

# Jaarplan O\*platform: werkjaar 5

Gelieve bondig op volgende vragen te antwoorden. Als richtsnoer willen we vragen het jaarplan te beperken tot 4 à 6 pagina's. Gelieve een, eventueel geactualiseerd, logisch kader in te dienen als bijlage. Eventuele aanpassingen aan het origineel logisch kader moeten hun oorsprong vinden in, of een weerslag zijn van de beschreven resultaten van werkjaar 4. Waar relevant dienen onderstaande vragen beantwoord te worden met verwijzing naar dit logisch kader. Het jaarplan dient elektronisch verstuurd te worden voor 31 maart 2013 naar VLIR-UOS, t.a.v. Julie Poppe, Bolwerksquare 1a, 1050 Brussel. Voor meer informatie kan u steeds terecht bij ([julie.poppe@vliruos.be](mailto:julie.poppe@vliruos.be)) of op 02-289 05 70.

## Administratie

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Planningsperiode (start-einde dag/maand/jaar)	15/03/2013 tot 31/12/2013

## Wetenschappelijk onderzoek (80%)

Situeer de voorziene acties voor werkjaar 5 in de volledige duur van het O\*platform op basis van het (ev. geactualiseerde) logisch kader.

During the extension period of the project, the team will again work to attain the results described in the logical framework of the O\*platform:

- three IOB working or discussion papers/year
- two international publications/year
- participation in international conferences
- 5 master theses/year

Wat zijn gedurende het volgende werkjaar de hoofdactiviteiten van uw onderzoeksgroep in het algemeen?

Hereby we follow the LogFrame structure:

### **1.1 to do research and translate results into publications**

- Working paper/ article on the gender sensitivity of Sub-Saharan National Adaptation Programmes of Action (NAPAs) (submitted to peer reviewed journal)
- Paper on aid and gender equality, using Qualitative Comparative Analysis (abstract accepted by UNU-WIDER for its programme of research on gender equality and aid under its programme ReCom-Research and Communication on Foreign Aid)
- Article on gender mainstreaming in European Commission's budget support to the Agriculture Sector in Rwanda
- Working paper/ article on institutional analysis of monitoring and evaluation systems, a comparison between the M&E systems in Uganda's health and education sector
- Article in the Annuaire des Grands Lacs on the debt sustainability after completion point in Uganda, Burundi, Congo and Rwanda
- Working paper/article on (DAC) aid accounting rules, based on presentation done at the O\*Platform seminar.
- IOB Discussion paper on the macro-economics of aid.
- Working paper/article on the Global Fund 'Debt2Health' financing scheme
- Paper on Budget Support Suspensions in the period 2000-2012
- Paper on the Determinants of Budget Support Suspensions 2000-2012
- Article on NGO-co-funding reforms in the Nordic+ countries (2005-2010)
- Article on NGO-aid fragmentation
- Article on the determinants of NGO-aid fragmentation

### **1.2 to present research results at international conferences**

- Presentation by A. Gagiano & N. Molenaers "the determinants of Budget Support Suspensions in SSA" at the ECPR Joint Sessions Workshop Conference (Mainz, 16 March 2013)
- During the O\*Platform seminar "Small reflections on big aid questions" on 22 March 2013, the three senior researchers presented their findings on ongoing and completed research:
  - N. Molenaers: "Political Conditionalities: the smart approach to carrots and sticks"
  - D. Cassimon: "Small reflections on DAC aid (ODA) accounting"
  - N. Holvoet: "Assessment of M&E systems: findings from a study of 20 aid-dependent SSA countries"
- Presentation by L. Inberg on "How gender-sensitive are the National Adaptation Programmes of Action (NAPAs) of Sub-Saharan African countries? A gender scan of 31 NAPAs" at the Conference "Improving Energy Access through Climate Finance: Picking the Winners" (Enschede, 27 March 2013).

### **2.1. to supervise master theses and PhDs on the topics of the O\*platform**

O\*Platform staff supervise master theses and end-of-module papers on topics relevant for the Platform:

- Topic still have to be chosen by the students. About ten theses will be supervised.

They also supervise PhD students on the following topics:

- Promoting African regional integration in the infrastructure sector: the case of PIDA.
- M&E and civil society in the context of changing aid modalities
- Supporting policy reform in the new aid paradigm
- M&E influence in local level public sector decision-making (case study for Vietnam)
- Impact of climate change adaptation interventions on gender and intrahousehold relations (case study for Tanzania)
- Local level gender responsive budgeting and maternal health: comparing the impact of different types of GRB (case study for Uganda)
- Impact of climate change interventions (multi-country)
- Governing land reform (case study South Africa)
- Sustainable land use and governance (case study Suriname)
- EU as an emerging aid-coordinator in Africa (multi-country)
- Country vulnerability and debt sustainability assessment

**2.2. to teach ITPs and master courses where research and results are valorized and transmitted to students from the South**

- All senior team members are involved in the modules 'National Institutions, Poverty Reduction and Aid' and 'Evaluating Development Effectiveness' that are part of the Master in Development Evaluation and Management that is taught at the IOB, University of Antwerp (25-30 students)

**3.1 Translate academic research into policy relevant conclusions and recommendations**

Besides the O\*Platform, the research group engages in a number of consultancies and other activities that translate academic research into relevant conclusions and recommendations:

- R. Renard and K. Verbeke, Efficiency Analysis Guidance Materials, WFP Rome

## Wetenschappelijke dienstverlening (20%)

Welke wetenschappelijke dienstverlening is reeds voorzien voor jaar 5 en hoeveel trekkingsdagen staan daar tegenover? Zijn hiervoor ook zendingen naar het buitenland voorzien?

Voorstel voor wetenschappelijke dienstverlening	Te leveren output	Aantal trekkingsdagen
<b>3.1 Translate academic research into policy relevant conclusions and recommendations</b>	First phase: literature study	22,5
	Second phase: case studies	
<b>Som van alle trekkingdagen</b>		

## Netwerk

Welke nieuwe spelers gaat u trachten te betrekken bij de werking van uw O\*platform?

For the new study on basket funds in fragile states, possibilities of cooperation are seen with ODI (Marcus Manuel). Depending on the remaining upcoming work, other links will be established.

Welke geplande activiteiten gaan de visibiliteit van uw O\*platform op nationaal, internationaal niveau mogelijks vergroten?

The Friday-Update, a regular newsletter distributed by the O\*Platform, regularly refers to the work done by the O\*Platform. It is distributed to a broad network of development specialists (NGO, consultants, academics...), including DGD and BTC. In addition, publications are distributed through the regular channels including website, library, academic bibliography.

## Noord versus Zuid?

Welke links met het zuiden zullen worden aangesterkt en op welke wijze?

The advisory work for DGD will involve contacts with different actors in the south. This will provide the opportunity to establish new contacts and strengthen contacts the team already has in the south. Depending on the second phase of the study on basket funds, new links might be established with partners in the south in different Belgian partner countries.

## Toekomst

Lijken de verwachte resultaten van het 4-jarenplan met verlenging (tot eind december 2013) nog haalbaar? Zo niet, wat zijn de redenen?

The specific objectives formulated in the logical framework are:

- Internal debates, papers/ magazines (if they exist) within DGD include discussions of aid effectiveness and new aid architecture
- Participation of the researchers as authors in the output of the team
- Students are better able to ground their work in development management in solid insights from the debate on aid effectiveness

As has been demonstrated in the year report of the fourth year, these objectives have already been largely attained.

The overall objectives as formulated in the logical framework are:

- Formulation of Belgian DC policies refer to an underlying understanding of the constantly evolving aid architecture and a reflection on their aid effectiveness
- Evaluations of Belgian DC mention consideration of aid effectiveness in implementation

The centrality of aid effectiveness in the formulation of Belgian policies can be illustrated by a number of policy decisions taken by DGD, sometimes on the basis of the DAC Peer Review. Some of the recent demands towards the Platform also confirm the centrality and the challenges for implementing aid effectiveness.

Wat is uw huidige visie op of perspectieven voor het O\*platform na afsluiten van jaar 5?

After the O\*platform, the team hopes to be given the opportunity to continue its policy advisory work towards different actors of Belgian development cooperation. Given the recent political decisions, however, it seems highly unlikely that strategic advice to the Belgian Federal Government, DGD, might still be financed in the way it is done at the moment. Furthermore, the team hopes that the BOS and O\*platform projects, with the policy advice they involve, will have given the team enough visibility to take up advisory work for other donors.

**Toe te voegen bijlage:**

Bijlage 1      Logisch kader, eventueel bijgewerkt.

Handtekening van de promotor	Datum en plaats
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