



CAPE Conference 2012
'Old Puzzles, New Pieces: Development Cooperation in Tomorrow's World'

14-15 November 2012

Concept Note

Background

Development cooperation is changing dramatically. Changes on both the demand and the supply sides mean that, by 2025, the development cooperation landscape will look very different. On the demand side, many developing countries are seeking to reduce aid dependency, or are graduating to middle-income status -- meaning that they have less need for aid. On the supply side, new models of 'person-to-person giving' and social impact investment, as well as the growth of philanthropy and non-DAC aid, may be challenging the dominance of OECD-DAC donors. At the same time, these DAC donors are under increasing pressure to justify their aid spending through demonstrating results and value for money.

These changes will have profound implications for developing countries, aid agencies, NGOs and new actors in the aid arena. Yet these changes are still poorly understood in the official aid community, and few of these players are prepared for the changes to come.

The Centre for Aid and Public Expenditure at ODI (CAPE) is engaged in work to envision these future changes and to explore their implications for the main groups of development actors, including DAC donors, INGOs and developing country governments.

Themes and objectives

In November 2012, CAPE's 7th flagship conference¹ will bring together a high level group of officials, academics and practitioners from around the world to debate the future of development cooperation and aid. We believe it is an opportune time to hold such a conference for two reasons. Firstly, many of the trends outlined above are becoming increasingly embedded, meaning that this is a good time to review the evidence on their

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scale, magnitude and impact, and to discuss their implications for the future of development cooperation. It is also a good time to view the reality against the rhetoric: to understand which changes are actually biting on the ground; and which are merely generating column inches in policy papers and the blogosphere.

Secondly, the coming years will see critical decisions taken on development goals and priorities, all of which need to be informed by current and likely future trends in development cooperation. These include decisions on the post-2015 development goals, the debate about which is becoming increasingly intense. In mid-2013, the UK will be hosting the next G8 summit, with a likely focus on food issues and aid. And the new Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation will be pressing for changes to make development cooperation more effective in ways which include a much wider set of actors. The UK has a leadership role in all three processes, making a London-based debate, informed by the views of a large range of stakeholders, particularly relevant.

Within this context, the specific objectives of the CAPE Conference will be:

- To present key new research and evidence, including by CAPE, on the scale and magnitude of new models of development cooperation and their impacts on the ground;
- To bring together different groups of stakeholders, including officials from high, low and middle income countries; academics; practitioners and NGOs to develop a shared vision on the future of development cooperation;
- To assist the principle actors, including developing country governments, donors, NGOs and groupings such as the OECD-DAC and DCF to identify the implications of the future development cooperation landscape for them; and how they can be best prepared.

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The appendices that follow present a diagrammatic illustration of the themes the conference will focus on (appendix 1) and a bibliography of relevant ODI resources relating to the conference themes (appendix 2).

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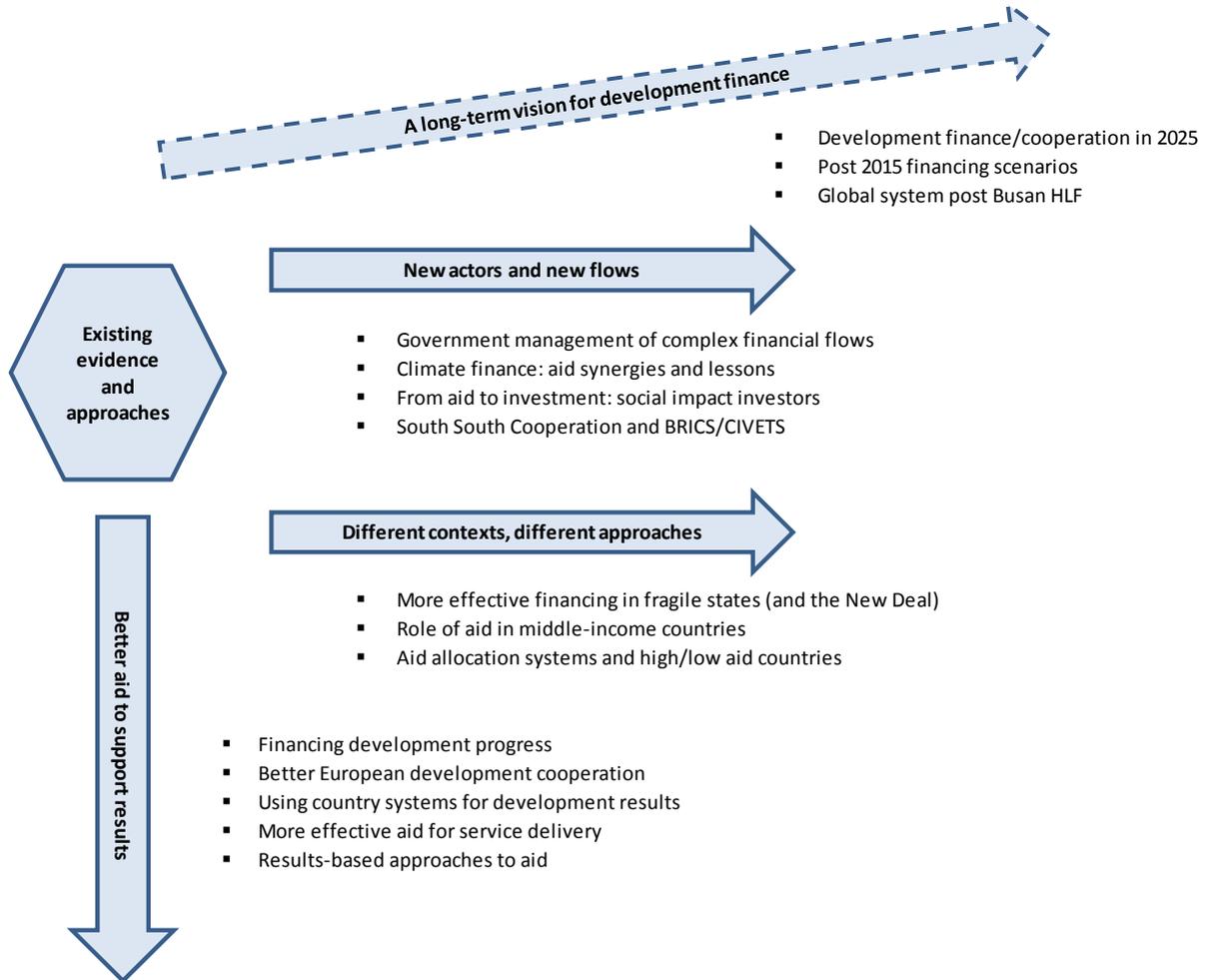
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Appendix 1: Proposed thematic map for CAPE conference

ODI/CAPE research on the future of development cooperation and aid



Appendix 2: Relevant CAPE research and resources on the future of development cooperation and aid

Bird N and Glennie J (2011), ['Going beyond aid effectiveness to guide the delivery of climate finance'](#), ODI Background note

Glennie J (2012), ['What if three quarters of the world's poor live \(and have always lived\) in Low Aid Countries?'](#), ODI Background note

Glennie J and Prizzon A (2012), ['From high to low aid: a proposal to classify countries by aid receipt'](#), ODI Background note

Glennie J and Rogerson A (2011), ['Global reach is the prize at Busan'](#), ODI Opinion

Greenhill R et al (forthcoming), ['Challenges and opportunities for developing country governments in managing complex flows'](#), ODI research report

Greenhill R and Prizzon A (forthcoming) ['Financing a post-2015 agreement: implications of the new development finance landscape'](#) ODI Working Paper

Kharas H and Rogerson A (2012), ['Horizon 2025: Creative destruction in the aid industry'](#), ODI research paper

Manuel M, McKechnie A and King M (2011), ['Getting better results from assistance to fragile states'](#), ODI Briefing paper

Manuel M, McKechnie A and King M (2011) ['The use of innovative aid instruments in support of peacebuilding and statebuilding'](#), ODI research report for OECD INCAF

Norton A et al (2012) ['Development policy in a changing world - Inclusive and sustainable development: challenges and opportunities'](#), ODI report for Danida

Rogerson A et al (2012) ['Development policy in a changing world - The policy and institutional response to development challenges: forging new partnerships'](#), ODI report for Danida

Rogerson A (2011), ['What if development aid were truly 'catalytic''](#), ODI Background Note