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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.

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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.

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.

Latest ISS report on the AU Peace and Security Council

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Dear,

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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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

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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.

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.

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.

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 programmes 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.

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.

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