

***Building accountability ‘downwards’:  
Claimed beneficiaries and the research agenda***

Workshop Notice

The Institute of Development Studies (IDS) and the One World Trust will host a workshop exploring ways research organisations can build accountability to their claimed beneficiaries.

All too often, the demands of the funding context, the needs of policy-makers or the standards of the academic community will determine the actions and agenda of research organizations. A researcher will often seek funding, policy impact or scientific credibility, and will be accountable accordingly. All of these concerns are important and engage crucial stakeholders, but they risk excluding a further set of stakeholders – the intended or “claimed” beneficiaries.

The workshop will discuss emerging findings from a three year project run by the One World Trust, “Accountability Principles for Research Organisations.” Working with nearly 20 institutions, the project explores the ways policy-oriented research organisations balance accountability and responsiveness to their diverse stakeholders.

The workshop will discuss how accountability links can be built to these stakeholders, the constraints that currently exists, and the ways in which this will influence the operation of research organisations.

Outcomes of the workshop will identify ways to take the project forward with research organizations, donors and various civil society groups.

Venue: IDS, Brighton, UK

Date: Thursday, January 27<sup>th</sup> 2011

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