“A World Without Poverty: Scotland and the SDGs”

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Why SG & International Development?

“No society can be flourishing and happy, of which the far greater part of the members are poor and miserable”

(Adam Smith: The Wealth of Nations)
Scotland has always been an outward looking nation.

SE’s response to 2004 Asian Tsunami: who would lead Scotland’s response? Staff seconded to help coordinate relief efforts.

Scotland's devolution journey would not be complete without a permanent International Development Fund.

From these beginnings, SG’s International Development Policy (IDF) established, articulating a vision of Scotland's place in the world as a good global citizen, committed to playing its role in the global fight against poverty. With an IDF to support the Policy.
“Scottish Ministers are committed to advancing Scotland's place in the world as a responsible nation by building mutually beneficial links with other countries… As part of [its] International Framework, Scotland has a distinctive contribution to make in its work with developing countries recognising our global responsibility to work together to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).” (2008)
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- £9M p.a. International Development Fund
  - **7 Priority Countries:**
    - Malawi, Zambia, Rwanda, Tanzania, Pakistan, Bangladesh and 3 states in India
  - **3 Development Programmes:**
    - Malawi Development Programme
      (150 years of shared history)
    - Sub-Saharan Africa Development Programme
      (Shared history, Scottish expertise)
    - South Asia Development Programme
      (Contemporary diaspora links)

- £6M Climate Justice Fund
SCOTLAND: LOOKING AHEAD?
Challenges…?
Solutions / Opportunities…?
Leadership…?
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Challenges for SG

• Budget: £9 million p.a. total fund for all our ID work

• Maintain the support of “the Scottish constituency” to ID work
Key messages from Brussels/Geneva:

- **Leadership**: Europe is seeking leaders in ID
- **Small countries can do ID well**:
  - Policy Coherence for Development (Sweden)
  - Gender Equality (Denmark/Norway)
  - Climate Change (Scotland)
  - Renewables (Denmark/Scotland)
  - Democracy / human rights (Scotland?)
Opportunities: Scottish approach?

• Partnership approach? Brings trust!
• Cross sector collective action easier in small country: eg,  
  – Scottish Working Group on Post 2015;  
  – the Scottish SE4All Forum
• Capitalise on democratically engaged population in Scotland (referendum)

Capture/maintain public interest/attention/support
September 2013 – Minister Humza Yousaf announcement that facilitating establishment

April 2014 – “Scotland and the Post 2015 Agenda – Engaging with the Sustainable Development Goals”

11th June 2014 – Brussels – Scotland’s Contribution to the EU Post 2015 Development Agenda

Group now up and running: particular interest in implementation
Purposes of the Post 2015 Working Group

To provide a forum for the Scottish Voice on the Post 2015 Agenda:

• bringing sectors together and exchanging information;
• influencing the Post 2015 Agenda;
• implementing the Post 2015 Agenda across Scotland
Post 2015 Working Group Structure

• Core Group – wider Group – all sectors represented.

• 4 work strand Groups
  • Community engagement – may.east@cifalscotland.org
  • Sustainable economy and business engagement gillian@nidos.org.uk
  • Post 2015 framework review – sarah@nidos.org.uk
  • Academic/higher education – hilary.homans@abdn.ac.uk
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Other Scottish Government Groups to integrate with:

- **Sustainable Energy For All Forum (Penny George)**
- **Scottish National Action Plan on Human (SNAP) (Trevor Owen)**

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