DFI has taken a leading role in helping developing and developed country governments, international organisations and CSOs to advocate for more and deeper debt relief, and more and better quality aid, in order to enable developing countries to reduce poverty, develop their national economies and achieve the MDGs. The advocacy support involves drafting briefings and background papers for policymakers to debate, facilitating and chairing debates to ensure they produce concrete focussed policy recommendations, organising press conferences and media interviews and writing press briefings and releases, setting up lobbying meetings with key policymakers in G8 and other donor countries and international organisations, and liaising with other stakeholder groups to build effective coalitions for international change.

In particular, DFI has provided the secretariat for a highly effective low-income country voice on debt issues, the HIPC Finance Ministers Network. It has also recently been providing support to developing country representatives at the G20 meetings, the BWI Spring and Annual Meetings, the Accra High-Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness, and Ministerial meetings sponsored by the Commonwealth Secretariat and the Organisation International de la Francophonie (OIF). This support has had a major impact on the content of HIPC and MDRI debt relief initiatives, the Accra Agenda for Action on Aid Effectiveness, and recent G20 communiques.

Latest work DFI carried out in this area:


New Rules for Global Finance has established a coalition with issue-specific campaigns on bank legislation, commodity/food speculation and hedge funds, tax havens and shadow banking, and sovereign debt, to monitor more closely the work of the FSB and G20 on regulating global private financial flows. To support the coalition, it has expanded and updated
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the www.fsbwatch.org website as well as the www.new-rules.org website, and appointed “translators” to provide concise user-friendly summaries of FSB and other documents for advocacy purposes. DFI will help New Rules to facilitate meetings in April in Washington to plan a Global Financial Governance report, assessing the governance, accountability, transparency and impact on inclusive and sustainable development of the G20, IMF, World Bank and FSB; as well as a meeting in Basel in June to plan more specific activities on the FSB and G20.

14-15 November 2012 - ODI CAPE Conference: Development Cooperation in Tomorrow’s World

DFI chaired a session of this conference focussing on the role of South-South cooperation. Featuring panellists from Brazil, China, Mexico and South Africa, the session discussed the comparative advantages of South-South cooperation and what more can be done to enhance evaluation of results. The conference also had sessions on climate finance, philanthropy and social impact investment, recipient country perspectives on different actors, and how these fit with the current focus on maximising results from development cooperation.

25-26 June 2012, Accra - Why Debt Management Capacity Building Is Still Vital
DRI spoke on this topic at the World Bank Debt Management Facility Stakeholders Forum organised in Accra. The presentation focussed on lessons for best practice in building capacity, and especially emphasised the need for “downstream” (country-level) financing to be provided to other organisations to complement the “upstream” role of the World Bank in the DMF. To download a copy of the presentation click [here](#). To see the wider programme and summary of proceedings of the forum click [here](#).

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**14-15 May – Development Cooperation for Sustainable Development**

DFI supplied a resource person for the [UN Development Cooperation Forum symposium in Brisbane](#). Participants discussed the need for the post-2015 Development Agenda to be based on economically, socially and environmentally sustainable development, and what this would mean for delivery of aid, financing and partnership mechanisms, mutual accountability and the international architecture.

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**20 April 2012 - DFI supports Commonwealth-OIF Outreach with G20 on Food Security**
For the conference programme and other papers (mainly on the role of aid in development CSOs, planning their engagement with the G8 and G20 for 2011, in order to analyse implications for cooperation between CSOs and low-income countries. For regular coverage and discussion of Ministers’ conclusions with G20 Ministers and officials. The press communiqué can be found here. A highly successful press conference after the meeting resulted in extensive press coverage.

At the height of the international financial crisis and following the G-20 London Summit in 2009, DFI helped to facilitate a packed CSO workshop on how the FSB impacts on global development, launching a New Rules for Global Finance-AERC-Brookings project on the FSB, which will operate in coalition with networks already working on key issues (governance, transparency, commodity speculation, tax havens, bank regulation, debt workouts). The workshop was part of the joint AERC-Brookings-DFI-New Rules project on FSB funded by the Ford, C.S. Mott and Connect US Foundations.

DFI continued its support for this ministerial forum, which met at the BWI Spring Meetings on 15 April 2011 - Workshop on Financial Stability Board and Development:

- New website to examine FSB operations and governance
- High-Level Panel Demands Improvements in FSB Governance
- Workshop Creates FSB Watch Network

At the BWI Annual Meetings agreed on the creation of a network to monitor and analyse the Financial Stability Board (FSB Watch Network) to complement the FSB which will operate in coalition with networks already working on key issues (governance, transparency, commodity speculation, tax havens, bank regulation, debt workouts). The workshop was part of the joint AERC-Brookings-DFI-New Rules project on FSB funded by the Ford, C.S. Mott and Connect US Foundations.

DFI has contributed to a joint Commonwealth Secretariat – Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie outreach meeting with Mexico, which encouraged a continued focus on food security during Mexico’s G20 Presidency. Drawing on their own experiences, developing country participants ranked food insecurity among the most urgent priorities to reduce poverty and achieve sustainable growth. They called for a cohesive set of measures to increase food production and access, including new research; and developing tools to help increase productivity for smallholders and promoting long-term sustainable use of natural resources.

Further support to OIF is planned in Q3 around the BWI of the Francophonie new research; and developing tools to help increase productivity for smallholders and promoting long-term sustainable use of natural resources.

DFI participated at the Development Cooperation Forum meeting in Luxembourg, speaking on the need for strong global mutual accountability mechanisms on development cooperation, combined with a substantial lobbying process by the Global Campaign Against Poverty, these discussions resulted in a rapid reconfirmation of Africa's seats at the G-20 table. For a copy of the communiqué, click here.

The paper was presented at an Advocacy Services outreach meeting and was followed by a highly successful press conference which resulted in extensive press coverage.

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