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Editor's Pick

Walking the talk on domestic accountability: Some conceptual and operational issues. ECDPM. October 2009

Driven by a concern about the negative impacts of donor-driven development on domestic institutions and governance processes, attention is increasingly being paid to the issue of domestic accountability in aided-development. In 2008 the Dutch Ministry for Development Cooperation began to demand greater coordination among development agencies, embassies and their partner organisations in developing countries with a view to enhancing locally-driven governance processes. In practice, however, moving away from business as usual has proven difficult for many actors. At the request of the Ministry, ECDPM developed practical guidance in 2008 to enable country teams to operationalise these broad policy goals. These "practical notes" have now been made available to a wider public with the aim of fostering debate on how best to achieve enhanced domestic accountability. Click [here](#) to download the ECDPM Discussion paper.

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Policy News

Evaluation of EU support for conflict prevention and peacebuilding now available from EuropeAid

A preliminary scoping study of European Commission support to Conflict Prevention and Peace Building 2001-2008 has been made publicly available this week on EuropeAid's website. The study was led by the consultancy company ADE, with specialist conflict and peace expertise from Andrew Sherriff and James Mackie of ECDPM. The report describes relevant EU policies in this area and elaborates an intervention logic that is primarily based on the 2001 EC Communication on Conflict Prevention. Click [here](#) for more information from the *Weekly Compass-Extended Version*.

EU change-makers discussing the implications of a ratified Lisbon Treaty for the EU's external action architecture.

A group of around 50 politicians, policy-makers and analysts are participating in an on-line discussion on Europe's role in development and to think through practical and effective operational structures. The implications of a ratified Lisbon Treaty for the EU's external action architecture have been the subject of discussion the past couple of weeks. Click [here](#) for more information from the *Weekly Compass-Extended Version*.

EU leaders expected to postpone decision on where

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Dear,

In addition to this week's highlights to your left, the *Weekly Compass-Extended Version* (link below) also includes further reports on the EU's discussions on the future EU External Action Service as well as information on climate change and development, an issue that is also being discussed today at the EU Heads of Government Summit. It also includes information on the newly published scorecards on implementation of ODA commitments and on European Development Fund spending. And it looks beyond aid to the conference held this week on measuring progress in societies, including a link to the presentation made there by Joe Stiglitz. On trade, a new EU regulation on the procedure concerning derogations from the rules of origin set out in the Origin Protocols annexed to Economic Partnership Agreements with ACP States is included. Finally, you'll also find a link to the World Bank's new governance indicators portal and the report and resolution from the European Parliament's debate on democracy building in the EU's external relations.

All the best,

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Off the track

[Reforming Institutions: Where to Begin?](#)

How can institutions in Pakistan be reformed? This working paper from the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics argues that institutional reform support in

development policy fits in new external action strategy.

The leaders of the EU's national governments meeting today are set to give political endorsement to the broad outlines agreed by Foreign Ministers earlier this week on the future EU External Action Service (EEAS) to be established once the EU's Lisbon Treaty enters into force. What can be gathered from press reports is that a decision on the institutional location of development policy has been postponed. Click [here](#) for more information from the *Weekly Compass-Extended Version*.

The Aid Effectiveness Agenda: Benefits of a European Approach. A Study for the EC Prepared by HTSPE.

The purpose of this study is to identify and present costs (overheads) associated with ineffective, fragmented aid, as well as potential savings in such transaction costs from further implementing basic aid effectiveness principles into European (EU and Member States) development cooperation. Click [here](#) for more information from the *Weekly Compass-Extended Version*.

Lilies That Fester: Seeds of Corruption and Peacebuilding

The structure of this issue of the New Routes Journal has been developed with the historical separation of the peacebuilding and anti-corruption communities in mind. Brief introductions to core concepts in corruption analysis are covered. The corruption/conflict intersection is explored in a particular country context establishing how corruption "qualifies" as part of the peacebuilding agenda. The nexus of peacebuilding and anti-corruption work is also considered. Click [here](#) for more information from the *Weekly Compass-Extended Version*.

Pakistan should focus on changing cultural belief systems through education policy reform in order to provoke a necessary shift in the institutional power structure.

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