



Romanian Development Camp

Financing for development in the new development context

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Changing Landscape

New development frameworks –
SDGs and Paris Agreement

- Ambitious and holistic but unclear how it will be delivered – still overly reliant on aid?

FFD – Addis Ababa Agenda for
Action

- Talks about the right issues but with few concrete and new commitments – little action so far

Development and aid
effectiveness – GPEDC and DCF

- Renewed interest in effectiveness but again little action so far

Aid and beyond or beyond aid?

- Lots of words, little apparent change but lots of political interest

New aid strategies

- For example in the UK, a clear UK government agenda but risks instrumentalising and retying UK aid

Challenges and Opportunities

Challenge

Aid is not sexy anymore... and the public don't like it

The rise of the private sector

Shrinking space for civil society – even in the UK including funding modalities

National interest trumping development

Security and anti-terrorism trumping peace-building

Opportunity

Strengthened rationale for pushing improvement of effectiveness and transparency of other flows

Chance for increased engagement and influence with DFIs and other non-state actors

Accountability and scrutiny bodies looking for help with more complex aid and development landscape

Time for a more critical narrative and a break from just defending aid and the government

Civil Society Priorities

Areas of concern

Aid and development for who and in who's interest?

Who's in charge?

Long term vs short term?

Who and how are we monitoring the private sector – also a double standard for CSOs and PS?

Increasingly complex modalities and stakeholders making accountability difficult?

What does our future look like?

What is needed

More and much better information on who is doing what, where, with who, etc.

Better coordination amongst sectors, issues, countries within civil society

Better evidence gathering and sharing – beyond the case study to substantive analysis

A better and more nuanced public narrative on aid

Our Experience

Some spaces and processes remain hard to access

- Being able to speak is not the same as having influence or decision-making power

But the role of civil society and our right to have a role is increasingly respected

- For example, GPEDC formally recognises and includes CSOs as equal stakeholders.

Managing diversity in civil society is challenging too

- FFD negotiations challenging – different priorities and different ways of working

But success is possible where we are joined up and coordinated

- For example, FFD with sustainable development principles for PPPs