

Development Cooperation with Africa: What can be learned from the country programme evaluations in Benin, Ghana and Mozambique?

Public meeting on 9 October 2008
Eigtveds Pakhus, Room III

*Organised by Evaluation of Development Cooperation (EVAL) in cooperation with the
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In 2007 the Evaluation Department jointly with evaluation units in Ghana, Benin and Mozambique commissioned three major evaluations of the development cooperation between Denmark and the three countries.

All three country programme evaluations look at strategic choices made including e.g. choice of sectors; use of different modalities (projects, programmes and budget support); poverty reduction aspects and the way cross-cutting issues have been dealt with. A wealth of information has been collected and analysed with a view to learn lessons about what has worked and what has not worked so well over the years.

In late 2007, the Danish Prime Minister decided to establish an Africa Commission. The work of the Africa Commission has a particular focus on youth and employment issues in Africa, but otherwise covers a wide range of issues. The meeting on 9 October 2008 will provide an opportunity to discuss findings from the three country programme evaluations related to central themes of the work of the Africa Commission.

The three country programme evaluations can be ordered and/or downloaded from www.evaluation.dk and www.evaluating.dk from 29th September 2008. Hard copies will also be available at the meeting on 9th October 2008.

PROGRAMME

9.30 – 10.00: Registration and coffee

10.00-10.15: Welcome and introduction to the meeting by State Secretary, ambassador Ib Petersen, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

10.15 – 12.15: Presentations and discussions in groups concerning lessons learned from the three country programme evaluations. Opportunity to meet team-leaders and country representatives to discuss methodology used, main conclusions and lessons learned from each of the three evaluations.

12.15 – 13.15: Lunch break – sandwiches will be served outside Room III, Eigtveds Pakhus

Chair: Mrs. Margrethe Holm Andersen, Deputy Head, Evaluation Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

13.15 – 13.45: Stephen Lister, Principal Consultant, Mokoro Ltd: How to ensure effective development cooperation with Africa? Lessons learned from the country programme evaluations on aid modalities and aid effectiveness.

13.45 – 14.15: Dr. Regina Adutwum, National Director, National Development Planning Commission, Ghana: What can partner countries learn from the country programme evaluations?

14.15 – 14.45: Vagn Berthelsen, General Secretary, IBIS: Fostering engagement of civil society in national development processes – lessons from the country programme evaluations.

14.45 – 15.15: Coffee break

Chair: Mr. Ole Winckler Andersen, Head of Evaluation Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

15.15 – 15.45: Christian Friis Bach, International Director, Danchurch Aid, member of the Africa Commission: Private sector development, agriculture and employment in Africa - what lessons can be learned from the country programme evaluations?

15.45 – 16.15: Klaus Bustrup, Chairman of the Danida Board and member of the Africa Commission: What can the Africa Commission learn from the country programme evaluations?

16.30 – 17.30: Reception

All plenary presentations will include 20 minutes for presentation and 10 minutes for discussion.

At the reception Danish writer and journalist Peter Tygesen will present his new book (in Danish) on development cooperation between Mozambique and Denmark. The book is built partly on the results of the evaluation of the development cooperation between Denmark and Mozambique, partly on independent research conducted by Peter Tygesen and will be published by People's Press.

Registration:

Participation is free of charge, but registration is required. If you are interested in participating please send an e-mail to eval@um.dk not later than 6 October 2008, indicating which of the country sessions (in the morning) you will like to attend.

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