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Dear Reader,

The draft EU Council conclusions on Division of Labour, scheduled to be adopted at next week's Foreign Affairs Council together with the rest of the EU's MDG package, are included in this week. The draft outcomes document for the UN's MDG summit in September is also posted. The full final draft text of the revised ACP-EU Cotonou Partnership Agreement is also included ahead of its official signature on 22 June. The new UK Development Secretary announced a reassessment of UK aid channelled through the EC while the EU published its list of diplomatic representations with speculation that the External Action Service may be ready in December. The OECD published its report on improvements in Belgian Official Development Assistance. The East African Community did not sign the framework Economic Partnership Agreement with the EU as many had anticipated while South Africa indicated that it would diversify trade to emerging partners in the face of the weak Euro. The question of the ACP Group's existence beyond 2020 is an issue that should be openly discussed the new Secretary General said this week at the seminar celebrating the 35th anniversary of the group.

All the best,

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Editor's Pick

African Union and European Commissions give guidance on future partnership

The Joint Africa-EU Strategy (JAES) was conceived as an innovative and far-reaching new partnership in 2007. A review is underway to improve the JAES architecture and prepare for its next Action Plan to be adopted at the Africa-EU Summit in November. Related to this process, the President of the European Commission, José Manuel Barroso, accompanied by 10 European Commissioners, met on 8 June with the African Union Chairperson, Jean Ping, African Union Commissioners. Representatives from African Regional Economic Communities also, for the first time, participated. The [joint declaration](#) adopted at the end of the meeting includes commitments to address long-term threats to stability, peace and security in Africa, Europe and world-wide. The parties will also work towards joint statements on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and climate policy ahead of upcoming international meetings to discuss these. The Commissions also adopted a new Memorandum of Understanding on administrative cooperation and institutional capacity-building. For a reminder of the original commitments made in the JAES, an analysis on underlying successes and challenges and possible reform scenarios for the future JAES, see [ECDPM's scoping paper](#).

Other Policy News

EuropeAid's ACP Director outlines concerns on regional EDF spending

This [informal note](#) from public presentations by Gary Quince indicates that while national and intra-ACP funding is proceeding well, the mere one percent of regional European Development Fund financing committed to date augurs for an urgent change in approach to ensure that funding is not lost. Capacity building for programming and agreement on division of labour at all levels in the regions and in the EU is necessary. Issues need to be addressed in the Mid Term Review of the regional EDF programmes due to start in 2011.

Addressing the "complexity gap" challenge

Aid on the Edge of Chaos' Ben Ramalingam launches a [debate](#) to consider the connections between the business sector's 'complexity gap' – the gap between the capacity and the necessity to operate in a complex, increasingly volatile and uncertain world – and the insights of complexity science – a means of understanding dynamics and processes of social change being considered by an emerging community of international development practitioners interested in alternatives to linear, mechanistic approaches to development.

Reconnecting the MDGs to the development agenda. An UNCTAD perspective

This [paper](#) argues that national development strategies, geared to achieving broad-based and accelerated economic diversification, job creation, and technological upgrading are a necessary foundation for rapid advances in more sustainable and inclusive economic growth and human development, including the MDGs. UNCTAD asserts that strategic policies and stronger government regulations are necessary to address the challenge of domestic resource mobilisation, including scaling up investments in the public sector.

European agricultural development assistance to sub-Saharan Africa

This new [website](#) from Imperial College London provides an overview and preliminary analysis of the European Commission's and thirteen EU Member States' commitments and disbursements. Approximately half of agricultural aid goes to sub-Saharan Africa and the largest share is devoted to research. The website will be continuously updated and aims to provide the basis for further analysis to identify the most successful types of agricultural aid.

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Off the track

US President Obama sent a new US national security strategy to Congress.

Click [here](#).

Development Policy

International external assistance

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www.oecd.org/document/10/0,3343,en_2649_37413_45424458_1_1_1_1,00.html

Leveraging World Bank Resources for the Poorest. IDA Blended Financing Facility Proposal. World Bank. 8 June 2010.

With the Millennium Development Goals deadline only five years away, the international donor community faces significant challenges due to the global economic crisis, record government deficits, and simultaneous funding requests from nearly every multilateral development institution. This paper proposes a new World Bank financing model for creditworthy emerging economies, such as India and Vietnam, which currently receive billions of dollars

in IDA assistance. In contrast to the current IDA-centric financing model, the IBRD would provide the same loan volumes to qualifying emerging economies while IDA would provide grant subsidies to buy down the concessionality level of these IBRD loans. As such, these countries would be held harmless both in terms of aid volumes and lending terms.

www.cgdev.org/content/publications/detail/1424197/

International development and aid effectiveness

Who runs the world? The rise of the G5. Summary of Paul Collier article in Prospect from Poverty to Power by Duncan Green. 9 June 2010.

A thought-provoking and perversely optimistic take on 21st Century geopolitics from Paul Collier in this month's issue of Prospect. He is saying is that the world will be run by the US, China, Japan, India and the EU (the G5). Their big challenge will be global public goods (climate change, disease, managing scarcity etc), so they will have no choice but to cooperate. What about the remaining countries? 'The key clashes in 21st-century politics, then, will be between those who free ride, and those who do not'. The 60 or so poorest are so weak and small, that they can be free riders – they will not have much impact on the world, whatever they do. The 100 or so in the middle are the problem – they will need to be policed by the G5, who will have no choice but 'to become bullies for good global co-operation'.

www.oxfamblogs.org/fp2p/?p=2722

Euro-Mediterranean blues. European Policy Centre. 8 June 2010.

This EPC Commentary by Rosa Balfour describes the debacle surrounding the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM), whose second Summit, scheduled for 7 June was unceremoniously postponed. This was not surprising says Balfour, given the UfM's scant progress, and few, if any, achievements, and this sad state of affairs exposes the EU's limited influence in the region and the lack of interest from the 'southern shores'. Instead EU Member States and countries to the south of the Mediterranean are building bilateral relations, reflecting the demise of the EU's regionalist intentions and a growing political fragmentation on both sides of the Mediterranean.

www.epc.eu/pub_details.php?cat_id=4&pub_id=1122

Global CEO survey reveals primary challenge as addressing the 'complexity gap'. Lessons for international aid agencies? Aid on the Edge of Chaos. 8 June 2010.

IBM recently released the 2010 Global CEO Survey based on over 1,500 face-to-face interviews with private sector CEOs and senior public sector leaders from 33 different industries spread over sixty countries. Aid on the Edge of Chaos' Ben Ramalingam thinks the report triggers some interesting questions. He wonders what the 'complexity gap' would be among international aid agencies, and which if any are 'stand out' organisations in our sector? How much resonance do the suggestions from the business and wider public sector worlds - leadership, relationships, dexterity - have for development and humanitarian work? And finally what are the connections between this business-oriented view of complexity – arguably more akin to risk – and the insights of complexity science? Watch out for future posts following up on these issues on this blog.

<http://aidontheedge.info/2010/06/08/global-ibm-ceo-survey-reveals-primary-challenge-as-addressing-the-complexity-gap/>

Reconnecting the MDGs to the development agenda. UNCTAD. 8 June 2010.

According to the background paper prepared by the UNCTAD secretariat for the special session of the TDB on 9 June, returning to "business as usual" is not an option if the MDGs are to get back on track. What is urgently

needed is a more inclusive development framework which can not only deliver faster, more sustainable and more inclusive growth, but can establish a more virtuous link between that growth and human development. Putting human development on a fairer, stable and more sustainable economic footing means more than renewing a commitment to tackling abject poverty. It means addressing the challenge of domestic resource mobilization, including scaling up investments in the public sector.

www.unctad.org/Templates/WebFlyer.asp?intItemID=5479&lang=1

The zero Draft Outcome Document for the UN MDG+10 Summit. Via the UN Non-governmental Liaison Service. 7 June 2010.

www.un-ngls.org/spip.php?page=amd10&id_article=2476

China's response to security challenges in Africa. BICCS workshop. Report from blogactive. 7 June 2010.

BICCS (Brussels Institute of Contemporary China Studies) invited 30 participants from 15 European institutes to participate in an intensive workshop, on 17-19 May, about China's response to security challenges in Africa. The aim of this meeting was to examine the new security threats with which China has been confronted, the way China perceives these challenges and how it has responded. This was the first time that EU experts had a separate meeting to discuss the impact of China's policies on the interests of the European Union and how the latter could respond. The overall conclusion was that Europe's policy initiative to establish trilateral dialogue and cooperation with China on African peace and security has not produced substantial results. See also:

<http://www.vub.ac.be/biccs/site/>

<http://crossick.blogactiv.eu/2010/06/07/eu-china-africa-relations/>

Information. Let countries know what donors are doing. Oxfam America. 4 June 2010.

When governments don't know what the US is funding, it is hard for them to plan. Lack of aid information also makes it difficult for citizens to hold their governments accountable for how their governments are managing aid resources. Moreover, lack of transparency often fuels misperceptions about the intent of the US. To gain insight on what policy reforms would make US foreign aid more transparent and predictable, in November 2009, Oxfam convened a policy discussion on Capitol Hill with a group of 35 representatives from multiple US agencies, the administration, Congress, and other donors. Participants stressed the challenges that earmarks and the appropriations process present to improving the transparency.

<http://www.oxfamamerica.org/publications/information-let-countries-know-what-donors-are-doing>

Advocacy and Transparency as Levers for Aid Effectiveness. Atlantic Community. 4 June 2010.

Claudia Schwegmann argues that development depends only to a minor extent on aid. It is not knowledge about the type and the urgency of reform in the aid sector that is lacking. Instead, what is lacking are the right incentives for aid agencies to implement reform agendas. Some experts argue that aid agencies' primary role is not to reduce poverty, but to mediate between the diverse and often conflictive interests within the aid business including their own. Aid ineffectiveness is the result of complex negotiations for scarce resources and priorities among stakeholders. Information is a key asset in this bargaining process. However, some stakeholders have much more information than others and can therefore pursue their interests much more successfully than others. Transparent information can be THE most important lever for aid effectiveness. But transparency by itself does not automatically lead to more bargaining power of citizens.

<http://www.atlantic->

[community.org/index/Open_Think_Tank_Article/Advocacy_and_Transparency_as_Levers_for_Aid_Effectiveness](http://www.atlantic-community.org/index/Open_Think_Tank_Article/Advocacy_and_Transparency_as_Levers_for_Aid_Effectiveness)

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Website. June 2010.**

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EU development effectiveness

Upcoming Events

**Europe at the heart of international development? International development at the heart of Europe?
Online event. Overseas Development Institute. 17 June 2010.**

www.odi.org.uk/events/details.asp?id=2379&title=europe-at-heart-international-de...

This meetings series will provide an opportunity to clarify and debate Europe's role in international development.

**The EU's Spring Development Cooperation Package. The radical agenda the EU needs? Overseas
Development Institute. Online event. 17 June 2010.**

The EU 'Spring Package' on development is the first major policy statement by the new Development Commissioner, Andris Piebalgs. Does it mark new strategic leadership? Does it suggest the Commissioner will take political risks? Will it excite and challenge the Member States? Will it enable the EU to lead the way at the UN MDG Summit in September?

[http://www.odi.org.uk/events/details.asp?id=2381&title=eus-spring-package-radical-agenda-eu-needs&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+ODI+\(Overseas+Development+Institute\)&utm_content=Google+Reader](http://www.odi.org.uk/events/details.asp?id=2381&title=eus-spring-package-radical-agenda-eu-needs&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+ODI+(Overseas+Development+Institute)&utm_content=Google+Reader)

Other News

Spanish EU Presidency conference on helping developing countries in times of crisis. 9 June 2010.

www.eu2010.es/en/documentosynoticias/noticias/jun09_desarrollo.html

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www.oecd.org/document/10/0,3343,en_2649_37413_45424458_1_1_1_1,00.html

UK to reassess funding of international agencies, including the European Commission. UK DFID. 9 June 2010.

This in a drive to direct money at only the most effective organisations, International Development Secretary Andrew Mitchell announced.

www.dfid.gov.uk/Media-Room/Press-releases/2010/UK-to-review-multilateral-aid-spend/

EU Council conclusions on regional economic integration in East and West Africa, External lending mandate of European Investment Bank and preparations for June European Council. 8 June 2010.

Conclusions on broad economic policy guidelines; Europe 2020 strategy for growth and jobs; Measures to strengthen financial regulation; Preparation of the G-20 summit.

<http://www.consilium.europa.eu/App/NewsRoom/loadDocument.aspx?id=350&lang=EN&directory=en/ecofin/&fileName=115006.pdf>

ACP Secretary-General says future of the group should be discussed. Statement on the 35th Anniversary of the ACP Group. 7 June 2010.

He stressed that the ACP states can emerge as strong actors in the global economy if its development partnership with the EU embraces a unified coherent and coordinated approach to development. While there have been successes in certain areas, some key ones appear to be in a state of inertia such as the Economic Partnership Agreements. The adoption of the Lisbon Treaty has raised concerns on the future of the ACP Group. The question of ACP Group's existence beyond 2020 is an issue that should be openly discussed he said.

www.acpsec.org/en/acpday2010/sg_statement_2010.html

Revised ACP-EU Cotonou Partnership Agreement. Full text for signature. 7 June 2010.

<http://register.consilium.europa.eu/servlet/driver?>

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Draft EU Council Conclusions on Cross-country Division of Labour. 4 June 2010.

The EU Council Working Party on Development Cooperation reached agreement on this text. Coreper is invited to confirm this agreement and to forward the text to the Council with a view to its adoption as an "A" item by the Council on 14 June 2010.

<http://register.consilium.europa.eu/pdf/en/10/st10/st10348.en10.pdf>

Draft EU position on transitional measures for revised ACP-EU Cotonou Partnership Agreement. 4 June 2010.

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EC proposal for an EU Council Decision on amending the EU and South Africa Trade and Development Agreement. Request for the consent of European Parliament. 4 June 2010.

<http://register.consilium.europa.eu/servlet/driver?>

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UK Development Secretary first major policy speech on development policy. 3 June 2010.

<http://www.dfid.gov.uk/Media-Room/News-Stories/2010/Mitchell-Full-transparency-and-new-independent-watchdog-will-give-UK-taxpayers-value-for-money-in-aid/TAGS>

Draft EU Council decision on the EU signature to the revised ACP-EU Partnership Agreement. 1 June 2010.

<http://register.consilium.europa.eu/servlet/driver?>

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Belgian NGO Platform memorandum to the Belgian government on forthcoming EU presidency. June 2010.

5 years ahead of the deadline set by the UN to reduce poverty by half, this program will focus on the Millennium Development Goals and more on four topics: Financing for Development, decent work, food sovereignty and climate.

- * MDG: focus on the aid commitment and the responsibility of developing countries
- * Aid effectiveness with a focus on the budget
- * Fragile States: relation between development and security
- * Food Security and agriculture
- * Humanitarian Aid: revision of the European the Consensus for Humanitarian Aid
- * Transversal priority:: good governance and democratic management.

Key dates: * July 7: Informal summit of Ministers of development

* September 22: UN High Level Forum on MDG's

* October 5-6: EU-ASEM summit

* November 22-23: Foreign Affairs Council with development part

* November 29/December 2: EU-Africa summit

* December 9-10: European Development Days

* December: COP 16 (international meeting on Climate)

www.concordeurope.org/Public/Block.php?ID=34713

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See also a presentation of the group: http://www.dev-practitioners.eu/fileadmin/Redaktion/Documents/Annual_Meeting/2010/Network_Presentation_May_2010.ppt
www.dev-practitioners.eu/annual-meetings.html

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Migration and development

L'UNION AFRICAINE FACE À LA PROBLÉMATIQUE MIGRATOIRE. Romuald Likibi. June 2010.

Le regard d'un Africain sur la gestion africaine des migrations internationales était devenu une nécessité, surtout que cette étude intègre non seulement les causes des déplacements aussi bien internes qu'externes au continent africain mais aussi les conséquences directes de l'immigration africaine en Europe en général et en France en particulier. Tout au long de cette réflexion, une comparaison est faite entre la praxis des Etats africains et européens.

www.editions-harmattan.fr/index.asp?navig=catalogue&obj=livre&no=31510

Climate change and development

Upcoming Events

EC DG Trade-Civil Society Meeting on Trade and Climate Change. Brussels. 1 July 2010.

The purpose of the meeting is to:

- update civil society on the international climate change negotiations that are taking place under the UNFCCC and recent developments in the EU climate change policy
- hear civil society's views and input on the link between trade and climate change and on how trade instruments can contribute to achieving climate change objectives

<http://trade.ec.europa.eu/civilsoc/meetdetails.cfm?meet=11343>

Other News

Despite Positive Atmosphere, Climate Talks Move Slowly. ICTSD. 9 June 2010.

A constructive and upbeat tone has characterised the climate meetings taking place in Bonn, Germany from 31 May to 11 June. Climate officials are scattered across four negotiating arenas, the most prominent of which is the negotiation toward a new global climate deal. However, progress in those particular talks has been slowed by ad nauseum repetition of countries' long-held positions and a lack of progress on the difficult issues. Negotiators seem almost unwilling to tackle their substantive differences, especially those generated by the particular positions of the United States.

<http://ictsd.org/i/news/bridgesweekly/77683/>

How to ensure climate finance really is new and additional. BetterAid.Org. 7 June 2010.

Rich nations' pledges mean nothing without baselines, say academics. Academics warn that the industrialized world's promise of billions of "new and additional" dollars to help developing nations tackle climate change is meaningless without a baseline from which to count new funds. In a briefing paper published by the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED), they outline two workable options for defining a baseline that would balance the demands of donor and recipient nations.

http://betteraid.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=275&Itemid=2

Food security / agriculture

Draft EU Council conclusions on the launching of joint programming initiatives on agriculture, food security and climate change. 8 June 2010.

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Guidelines for Donor Support to CAADP Process at country-level. FARA Secretariat. 7 June 2010.

The 6th Partnership Platform Meeting of the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) took place recently in Johannesburg, South Africa. The approximately 200 delegates included representatives of the African Union Commission, NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency, Regional Economic Communities, farmers organisations, civil society organisations, knowledge institutions, as well as Pan-African organisations and representatives of 8 development partner agencies. The meeting called upon all parties to make sure that adequate post-compact roadmaps were in place in each country upon signing of the compact, to be followed without delay by the formulation of agricultural investment plans. The Guidelines establish steps by which donors agree to harmonise support for country-led agriculture and rural development in Africa.

<http://farastaff.blogspot.com/2010/06/guidelines-for-donor-support-to-caadp.html>

European Agricultural Development Assistance to Sub-Saharan Africa. European Donor Review. Imperial College, London. May 2010.

In sub-Saharan Africa, over 200 million people are undernourished. Africa is home to 15 of the 16 countries where the prevalence of hunger has exceeded 35%. This review seeks to create an online tool for better understanding European donor support for agricultural development in sub-Saharan Africa. It is an initial attempt to map the activities, political and financial commitments of fourteen different European donors. The background and rationale introduces the thinking that influenced the development of this review. The information on each donor presented in this review is listed below. The section on donor institutions and initiatives sets out the institutional landscape for each donor reviewed. The agricultural assistance data is an overview of donor commitments and disbursements on agricultural development to sub-Saharan Africa based on OECD-DAC data. A paper on this data can be accessed below and here.

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International Relations

EU institutional change

Upcoming Events

External Action and Representation of the European Union. Implementing the Lisbon Treaty. T.M.C. Asser Instituut. Brussels. 9 July 2010.

Organised together with the Centre for the Law of EU External Relations and the Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies.

www.asser.nl/events.aspx?id=129

Other News

European Commission sets out staffing measures for External Action Service. EC press release. 9 June 2010.

The European Commission has today adopted a draft proposal amending the Staff Regulations in view of the establishment of the External Action Service. The changes, which were discussed intensively with the staff unions, are aimed at ensuring equal treatment between the Service's three sources of staff – from the Council, the Commission and the national diplomatic services. These proposals pave the way for setting up the basic framework of the EEAS's personnel policy, but do not concern its organisation chart or the details of its future staff policy.

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/10/705&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

EU negotiators rush to get External Action Service ready. EUobserver. 9 June 2010.

Negotiators on the diplomatic service are in a last-minute rush to get the outline of the new corps agreed by early next week so it can be signed off by EU leaders at their summit on 17-18 June. Talks on 8 June involving EU foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton and MEPs on the last details of the service ended with one main issue on the table, according to EU sources. It concerns where to position the new service in the EU institutional set-up. Member states and Ms Ashton wanted to have a stand-alone service with its own independent budget. MEPs, and particularly Liberal MEP Guy Verhofstadt, one of the parliament's three negotiators on the diplomatic service, were against this solution arguing that it would not be subject to proper oversight. MEPs want it to be anchored to the European Commission, arguing also that setting up an independent body with its own separate budget would set a dangerous precedent.

<http://euobserver.com/9/30238>

EU diplomatic representation in third countries. Second half of 2010. 7 June 2010.

A list setting out the arrangements for the representation of the EU in third countries during the second semester of 2010 together with an overview of EU delegations present in 3rd countries.

[http://register.consilium.europa.eu/servlet/driver?page=Result&typ=Advanced&cmsid=639&fc=REGAISEN&srm=25&md=100&lang=EN&ff_DOCKEY="ST10782/10 ORI"](http://register.consilium.europa.eu/servlet/driver?page=Result&typ=Advanced&cmsid=639&fc=REGAISEN&srm=25&md=100&lang=EN&ff_DOCKEY=)

EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs calls for EU special representatives to be replaced by heads of EU Delegations. Trend. 7 June 2010.

Within the framework of the reorganization of EU services in anticipation of the EU External Action Service, the High Representative calls for the EU representatives for the South Caucasus and Moldova, who's mandates are set to expire at the end of August, to be merged with the post of the head of the European Commission, and later with the post of representative of the European External Action Service to provide more integration and ensure better coordination with EU headquarters and decision-making. The issue is under discussion in the EU Council. The EU delegation in the countries would be responsible for the economic and political aspects of relations. The EU currently has 11 special representatives: in Moldova, South Caucasus, Sudan, Kosovo, Macedonia, Bosnia, Central Asia, Afghanistan and the African Great Lakes region, representatives also work with countries of the African Union and the Middle East peace process.

<http://en.trend.az/news/politics/foreign/1700138.html>

EU diplomatic service may be ready in December. EUobserver. 7 June 2010.

Officials working on the creation of the EU's diplomatic service believe it could be on its feet by 1 December, a symbolic date marking the first anniversary of the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty, but several months later than the original timetable.

<http://euobserver.com/9/30225>

New UK Foreign Secretary's opening speech in the European Affairs debate in the UK House of Commons. 3 June 2010.

www.fco.gov.uk/en/news/latest-news/?view=Speech&id=22319419

EC draft estimate amending the EU budget for the financial year 2010 in view of the set-up of the European External Action Service. 3 June 2010.

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Report of the meeting on next steps in European development cooperation. Friends of Europe. Future World debate. Brussels. 27 April 2010.

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EU Common Foreign and Security Policy – The EU's role in the world

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Global Peace Index 2010. Vision of Humanity. June 2010.

The results of the Global Peace Index (GPI) for 2010 suggest that the world has become slightly less peaceful in the past year.

The GPI, which gauges ongoing domestic and international conflict, safety and security in society and militarisation in 149 countries, registered overall increases in several indicators, including the likelihood of violent demonstrations and perceptions of criminality. In some nations, an intensification of conflicts and growing

instability appears to be linked to the global economic downturn in late 2008 and early 2009.

www.visionofhumanity.org/info-center/media-pack/2010-global-peace-index/

Peace and Security Council Report. Institute for Security Studies (Africa). June 2010.

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Conflict and Fragility. Transition Financing. Building a Better Response. OECD. 21 May 2010.

More than one-third of Official Development Assistance is spent annually on fragile and conflict-affected countries. Nonetheless, aid does not always flow promptly and effectively to where it is most needed, especially in countries recovering from conflict. This report will help OECD DAC members and partners to map out more effective, rapid and flexible transition financing. This includes improving current policies and practices in financial flows, implementing procedural and cultural changes in donor administrations, and maximising use of the instruments available for in-country transition financing. The report also addresses improving the operational effectiveness of pooled funding instruments, clarifying the link between funding instruments and national ownership, and adopting a new approach to identify and prioritise specific transition needs.

www.oecdbookshop.org/oecd/display.asp?sf1=identifiers&st1=432010071P1&LANG=EN

EU enlargement / neighbourhood policy

Political dialogue – ACP-EU

EC Development Commissioner considers the adoption of appropriate measures in Madagascar to be inevitable. 7 June 2010.

The European Union decided to close the consultations with the Republic of Madagascar which began on 6 July 2009 and adopted appropriate measures under Article 96 of the Cotonou Agreement.

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Joint Africa-EU Strategy

Fourth AU-EU College-to-College Meeting Calls for Strong Partnership to Enhance Economic Growth. African Union via europaffrica. 9 June 2010.

The Chairperson of the African Union Commission (AUC), Mr. Jean Ping, says the relationship between the European Union and the African Union Commission remains very strong as the strategic partnership between the two institutions is based on common objectives, mutual interest and respect. "I think this partnership is progressing in the right direction especially as the two parties are fully committed to ensure the well being of both populations". Mr. Ping was speaking on Tuesday 8 June 2010, while addressing the Fourth AU-EU College-to-College (C2C) meeting, currently holding at the headquarters of the African Union Commission, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The

meeting took place in the presence of Mr. Erastus Mwencha, Deputy Chairperson of the AUC.

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European Commission President commits to helping Africa achieve MDGs. [afriquejet](#). 9 June 2010.

President of the European Commission, Jose Manuel Barroso, Tuesday expressed his determination to assist Africa to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The pledge, which did not mention specific new financial commitments, came amid fears that most of Africa would not meet the MDGs, unless they scale of their efforts in that direction.

<http://www.afriquejet.com/news/africa-news/european-commission-president-commits-to-helping-africa-achieve-mdgs-2010060850613.html>

Joint Declaration from the 4th AU/EU College-to-College Meeting. African Union via [europafrika](#). 8 June 2010.

Today's College to College meeting between the African Union Commission and the European Commission, the fourth of its kind, is taking place at a critical moment, just a few months before the third Africa-EU Summit and amidst an intense international agenda. The strong partnership between the two Commissions is instrumental to providing further impetus to the preparations for the next Africa-EU Summit and to the implementation of its outcomes which will undoubtedly contribute to shaping the future of Africa-EU relations.

[http://europafrika.net/2010/06/09/joint-declaration-from-the-auc-ec-4th-college-to-college-meeting-8-june-2010-addis-ababa/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed:+europafrika+\(europafrika\)](http://europafrika.net/2010/06/09/joint-declaration-from-the-auc-ec-4th-college-to-college-meeting-8-june-2010-addis-ababa/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed:+europafrika+(europafrika))

AU and EU Commissions come together to discuss Partnership. [africa-eu-partnership.org](#). 8 June 2010.

Commissioners from Africa and Europe will converge on Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on 8 June 2010 and meet in college format to discuss the Africa-EU Strategic Partnership. They are due to hold talks on the close relationship between the two continents, assess the 1st Action Plan and prepare the ground for the next Action Plan.

www.africa-eu-partnership.org/commissions-come-together-discuss-partnership

European Union Commission President opening speech at meeting with the African Union Commission. 8 June 2010.

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Meeting between the European Commission and the African Union Commission in Addis Ababa. Joint press release. 4 June 2010.

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Meeting between the European Commission and the African Union Commission in Addis Ababa. EC press release. 4 June 2010.

On 8 June the President of the European Commission, José Manuel Barroso will lead a delegation of 10 Commissioners for a meeting in Addis Ababa with the Commission of the African Union. It will be an opportunity to

enhance institutional cooperation between the two organizations and to give fresh impetus to the implementation of the Africa-EU Strategy and its 2008-2010 Action Plan. The two sides will also work on a forward looking agenda

for the relations between the two continents in the run-up to the third Africa-EU Summit, which will adopt the next Action Plan for 2011-2013. See also Africa-EU relations. Key facts and figures.:

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25th Africa-France Summit calls for greater international role for Africa. africa-eu-partnership.org. 31 May-1 June 2010.

The 25th Africa-France Summit took place in Nice, France, on 31 May and 1 June 2010. Among the themes addressed was the need for a greater role for Africa in international governance. Debates also focused on issues concerning the reinforcement of peace and security in Africa and the challenge of climate change and sustainable development.

<http://www.africa-eu-partnership.org/25th-africa-france-summit-calls-greater-international-role-africa>

African Union / NEPAD

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L'UNION AFRICAINE FACE À LA PROBLÉMATIQUE MIGRATOIRE. Romuald Likibi. June 2010.

Le regard d'un Africain sur la gestion africaine des migrations internationales était devenu une nécessité, surtout que cette étude intègre non seulement les causes des déplacements aussi bien internes qu'externes au continent africain mais aussi les conséquences directes de l'immigration africaine en Europe en général et en France en particulier. Tout au long de cette réflexion, une comparaison est faite entre la praxis des Etats africains et

européens.

www.editions-harmattan.fr/index.asp?navig=catalogue&obj=livre&no=31510

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Economic and Trade Cooperation

Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs) negotiations

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www.comesasummit2010.org/

Other News

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http://news.eac.int/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_download&gid=130&Itemid=77

EAC-EC agree to accelerate Economic Partnership Agreement Negotiations negotiations and reach an agreement by the end of November 2010. EAC. 9 June 2010.

The third negotiations session between the East African Community (EAC) Partner States and the European Commission (EC) on the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) ended today at the Mlimani City Conference Centre in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania to consider outstanding issues in the Framework Agreement. Despite EU hopes that signature of the agreement would take place, outstanding issues remain. See joint EAC-EC Communique issued on the Framework for an Economic Partnership Agreement (FEPA) and negotiations for the comprehensive EPA at: http://news.eac.int/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_download&gid=130&Itemid=77

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Euro weakness to prompt trade diversification in South Africa. Reuters. 9 June 2010.

The weakness of the euro and the European economy will prompt South Africa to diversify trade to emerging partners such as China, India and Brazil, South African Trade and Industry Minister Rob Davies said on Wednesday.

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East Africa-EU trade talks suffer fresh setback. Business Daily (Nairobi) via bilaterals.org. 9 June 2010.

East Africa's long running negotiations with Europe over the signing of a new trading agreement appeared headed for the rocks after the parties returned to Dar es Salaam with the old arguments that have stalled the talks for

nearly two years. Eric van der Linden, the head of the EU delegation in Kenya, remained cautious over the possibility of landing a new deal citing "negative opinion" from the political class. "My short answer is no. I note the negative opinion from the East African Legislative Assembly (EALA). While this opinion is perhaps not legally binding, it will no doubt influence politicians," he said on Tuesday when asked about the prospects of signing an agreement.

www.bilaterals.org/spip.php?article17516

East African Activists Warn Over EU Economic Partnership Deal. allAfrica.com. 8 June 2010.

Over 15 fair trade lobby organisations have warned the East African Community leaders against signing the Framework Economic Partnerships Agreements (EPAs) with the European Union. Among the critics of the agreement are former Tanzanian president Benjamin Mkapa and Malawian president Bingu wa Matharika. "We are calling on our governments to rethink the EPAs. The EPAs we are entering into are based on the same ideology of the Washington consensus of market fundamentalism which promote the neo-liberal policies of deregulation, liberalisation and privatisation." "These policies have been discredited by the current global financial and economic crisis and even the architects of these policies, the EU and the US, have abandoned them while responding to the global economic crisis," reads a joint statement by the group.

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201006090424.html>

EU Council conclusions on regional economic integration in East and West Africa, External lending mandate of European Investment Bank and preparations for June European Council. 8 June 2010.

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The East African Legislative Assembly wants member states to delay the signing of new economic partnership deals with Europe until outstanding issues are resolved.

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Session extraordinaire des Chefs d'Etat de la CEMAC. Communiqué Final. 7 juin 2010.

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UNECA Executive Secretary stresses that success of trade agreements depends on good governance practices. 7 June 2010.

The UN Economic Commission for Africa's Secretary said that the success and credibility of any regional integration agreement is ultimately dependent on good governance practices in individual member States shaped by shared values. This relates both to the nature of policies adopted as well as the institutional set up for acting on them.

www.acpsec.org/en/acpday2010/statement_byECA_ACP_day.html

Summit for CEMAC heads of State opens in Brazzaville. [afriquejet.com](http://www.afriquejet.com). 7 June 2010.

<http://www.afriquejet.com/news/africa-news/summit-for-cemac-heads-of-state-opens-in-brazzaville-2010060850584.html>

EC proposal for an EU Council Decision on amending the EU and South Africa Trade and Development Agreement. Request for the consent of European Parliament. 4 June 2010.

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Running on One Engine. Kenya's Uneven Economic Performance. World Bank. 3 June 2010.

Kenya's strong engine of growth is domestic consumption; its weak engine is exports. According to the latest Kenya Economic Update, to restart the export engine, the country must focus on its large infrastructure deficit, paying special attention to the port of Mombasa.

<http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/COUNTRIES/AFRICAEXT/KENYAEXTN/0,,contentMDK:22600594~pagePK:141137~piPK:141127~theSitePK:356509,00.html>

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www.cemac.int/Com_Presse/CF_Session_extraordinaire_CM_Brazza_03juin2010.pdf

Results of ECOWAS Council of Ministers on status of implementation of regional integration programmes and Economic Partnership Agreements with the EU. 31 May 2010.

The ministers endorsed the recommendation of the Ministerial Monitoring Committee (MMC) on the negotiation of the Economic Partnership Agreement for the creation of a free trade area between West Africa and Europe. The Council urged the West African negotiators to protect the interest of the region to enable the EPA function as a tool for development in accordance with the directives of regional leaders. The MMC's report and recommendations highlighted outstanding issues such as the EPA Development Programme, the rules of origin and protocol on mutual administrative assistance, Community levies, Most Favoured Nation and Non-execution clauses, market access offer and the determination of net fiscal impact, the ECOWAS Common External Tariff, hub and capacity building project and the Aid-for-Trade issue.

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Road to integration proves grindingly slow in Africa. FT. 7 June 2010.

If African countries spoke with one voice, traded more among each other, and strengthened regional co-operation in keeping peace, they would go a long way towards overcoming the political frailties and economic fragmentation associated with their inherited borders. Progress though is still hampered by lack of follow-through on the ground and fears among less developed countries, that they will be dominated by the big regional economic powers. The momentum though, is beginning to change. Institutions now prioritise infrastructure projects that foster regional integration. The big African banks are spreading from state to state. Telecoms companies too, are harmonising their operations to gain economies of scale. The integration that is happening has been driven by business people.

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Doha Development Agenda negotiations on Trade Facilitation. EC DG Trade Debriefing Meeting for Business and Civil Society. Brussels. 22 June 2010.

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Report of EU Market Access Seminar. EC DG Trade Market Access Newsletter. June 2010.

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Are simplified customs procedures for imports effectively controlled? EU Court of Auditors Report. 7 June 2010.

The European Court of Auditors has assessed whether the regulatory framework and control approach developed by the European Commission and put in place in the Member States effectively control simplified customs procedures for imports. According to a Special Report published by the Court today, simplified procedures are not yet effectively controlled in the majority of the audited Member States. As such, there is no reasonable assurance of the correct collection of traditional own resources or that traders comply with the obligations deriving from the common trade policy. In order to improve controls on simplified procedures the Commission should urge Member States to rapidly implement the recently-developed regulatory framework and guidelines, monitor their implementation and further enhance the framework in the light of the Court's and its own audit and monitoring results.

<http://eca.europa.eu/portal/pls/portal/docs/1/4552724.PDF>

Governance**ACP governance initiatives****UNECA Executive Secretary stresses that success of trade agreements depends on good governance practices. 7 June 2010.**

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Governance and development partners**EU-Africa governance dialogue****Uganda. Government to Vet European Union Donors. The Monitor (Uganda) via allAfrica.com. 5 June 2010.**

The government is profiling donors and political parties and organisations engaged in the Deepening Democracy Programme of the European Union with a view to sanction their activities if they are against the law. One area of sanction, according to Ms Kabakumba Masiko, the Minister of Information Guidance, is funding. "The Deepening Democracy Programme is supposed to help the to promote democracy and good governance but it has turned into a promoter, sponsor and funder of the opposition. Does democracy mean working with the opposition against government?, she asked. She said the government will profile the donors to find out what they are doing and take the necessary action in case they are found to be violating the Political Parties and Organisations Act (POA).

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201006070212.html>

Civil society

[EU Practitioner's Network to focus on aid effectiveness, the review of EU financial regulation and the private sector. 27-28 May 2010.](#)

The group decided that in the context of its work on Division of Labour, it will prepare a joint contribution to the public consultation on the revision of the Commission's financial regulation. In the context of the European Development Days (6-7 December), the group will seek to discuss the private sector as a motor of development. The group also discussed a joint learning initiative to improve aid efficiency. The group also launched a new thematic group on civil society which UK DFID will lead. UK DFID will take over the Presidency until the next annual meeting in May 2011 (Luxembourg is next in line after DFID to chair). Click here for a report of the Core Group meeting: http://www.dev-practitioners.eu/fileadmin/Redaktion/Documents/Core_Group/Conclusions_core_group_meeting_20100427.pdf

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www.dev-practitioners.eu/annual-meetings.html

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[Outcome Mapping Learning Community Newsletter. June 2010.](#)

The newsletter provides updates on innovations, debates and life in the community. In this issue we hear about future plans for the community and a 5 year vision that I hope we can all identify with. There are also reports from around the world about how the community is growing and how OM is being applied. Included in the round-up are reports from East and Central Africa, West Africa, Latin America, Middle East and North Africa and Europe.

www.outcomemapping.ca/resource/resource.php?id=287

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