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A Conference on

New Directions in Development Assistance

11-12 June 2007

Rhodes House
South Parks Road, Oxford

Co-Chairs

Ravi Kanbur (Cornell University)

Ngairé Woods (Global Economic Governance Programme, Oxford University)

The aid system is at a crossroads. On one hand, rich countries have pledged to drastically increase development assistance to help poor countries reach the MDGs. On the other hand, numerous critics claim that aid often does more harm than good, and that the aid system needs to be drastically reformed. Underlying this discourse is the evolving role of aid in the domestic political economy of aid recipient countries. At the same time, questions have arisen over significant new sources of aid—countries as well as major private donors—and the nature of their integration into the current system. During this two-day conference, co-sponsored by Oxford's Global Economic Governance Programme and Cornell University, we will address these challenges.

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Participants will arrive Sunday June 10, 2007. No events scheduled.

Monday 11 June 2007

8:30 am **Informal breakfast**
Coffee and continental breakfast available at Rhodes House

9:00 am **Welcome**

9:15—11 am **Session I: Why should we “rethink” aid?**

CO-CHAIRS: Ngaire Woods and Ravi Kanbur

President Joaquim Alberto Chissano, Former President, Republic of Mozambique

John Githongo, Former Permanent Secretary for Governance and Ethics, Kenya (tbc)

Nancy Birdsall, President, Centre for Global Development

Simon Maxwell, Director, Overseas Development Institute

11—11:15 am **Break**

11:15 am—1 pm **Session II: Rewarding “Good Performers”: The Debate on Performance Based Aid**

CHAIR: Chris Adam, Oxford University

Maureen Harrington, Vice President of Policy and International Relations,
Millennium Challenge Corporation

Paul Mosley, Professor of Economics, University of Sheffield

Helen Milner, B.C. Forbes Professor of Politics and International Affairs, Princeton
University

Ravi Kanbur, Professor of Economics and T.H. Lee Professor of World Affairs,
Cornell University

Discussant: Tony Venables, Chief Economist, DFID, Professor of Economics, Oxford
University

1—2 pm **Buffet Lunch**

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2—3:45 pm Session III: What do we know about how to aid fragile states?

This panel will present findings on what kinds of aid are effective to help stop fragile states from falling apart and/or to rebuilt states after conflict?

CHAIR: Ian Goldin

Frances Stewart, Director, CRISE, Professor of Economics, Oxford University
Paul Collier, Director, Centre for Study of African Economies, Professor of
Economics, Oxford University

James Putzel, LSE

Paul O'Brien, Oxfam America

Discussant: Kevin Morrison, Duke University

3:45—4 pm Break

4—5:30 pm Session IV: New Modalities for Aid?

CHAIR: Adrian Wood, Oxford University

Gustav Ranis, Frank Altschul Professor of International Economics, Yale University
Stijn Claessens, Assistant Director, Research Department, IMF
Sarah Bermeo, Princeton University
Nicolas Van de Sijpe, Oxford University

7:00 for 7:30 pm Conference Dinner
Buffet dinner for all attendees

Keynote address: Edward Scott, Founder, Centre for Global
Development and global philanthropist

Tuesday 12 June 2007

8:30—9:00 am Informal breakfast
Coffee and continental breakfast available.

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9:00—10:45 am Session V: What are the political impacts of aid relationships?

CHAIR: Lindsay Whitfield, Lead Researcher, Managing Aid Dependency Project, Global Economic Governance, Oxford University

Gervase Maipose, Professor, University of Botswana
Rachel Hayman, University of Edinburgh
Paolo De Renzio, Oxford University

Discussant: David Craig, University of Auckland

10:45—11 am Break

11—12:30 pm Session VI: What are the perspectives of new donors?

CHAIR: Ravi Kanbur

Qi Guoqiang, Vice-Chairman, Chinese Association of African Studies, Beijing, Ministry of Commerce, PRC
Pratap Mehta, President, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi
Marcelo Abreu, Professor, Department of Economics, Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro
Pang Eng Fong, Professor of Management, Singapore Management University

Discussant: Helmut Reisen, Counsellor, OECD

12:30—1:30 pm Buffet Lunch

1:30—3:30 pm Session VII: When the market and government policies fail: Who is filling the gaps?

CHAIRS: Devi Sridhar and Rajaie Batniji, Global Economic Governance, Oxford University

Mark Suzman, Gates Foundation
Dennis Whittle, Chairman, Global Giving
Raman Nanda, Acumen Fund
Jeb Brugmann, The Next Practice

Discussant: Jennifer Tobin, Nuffield College, Oxford University

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3:30—3:45 pm **Break**

3:45—5:15 pm **Session VIII: What are the challenges for multilateral organizations and donors?**

CHAIR: Ngaire Woods

Richard Manning, Chair, Development Assistance Committee, OECD
Deborah Brautigam, Associate Professor, American University
Thomas O'Brien, IEG, World Bank
Thandika Mkandawire, UN Research Institute for Social Development (tbc)

Discussant: Andrew Hurrell, Oxford University

5:15—6 pm **Closing Plenary Discussion: New Directions in Development Assistance**

6—6:45pm **Cocktails and Launch of the Energy, Security, and Development Report**

Vice-Chancellor of Oxford will join us for the launch of the report, “Energy, Security, Climate Change, and Development Assistance” by a high-level taskforce chaired by Lord Patten

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