



International Students' Union of Norway (ISU) Brief Minutes of Spire's 3rd policy forum: "Aid effectiveness and development" June 3 rd , 2010	Prepared by George Vlazakis (ISU National President 2009-2010) Prepared for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Member organizations ▪ Partner organizations
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Place: Utviklingsfondets/Spire office premises, Grensen 9b, Oslo

Date and Time: June, 3rd, 2010, 18:00 – 19.30

Attendees: Astrid Schnitzer (former UNDP policy/programme specialist), Christian Bull (Spire), Odilia Häussler Melbøe (Spire), Dina Hestad (British Council), Daniel Massie (NSO) and George Vlazakis (ISU).

The purpose of the forum: To share global experiences regarding challenges and recent developments on aid effectiveness and issues such as multi-donor budget support, aid policy, aid coordination & management.

The purpose of ISU's participation: To acquire a better insight on, and thus strengthen, the connection between international aid policies and Norwegian Institutions of higher education's interest/aim for participation in global knowledge cooperation (through the Quota scheme programme, directed to students from developing countries - www.siu.no/en/Programme-overview/Quota-Scheme).

Minutes/ Information

The following important information has been –among others- provided:

AID EFFECTIVENESS LINKS	COMMENTS
www.aideffectiveness.org	A global website on country experiences regarding aid effectiveness, promoting exchange and peer learning (including examples of aid policies, aid effectiveness reviews, and other tools).
www.un.org/ffd	Information about the Financing for Development process.
www.un.org/ecosoc/newfunct/develop.shtml	Information about the Development Cooperation Forum (DCF), mandated by the 2005 World Summit.
www.oecd.org/dac	Website of the Development Assistance Committee of the Organization for Economic Development and Co-operation (OECD/DAC).
www.aidtransparency.net	Information about the International Aid Transparency Initiative, a new initiative established in 2008 to make aid more transparent.
http://dad.minplan-rca.org/	An example of an aid management system -- This is the public website of the development assistance database in



	the Central African Republic (the start page is in French, but then will afterwards provide you with a choice between English or French). World-wide, about fifty countries have implemented or are in the process of implementing such web-based databases.
www.betteraid.org , http://web.acdi-cida.gc.ca/cs , www.fride.org	CSO websites on aid effectiveness.
www.aideffectiveness.org/Guidance-Note-for-Parliament-Entrance.html	Parliaments and aid effectiveness.
www.owen.org/blog/3150 (lists the most active blogs on development), www.chinalawandpolicy.com	Various blogs on aid & development.
www.mofep.gov.gh/	Ghana's multi-donor budget support, aid policy, coordination & management.

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