“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
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SG ID 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
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Solutions/opportunities:

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?)
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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
Scottish Post 2015 Working Group

- 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
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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
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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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