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# **DEVELOPMENT FINANCE WATCH**

## **Accra Special**

### **Top Story »**

#### **EU with important role in play in Accra negotiations**

Development Ministers, heads of the World Bank, EC, IMF, OECD and other development bodies will meet in Accra, Ghana for the High Level Forum on aid effectiveness next week. There is much still to play for in the negotiations for the result of this international gathering, despite efforts by some donors to close down the discussions in advance. A strong common position from the EU will be critical.

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### **News»**

#### **Keeping up with the news from Accra**

If you are not going to be in Accra – of even if you are – there are plenty of ways which you will be able to keep up with what is going on, both on the face of it, and behind the scenes.

The [betteraid.org](http://betteraid.org) website special media and blog section will be the place to find all the latest breaking news, interviews and blogs from those attending Accra. It will also have links to any interesting coverage that we receive from the mainstream and alternative media. A separate Press Centre is also being added onto the current site. The press centre will contain useful documents, press releases, quotes etc. for journalists to access. And the CSO Forum will be hosting press conferences on both the 1st and the 4th September.

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### **News»**

#### **Civil society prepares for busy programme**

### **What's New**

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#### **ACTION ALERT** **HLF in Accra**

Talk to journalists in your country about what is at stake at the HLF in Accra and why donors need to agree monitorable new targets for making their aid more effective. [Click here](#) for a press release targeting European governments and [click here for a CSO media pack](#) including template letters and press releases.

#### **QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

"Donors take decisions which affect the lives of real people in poor countries, yet they are almost completely unaccountable to them."

**Jesse Griffiths of ActionAid** [read more here](#)

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

**Since 2003, less than a third of all bilateral ODA, or about US\$25 billion in 2006, has been available for actual programs in developing countries.**

*Reality of Aid, 2008 Report, forthcoming*

#### **EURODAD IN ACTION**

##### **Recent staff advocacy activities:**

Eurodad is this week being represented by its board chair Penny Davies at a meeting 'Civil Society on Climate Change & Justice. The meeting, organised by the Swedish government, will consider strategies leading up to the crucial climate change talks in the next few years. Eurodad is considering further work in this area, analysing the effectiveness

## in Accra

Over three hundred civil society activists are preparing for a busy programme of events starting this week in Accra, in addition to the official High Level Forum which will be attended by 80 CSO accredited representatives. Two media workshops will kick off the week's activities this Thursday and Friday. Interaction from the US is planning a media skills workshop organised by Interaction from the US and Femnet – the African women's development and communication network from Kenya to present a gender perspective on aid effectiveness. [read more](#)

## News»

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### Reviewing civil society organisations: How effective are they?

As people gather in Accra in just a few days to review official aid, civil society organisations will also be discussing their own effectiveness. A Global Facilitation Group (GFG) on CSO development effectiveness has been set up to drive a global process towards agreeing principles of effectiveness, relevant to CSOs, given that the Paris Declaration as such cannot simply be applied to them.

Related resource: [The Advisory Group on Civil Society and Aid Effectiveness](#)  
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## News»

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### Three new books question value of aid

Whilst aid experts from all around the world prepare to go to Accra to discuss how aid can be made more effective, three writers (Tandon, Glennie and Warah) are preparing to launch/ have just launched new books, all of which argue that poor countries need to become less dependent on aid. [read more](#)

## Report»

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### Reality Check: Global vertical programmes: a tale of too many funds

REPORT: Eurodad has produced a new "Reality Check" on vertical funds as a contribution to the Reality of Aid network for which Eurodad is the European regional hub. This report "Global vertical programmes: a tale of too many funds" evaluates the phenomenon of vertical funds through the lens of aid effectiveness. Vertical funds present benefits but also pose challenges

and impact of climate change mitigation and adaptation funds and welcomes suggestions and collaborations. [read more](#)

### THE BETTER AID BLOG

Visit or contribute your views to the [Better Aid Blog](#), for insightful and up-to-the-minute articles leading up to the forum!

### Latest articles:

[Three new books question value of aid](#)

[The wrong side of Paris?](#)

[EU objects to weak Accra consensus](#)

### EVENTS

**What:** Accra HLF

**When:** 2-4 September 2008

**Where:** Accra, Ghana

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**What:** CSO Forum

**When:** Aug. 31- Sept. 1, 2008

**Where:** Accra, Ghana

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**What:** Prospects for Enhanced Aid Cooperation: The Way Forward After Accra

**When:** September 15, 2008

5:00 - 7:00 PM

**Where:** Hotel Silken Berlaymont, Boulevard Charlemagne 11-19, Brussels, Belgium.

[more information](#)

**What:** The Aid effectiveness Puzzle – Completing the picture?

**When:** October 14 - 15, 2008

**Where:** Maastricht, LB, The Netherlands

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### BRIEFLY NOTED

Eckhard Deutscher, head of the OECD/DAC argues for ownership to be more broadly defined and for greater transparency and accountability of aid in the latest issue of the IMF's "Finance and Development".

[see it here](#)

### JOB VACANCIES

**Jubilee Scotland:** Coordinator, *Edinburgh, Scotland*

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### ALTERNATIVE VERSION OF NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE

An extended version of Development Finance Watch is available, with reports and news linking to relevant areas within the

and these differ across sectors.

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### Report»

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#### **New AWID report on conditionalities undermining the right to develop.**

A new report from The Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID), Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era (DAWN), the International Gender and Trade Network (IGTN) and Women in Development Europe (WIDE), is adding to the debate on policy conditionalities and the conflictive perspective promoted by some donors understanding Human Rights and gender equality as friendly or positive conditionalities. It finds that friendly or positive conditionalities are not a constructive and sustainable way to strengthen Human Rights and gender equality, it also finds that they undermine local civil society and social movements' efforts. The report invites you to comment on the issue.

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#### **North South Institute: Reforming aid policy brief**

Reforming aid and development cooperation: Accra, Doha and beyond". This Policy Brief draws on a conference held by The North-South Institute in June 2008 entitled "Does aid work, can it work better? Crucial questions on the road to Accra and Doha". The Brief analyzes key policy challenges in relation to aid effectiveness and impact, in the context of the Accra High Level Forum and Doha Review meeting on Financing for Development. It argues that the OECD Development Assistance Committee is increasingly unsuited for the task of managing a rapidly evolving aid system. More seriously, the DAC lacks legitimacy from the perspective of aid-recipients and in its current form cannot represent their interests. In the medium term, consideration should be given to the Development Cooperation Forum as an alternative venue for the discussion of aid management and policy issues.

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