

AID EFFECTIVENESS

The Paris Declaration and its Implementation

The Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness of March 2005 contains far-reaching strategic changes in international development aid in order to improve its effectiveness. Since the adoption of the Millennium Development Goals in 2000, the international community enhances donor efforts to harmonise and to align their strategies with the development priorities and administrative structures of the recipient countries. The Paris Declaration drafts a programme going beyond the two core principles of harmonisation and alignment primarily aiming to foster Southern ownership, mutual accountability and result-based management.

Following the latest international coordination efforts, this conference intends to discuss the various processes of implementation from a scientific and development-oriented perspective, analyses the Paris agenda in relation to poverty reduction and considers opportunities and challenges for the Austrian development actors to contribute to these processes.

PROGRAMME

Morning

- 9.00 Welcome address**
Andreas Novy, ÖFSE, Member of the Board
- 9.10 Introduction: The Agenda of the Paris Declaration**
Anita Weiß-Gänger, Austrian Foreign Ministry
Clemens Six, ÖFSE
- The Agenda of the Paris Declaration in question**
- 9.30 Experiences so far: intermediary results of the study „Improving Aid Effectiveness: Goals, Evidence and Challenges“**
Guido Ashoff, German Development Institute
- 10.10 Discussion**
- 10.30 Coffee Break**
- 11.00 Panel: Current challenges in the relationship between aid effectiveness and development goals**
Participants:
- Simon Mizrahi, OECD-DAC
 - Klaas-Jan Ehbets, European Commission
 - Liz Higgins, Irish Aid
 - Lucy Hayes, Eurodad
 - Guido Ashoff, German Development Institute
- Chair: Clemens Six, ÖFSE
- 12.30 Lunch Break**

Afternoon

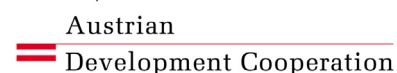
- The Paris Declaration in Practice: Dialogue of Partners**
- 14.00 Harmonisation and Alignment: Austrian experiences with implementation in Uganda: How does the dialogue work on the ground?**
Ursula Steller, Austrian Development Agency
- 14.30 Discussion**
- 14.45 Aid Effectiveness and Civil Society: Experiences from the justice sector in Uganda**
Evelyn B. Edroma, Ministry of Justice & Constitutional Affairs, Uganda
- 15.15 Discussion**
- 15.30 Coffee Break**
- 16.00 Final Plenum: The aid effectiveness agenda – Which role for which actors (in Austria)?**
Participants:
- Simon Mizrahi, OECD-DAC
 - Anita Weiß-Gänger, Austrian Foreign Ministry
 - Robert Zeiner, Austrian Development Agency
 - Johannes Trimmel, EU-Platform Austria
- Chair: Brigitte Voykowitsch, Journalist
- 17.30 Résumé and End of Conference**

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