EU ACP trade relations.

[http://www.acp-eu-trade.org/library/library\\_detail.php?doc\\_language=en&library\\_detail\\_id=5201](http://www.acp-eu-trade.org/library/library_detail.php?doc_language=en&library_detail_id=5201)

#### **European Commission Regulation derogating in relation to the opening of invitations to tender for the reduction in the duty on sorghum and maize imported into Spain and Portugal from third countries. 21 December 2009.**

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2009:347:0022:0022:EN:PDF>

**European Commission Regulation fixing the import duties in the cereals sector applicable from 1 January 2010. 23 December 2009.**

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2009:347:0011:0013:EN:PDF>

**European Council Regulation on protection against dumped imports from countries not members of the European Community. 30 November 2009.**

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2009:343:0051:0073:EN:PDF>

**European Commission Regulation establishing the standard import values for determining the entry price of certain fruit and vegetables. 21 December 2009.**

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**European Commission Regulations amending Annexes on common rules for imports of certain textile products from third countries and on trigger levels for additional duties for fruits and vegetables. 19 December 2009.**

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## Governance

### ACP governance initiatives

### Governance and development partners

**Human rights and pro-poor growth. Overseas Development Institute. January 2010.**

This Project Briefing reviews the findings of an ODI study on the relationship between human rights and pro-poor growth, identifying points of connection, as well as contradiction. It provides practical recommendations for a more integrated approach to human rights and pro-poor growth. The study was commissioned by the Governance Network (GOVNET), under the OECD Development Assistance Committee (OECD-DAC), to build the foundations for effective collaboration between different constituencies for sustainable development.

[http://www.odi.org.uk/resources/details.asp?id=4613&title=human-rights-pro-poor-growth&utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed:+ODI+\(Overseas+Development+Institute\)&utm\\_content=Bloglines](http://www.odi.org.uk/resources/details.asp?id=4613&title=human-rights-pro-poor-growth&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+ODI+(Overseas+Development+Institute)&utm_content=Bloglines)

### **Analysing governance and political economy in sectors. Joint donor workshop report. Overseas Development Institute. 17 December 2009.**

Sector reform and effective service delivery are among the key critical factors for making progress on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and for achieving sustainable and equitable growth. There is increasing recognition that blockages for effective reform at the sectoral level can be political and that technical solutions alone may not be enough. Governance and political economy tools are increasingly seen as necessary to understand the context for sector reform. A joint donor workshop, organised by the ODI Politics and Governance Programme, for DFID, the EC, UNDP and the World Bank, provided opportunities to discuss experiences to date in sector-level governance and political economy analysis. This report sets out some of the donors' experiences to date, outlines some cross-cutting issues and makes suggestions for next steps and ways forward.

[http://www.odi.org.uk/resources/details.asp?id=4665&title=governance-political-economy-workshop-report&utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed:+ODI+\(Overseas+Development+Institute\)&utm\\_content=Bloglines](http://www.odi.org.uk/resources/details.asp?id=4665&title=governance-political-economy-workshop-report&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+ODI+(Overseas+Development+Institute)&utm_content=Bloglines)

## **EU-Africa governance dialogue**

### **Civil society**

#### **The role of churches in creating social capital and improving governance in Papua New Guinea. Lessons for working in fragile situations. Public Administration and Development journal. October 2009.**

This article by ECDPM's Volker Hauck researches the different types of contributions of Christian churches to governance and the creation of social capital in Papua New Guinea. The analysis is done against the background of debates on how to deal with situations of fragility and what role civil society can play in such situations. The article demonstrates what churches, as a sub-set of civil society, can contribute to enhancing public performance; public policy and decision making; transparency and information sharing; supporting social justice and reconciliation and peace building and examines what capabilities allow churches to shape social capital.

[http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/search/allsearch?mode=viewselected&product=journal&ID=122630233&view\\_selected.x=59&view\\_selected.y=10&view\\_selected=view\\_selected](http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/search/allsearch?mode=viewselected&product=journal&ID=122630233&view_selected.x=59&view_selected.y=10&view_selected=view_selected)

## **Decentralisation and local governance**

#### **The ACP Local Government Platform e-Newsletter. December 2009.**

An electronic newsletter produced every three months by the ACP Local Government Platform (ACPLGP). The editor of this e-Newsletter invites readers to make comments & contribute news on local government issues from their organizations, local authorities & countries.

[www.acplgp.net/content/view/full/833](http://www.acplgp.net/content/view/full/833)

This Newsletter is also accessible via the ACPLGP Website at <http://www.acplgp.net>.

#### **Call for Proposals. Supporting and strengthening Local Authority Associations at ACP national and regional levels. Guidelines for grant applicants**

Contracting Authority: The African Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Group of States represented by the ACP Secretariat. Deadline for submission of proposals: 31 March 2010.

<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?>

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&page=1&aoref=129417

## Knowledge Management and Communication

### Capacity development

#### **Capacity Development. A UNDP Primer. 2009.**

[http://content.undp.org/go/cms-service/download/asset/?asset\\_id=2099298](http://content.undp.org/go/cms-service/download/asset/?asset_id=2099298)

### Knowledge management

### Research for development

#### **The South-North Training, Research and Policy Network on Trade and Development (SN2)**

The network comprises universities and policy-oriented institutions from European and ACP countries. Its overall aim is to contribute to creating in ACP countries a cadre of professionals able to provide sound policy advice on trade and development matters, through the strengthening of linkages and interaction between the ACP and European training, research and policy communities in the area of development and trade.

[www.acp-eu-trade.org/index.php?loc=sn2/](http://www.acp-eu-trade.org/index.php?loc=sn2/)

#### **Network of Regional Integration Studies – NETRIS. Strengthening regional integration studies in the ACP countries.**

The specific purpose of NETRIS is to establish and coordinate a network of ACP Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) working within the field of (comparative) regional integration. The overall objectives of the network are to strengthen the research and training capacities of the partners in the field of regional integration studies, to stimulate mutual learning, shared practices and collective dissemination, and encourage policy relevant research.

[www.netris-acp.org/](http://www.netris-acp.org/)

### Monitoring, evaluation and learning in international cooperation

### Communication for development

#### **UPCOMING EVENT: African Union Summit. Information and Communication Technologies in Africa: Challenges and Prospects for Development. 25 January- 02 February 2010.**

To be preceded by meetings of the Permanent Representatives Committee and Executive Council.

[www.africa-union.org/root/AU/Conferences/2010/january/summit/14thsummit.html](http://www.africa-union.org/root/AU/Conferences/2010/january/summit/14thsummit.html)

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