

# 4<sup>th</sup> Danida Human Rights and Good Governance Seminar Schaeffergaarden, 27-28 February 2006

## Agenda

### 27 February

8.30-9.00

Registration and coffee

9-9.15

#### **Introduction**

By Karin Poulsen, TAS-Governance

9.15-10.15

#### **Opening remarks**

Speaker: Carsten Staur, State Secretary, Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Facilitator: John Nielsen, Deputy Head of Technical Advisory Services – Development Cooperation (TAS)

Current political framework and strategic direction of Danish development assistance in respect of human rights and good governance

Discussion

10.15-10.30

Coffee break

#### **The political economy of governance reforms – country lessons and donor roles**

Facilitators: Morten Elkjær and Karin Poulsen, TAS-Governance

10.30-11.15

Speaker: Sheelagh Stewart, Head of Profession – Governance and Conflict, Dfid

What are the implications for donors in terms of taking the political economy dimension into account in development cooperation? The case of Dfid – status and outlook

11.15-11.30

Discussants: Lars Engberg Pedersen, Burkina Faso  
Lars P Christensen, Mozambique

11.30-12.00

Brief buzz in groups

12.00-13.00

Discussion in plenary, with inputs from key note presenter

Lessons for Danida on its approach to understand and support governance reforms

13-14.00

Lunch

14-14.45

Speaker: Gyimah-Boadi, Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Ghana  
and Executive Director of Ghana Centre for Democratic Development

What are the implications for partnerships between countries and donors in terms of taking the political economy dimension into account? The case of Ghana – status and outlook

14.45-15.00

Discussants: Hans van Rijn, Ghana  
Jens-Peter Kamanga Dyrbak

15-15.30

Brief buzz in groups

15.30-16.00

Coffee break

16-17.00

Discussion in plenary, with inputs from key note presenter

Lessons for Danida on its approach to understand and support governance reforms

18.00

Dinner

20-21.30

**Guest speaker**

Sanjay Pradhan, Director Public Sector Governance, Poverty Reduction and Economic Management Network, the World Bank

Emerging frontier issues in the Bank's governance work: how to deal with politics, demand-side pressures, check and balance institutions, leadership and ethics

**Papers, day 1:**

- Key note presentations
- 1-2 page briefs by each country team of pertinent issues related to the impact of political and institutional factors on governance reforms and processes of change
- Lessons learnt on the use of Power and Drivers of Change analyses in development cooperation. Review commissioned by GOVNET, OECD-DAC. COWI 2005
- Ghana Drivers of Change Policy Briefs 1-5, Centre for Democracy and Development and ODI 2005

## 28 February

8.30-9.30

### **Dialogue with the Muslim world – a way forward**

**A plenary session with Jørgen Bæk Simonsen, Carsten Niebuhr Institute, University of Copenhagen**

Q&A by MENA, Middle East/Northern Africa office of the MFA

9.30-10.00

Coffee break

10-12.00

Three parallel workshops:

### **Session 1: Dialogue with the Muslim world – a way forward (continued)**

Facilitator: Mogens Blom, TAS-Governance

Speakers: Jørgen Bæk Simonsen and Marie-Louise Wegter, MENA

The events following the publications of drawings of the Prophet Mohammed in the Danish newspaper Jyllands-Posten have shown the need for enhancing the dialogue with countries in the Muslim world. At the same time they might hamper cooperation and undermine ongoing activities. The "Partnership for Progress and Reform" (Det Arabiske Initiativ) has so far been targeting the Arab World (plus Iran). Future effort to strengthen and widen up dialogue, however, ought to be targeting all countries of cooperation with large Muslim communities. Jørgen Bæk Simonsen will discuss why the drawings have caused that much tension and the challenges regarding how to re-establish and continue dialogue. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs will present ongoing initiatives and considerations on future initiatives, including the development of a comprehensive action plan for the future.

Discussants: Jan Pirouz Poulsen; Ramallah  
 Nathalia Feinberg, Bangladesh  
 Marianne Olesen, Afghanistan

Discussion

Input to list of operational ideas for new – and adjustment of on going - initiatives to enhance the dialogue with the Muslim world.

## **Session 2: Conflict transformation in development – towards an operational strategy**

Facilitators: Darriann Riber, TAS-Governance

Speaker: Michelle Parlevliet, independent consultant, South Africa

Including presentation of conclusions from recent study: ‘Good practice and lessons learnt: Denmark’s experience of conflict management and peace building through humanitarian and development assistance initiatives in areas affected by violent conflict’

Discussants: Ivan Munk Nielsen, Nepal  
Frans Michael Jansen, Uganda

Discussion

Outline for a Working Paper on human rights and conflict transformation

## **Session 3: Finalisation of draft ‘Good Practice Paper on Decentralisation and Improved Service Delivery to the Poor’, facilitated by Kristian Edinger, TAS-Education**

With input from external resource persons

12-13.00

Lunch

13-15.00

**Finalisation of draft Discussion Note ‘Managing governance support to many partners – experiences and the way forward’**

Facilitators: Morten Elkjær and Darriann Riber

Contributions by all participants

15.00-16.00

**Closure**

Facilitators: Morten Elkjær and Karin Poulsen

- Evaluation of seminar
- Scope and content of “next generation” human rights and good governance seminars
- Governance network: status, conclusions from review, how does it work and what should be done to improve it?

## **Papers, day 2:**

- Key note presentations
- Using rights to address conflict – a valuable synergy (by Ghalib Galant and Michelle Parlevliet, 2005)
- Bridging the divide – exploring the relationship between human rights and conflict management (by Michelle Parlevliet, 2002)
- Good practice and lessons learnt: Denmark’s experience of conflict management and peace building through humanitarian and development assistance initiatives in areas affected by violent conflict (draft report by Anton Baaré, NCG, 2006)
- What makes decentralisation in developing countries pro-poor? /by Johannes Jütting et. al. 2005)
- Draft Good Practice Paper on Decentralisation and Improved Service Delivery to the Poor
- Draft Discussion Note ‘Managing Governance Support to Many Partners’
- Review of Danida Networks, draft report (by Userneeds 2006)