

The age of choice: how are developing countries managing the new aid landscape?

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In recent years the aid landscape has changed dramatically with new actors as well as new motives and instruments. The growth of other forms of development assistance has greatly outpaced that of traditional aid, this includes funding from non-OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC) members (such as China and India), climate finance funds, social impact investors (e.g. Acumen Fund), philanthropists (e.g. Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation) and global vertical funds (such as the Global Fund to fight AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis). A new 'age of choice' of external financing options for developing countries is dawning, and is set to challenge the primacy of traditional donors as well as the capacity of partner countries to manage the complexity of this new aid landscape.

This seminar will present findings from Overseas Development Institute (ODI) case studies in the Asia-Pacific region (Cambodia, Papua New Guinea and Timor Leste as well as on-going analysis in Fiji), illustrating the effects of changes in the development cooperation landscape on recipient countries.

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