DAC Network on Governance

Draft Agenda: The 21st DAC Network on Governance Plenary Meeting

Making the case for reform: Tackling governance in support of the new global goals

9-10 December 2015
OECD Conference Center, Roger Ockret Room.

The main purpose of this meeting will be:
- To promote a discussion on how donors might adapt their approach to governance, both in terms of their policies and programming to ensure it is fit for the future, responding to new realities and new goals.
- To share and discuss with members the current GovNet work and research plans, and how these plans align with and complement the work of INCAF and GenderNet.

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## WEDNESDAY, 9TH DECEMBER 2015

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<td>• Nadine Gbossa, Head of the Global Partnerships and Policies Division, Development Co-operation Directorate, OECD</td>
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<td>2. The Role of Civil Society in a Changing World: Balancing Empowerment with Accountability (Part I)</td>
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<td>The UN's Sustainable Development Goal 16 calls for responsive, inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making at all levels and the protection of fundamental freedoms. One of the critical elements for achieving this is through engagement with, support for and protection of a vibrant civil society in partner countries. This session will hear from CSOs and CSO experts about the changing nature of civil society in developing countries with the rise of new social movements and the increasing reduction of civil society space in some partner countries. It will then hear from a range of donors about what they are currently doing to adapt their engagement with and support to civil society to adjust to these new realities whilst also ensuring that fiduciary and other risks are managed and development results are delivered.</td>
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<td>Presentations from donors on how they are trying to balance new ways of engaging with and supporting civil society empowerment in partner countries, while ensuring fiduciary and other risks are managed and development results are delivered:</td>
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<td>• Karin Fällman, Senior Policy Specialist on Civil Society issues, Sida, Sweden</td>
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The UN’s Sustainable Development Goal 16 firmly puts governance on the development agenda. Major social and economic trends around the world, however, are changing the nature of governance issues in developing countries. As governance challenges evolve, donors will need to re-think their policy approaches in order to find effective solutions to new problems. Rising education and economic growth in some countries, coupled with increasing global integration, rapid urbanisation, demographic changes and the spread of information technologies present new opportunities and risks for tackling governance. This session will hear from experts about how these trends are changing the nature of existing governance challenges as well as the relationship between governance and other development objectives. It will also hear how donors are responding to these changes, exploring what types of new policy support and policy architecture donors will require in order to be best equipped to address these new challenges in the future.

Moderator: Alan Whaites, AEI Team Lead, OECD Development Co-operation Directorate

Speakers:
- Claudia Pragua, Head of Division, Governance, Democracy, Rule of Law; Media and Freedom of the Press, Federal Ministry of Economic Co-operation and Development (BMZ), Germany (TBC)
- Sarah Lister, Director, United Nations Development Programme, Oslo Governance Centre
- Craig Fagan, Head of Global Policy, Transparency International

This session will breakout into discussion groups to discuss the following three questions:

- What new governance challenges are your administrations facing in partner countries?
- How is the domestic policy and institutional architecture within your own administrations adapting to address these new challenges?
- What new policy support/architecture might be required in order to enable your administrations to be better placed to tackle the evolving governance landscape at the international level, partner country level and HQ level?

This session will be closed to official members of the network only. The secretariat will provide an update on current work in progress (results and innovation) and the future work plan and funding situation of the Governance Network.

- David Yang (USAID) & Kirsten Bishop (DFAT, Australia), Co-Chairs of the Governance Network
- GovNet Secretariat representative
## THURSDAY, 10 DECEMBER 2015

**09.15 - 11.00**  
**7. Addressing Global Bads: Going Beyond Conventional Responses**

The rise of ‘global bads’ - transnational organised crime (TOC), terrorism, piracy, smuggling and illicit financial flows - represents one of the biggest governance challenges facing practitioners today and a spoiler for further progress in development in many partner countries. This session will open with a presentation of the initial findings on human smuggling from the OECD West Africa Report on Illicit Economic Activity. It will then hear from academics and a range of donors on how to best support partner countries and relevant regional bodies to address ‘global bads’. It will focus on the need to look beyond conventional responses in order to understand the complex political economy drivers that underpin global bads. Attention will be paid to the need for donors to do more to strengthen the inclusiveness of governance institutions and the effectiveness of social service delivery with respect to marginalized and vulnerable groups as a key means of tackling global bads at the local level.

**Speakers:**
- Tuesday Reitano, Head of the Global Initiative Secretariat and main author of the OECD West Africa Report on Illicit Economic Activity
- Vanda Felbab-Brown, Senior Fellow, the Center for 21st Century Security and Intelligence in the Foreign Policy program at Brookings Institution

**Respondent:**
- Bianca Jinga, Governance Advisor, DFID

| 11:00-11:15 | Coffee Break |
| 11:15-12:30 | **8. Update on Tackling Global Bads Research Plan & the OECD’s Integrity Guidelines Work** |

This session will present the concept note by the Secretariat on taking forward the GovNet work plan on ‘Development Responses to Global Bads and Organised Crime’ and hear members’ thoughts on what they want from this piece of work in terms of evidence, guidelines and policy insights. It will also present the OECD’s work on Integrity Guidelines.

**Speaker:**
- Lena Diesing, Governance Advisor, OECD

| 12:30-13:30 | Lunch |
| 13:30-15:15 | **9. The role of governance in enabling private sector actors to better support sustainable economic growth** |

Achieving sustainable economic growth (UN SDG 8) in developing countries, as recognized in the United Nation’s Addis Ababa Agenda, will require, amongst other things, the active engagement of the private sector. As partner countries and development co-operation providers seek to enhance private sector support for sustainable economic growth in developing countries it will be vital to understand how governance institutions in partner countries enable (or hamper) private sector actors to contribute towards sustainable and equitable outcomes. This session will seek to explore the changing nature of private sector engagement in partner countries; what key governance
conditions are required in order to enable private sector actors to most effectively support sustainable economic growth in partner countries; and, how donors can best assist partner countries to achieve these conditions.

- Jens Sedemund, Executive Advisor to the DAC Chair OECD
- Keith Schulz, Governance Advisor, USAID
- Kapil Gupta, Office of Senior Advisor to the Secretary of State, United States Government


The topic of the World Bank’s 2017 World Development Report will be the role of Governance and the Law in the economic advancement of nations. The flagship report will examine the institutional foundations of a well-functioning state, and address two sets of issues facing the development community: The complicated interaction between economic development and the quality of governance; and the persistence of gaps between intended governance reforms and the reality on the ground.

Moderator: Stefan Kossoff, Head of Profession for Governance in DFID (TBC)

Speaker:
- Yongmei Zhou, Co-Director of the WDR 2017, World Bank

11. **Looking Forward: Future Priorities and Closing**

- Discussion on decentralization and innovative research – what do members want out of this research?
- Discussion on governance programming in other sectors – Which sectors matter most? What work is already underway by GovNet members/other partners? And, what is the type of guidance GovNet members want from this?
- Discussion on opportunities for greater collaboration with INCAF and GenderNet