

World Bank and Africa: Lessons from the Past and New Strategy Going Forward

April 15, 10:30 a.m.--12:00 p.m.

Main Complex, C1-100

Africa has made significant progress over the past decade in moving away from the stagnation of the 1980s and 1990s but further growth is required to curb the high poverty rates and accelerate the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals in the region.

The Independent Evaluation Group (IEG) of the World Bank Group, Africa Region of the World Bank, Reality of Aid Africa Network, and Africare will hold a seminar discussion around the findings from IEG's recent evaluation of the *Africa Action Plan* -- a framework adopted at the 2005 Gleneagles summit, followed by a presentation and discussion of the Africa Region's new strategy.

Agenda

The seminar will be chaired and moderated by *Renosi Mokate*, Executive Director, World Bank

10:30-10:35 a.m.	Opening remarks
10:35 - 10:45 a.m.	<i>Cheryl Gray</i> , Director, Public Sector Evaluation, Independent Evaluation Group, World Bank Group
10:45 - 10:55 a.m.	<i>Shantayanan Devarajan</i> , Chief Economist, Africa Region, World Bank
10:55 - 11:05 a.m.	<i>Vitalice Meja</i> , Co-Coordinator, Reality of Aid Africa Network
11:05 - 11:15 a.m.	<i>Darius Mans</i> , Director, Africare
11:15-11:25 a.m.	<i>Sahr Kpundeh</i> , CSO Advisor, Africa Region, World Bank
11:25 - 11:55 p.m.	Q&A
11:55-12:00 p.m.	Closing remarks

About Independent Evaluation Group

The Independent Evaluation Group (IEG) is charged with evaluating the activities of IBRD and IDA – organizations that comprise the World Bank; the work of IFC in private sector development; and MIGA’s guarantee projects and services. The Director-General of Evaluation reports directly to the World Bank Group’s Board of Executive Directors. The goals of evaluation are to provide an objective assessment of the results of the Bank Group’s work and to identify and disseminate lessons learned from experience.

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About the World Bank in Africa

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Africa Region’s New Strategy

http://siteresources.worldbank.org/INTAFRICA/Resources/AFR_Regional_Strategy_3-2-11.pdf

About the Reality of Aid Network

The *Reality of Aid Network (ROA)* brings together 166 member organizations, including more than 40 civil society regional and global networks, working in the field of international cooperation in the 21 donor countries of the OECD, and in Europe, the Americas, Africa, and in the Asia/Pacific. As the recognized CSO network on global aid reform, *RoA* has established a significant and credible civil society dialogue on aid and international cooperation issues with the OECD Development Assistance Committee’s (DAC) Working Party on Aid Effectiveness and also with the UN Development Cooperation Forum. www.realityofaid.org

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