

INTERNATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMME 2010

# GOVERNING FOR DEVELOPMENT: EVOLVING OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES FOR DEVELOPMENT ACTORS UNDER THE PARIS DECLARATION

From the 14th of January until the 17th of February 2010, the Institute of Development Policy and Management of the University of Antwerp (Belgium) organizes an International Training Programme on the above topic.

The programme is sponsored by the Belgian government and targets senior staff from civil society organizations, government officials and local experts working for the donor community in low-income countries. Candidates must be professionally involved in the topic of the training. The selected participants receive a full scholarship that will cover most of the expenses during their stay in Belgium.

More detailed information on the Institute, the programme and the organizers can be found on:

<http://www.ua.ac.be/dev/parisdeclaration>



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## THE PROGRAMME CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MODULES:

### MODULE 1: THE EVOLUTION OF 'Aid'

This module highlights the evolution in development theory and practice until the nineties. Special attention is given to the concept of 'aid effectiveness' and its influence on successive paradigm shifts.

### MODULE 2: SITUATING THE PARIS DECLARATION

This module envisages clarifying the concepts and theories central to the new aid approach. Attention is given to the most recent scientific insights in development theory. Furthermore, the changing relations among development agents (multi- & bilateral donors, national governments and civil society actors) are explored.

The new aid approach is analyzed as an instrument for the achievement of broader goals.

### MODULE 3: ASSESSING ACTORS

This module focuses on understanding the behaviour of state agents, donor agencies, civil society organizations and political actors. None of these actors seem to be capable to fully assume their newly assigned responsibilities.

Within this module, the problems, impediments and tensions that hinder the fulfillment of the expectations (as reviewed in Module 2) are studied based on a number of case studies.

### MODULE 4: ASSESSING PROCESSES AND RESULTS

This module concentrates on the concepts, techniques, institutional set-ups and importance of Monitoring and Evaluation within the context of the new aid approach. It also highlights the tools used for assessing the contexts in which the new aid approach is being implemented. The contexts will be explored from various angles: a political perspective (e.g. governance indicators), a social perspective (e.g. gender dimension), an economic perspective (e.g. macro-economic context). Practical skills, such as the use of indicators for advocacy, and negotiation and presentation skills are particularly emphasized throughout this module.

Participants are involved in individual and group work during the entire programme in order to describe, analyze and assess the governance situation and the new aid approach in their own country (or a country of their choice). They actively use the tools of analysis presented in all four modules as well as the insights from the group discussions. The format of the training programme is as follows: morning sessions are reserved for presentations by lecturers and external speakers, afternoon sessions will be used for hands-on exercises, group work or simulations.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

### EDUCATION

Candidates hold a university degree, preferably in sociology, political science or economics, although holders of other degrees are also eligible. Study results will be taken into consideration in the selection, but relevant professional experience and prospects for applying the insights from the training after return to the country are the most important criteria.

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Five years of relevant experience in development co-operation, of which at least two in advocacy or related activities.

The training programme targets professionals who deal with governance issues, or, professionals who deal with development issues but who are interested in understanding how these are affected by governance and politico-institutional elements. These professionals may come from:

- ngo's, advocacy and lobbying organizations, media, organizations which are in regular contact with government and/or donors, and/or other civil society organizations active in the fields of governance, poverty reduction and/or development
- the donor community and international ngo's: local professionals working for public donors or international ngo's
- recipient governments: staff involved in reform programmes, governance initiatives, especially those working in liaison with donors or with civil society organizations.

AGE: preferably between 30 and 45 years.

LANGUAGE SKILLS: proficiency in English

### CERTIFICATE

The University of Antwerp confers a certificate of attendance to the candidates who have successfully completed the programme

### SCHOLARSHIPS

The Flemish Inter University Council (VLIR ) has awarded 12 scholarships to the programme in 2010, financed by the Directorate General for Cooperation of the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The scholarships cover the full costs of travel and attendance enrolment

Maximum number of participants allowed: 18

Application form can be downloaded from:  
<http://www.ua.ac.be/dev/parisdeclaration>

### DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION

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