

Many international organisations, OECD donors and CSOs have commissioned research from DFI. These have included:

- On **debt relief and sustainability**, the African Development Bank, Commonwealth Secretariat, the European network on Debt and Development (EURODAD), the Foundation for Debt and Development (FONDAD), the Group of 24 Developing Countries, the Initiative for Policy Dialogue/UN Financing for Development Office, the Make Poverty History Coalition, the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), the UK Commission for Africa, the UK Department for International Development (DFID), the UK Treasury, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA). The subject areas have included [debt sustainability](#) , debt

relief (

[multilateral](#)

,

[Paris Club](#)

,

[non-Paris Club bilateral](#)

,

[commercial](#)

, and

[litigation](#)

),

- On **new public financing**, the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the European Union, FONDAD, HIPC Finance Ministers, the Make Poverty History Coalition, the OECD DAC, Oxfam GB, the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), the Swedish Ministries of Finance and Foreign Affairs, the UK Commission for Africa, the UK Department for International Development, the United Nations Development Cooperation Forum (DCF), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and the United Nations Education, Science and Culture Organisation (UNESCO). Subject areas have included

[external financing](#)

through

[multilateral](#)

and

[bilateral](#)

aid,

[South-South](#)

aid,

[aid effectiveness](#)

, and

[non-concessional multilateral](#)

,
[bilateral](#)
and
[commercial finance](#)
; as well as
[domestic debt financing](#)

.
- On **private sector financing**, the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, FONDAD, the North-South Institute of Canada, the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) and the UK Department for International Development. Subjects have included
[trends](#)
in financing,
[investment climate and outlook](#)
, the impact of the global
[financial crisis](#)
, and
[corporate responsibility](#)
, as well as detailed studies of
[flows to Africa and low-income countries](#)

Latest work DFI carried out in this area:

[February 2013 - The Preferred Partner? AfDB Client Assessment Report To Be Published](#)



The report of the client assessment organised by DFI for the African Development Bank is due to be published in February. The report finds that the AfDB is “a preferred partner” of its African clients compared to other funding organisations, and makes recommendations on strategy, resources, delivery, private sector support, becoming a “Policy Bank”, and reinforcing engagement with stakeholders, based on clients’ suggestions, to assist the Bank to become the preferred partner of its clients under its long-term strategy for 2013-22.

[18 June - Save the Children’s Report on the Importance of Social Protection](#)



DFI was commissioned by Save the Children UK to provide research into current and projected trends in social protection expenditure which contributed to the newly launched report [A Chance to Grow](#)

. With the current global economic crisis hitting the poorest countries hardest, this report finds that promoting and strengthening social protection programmes can reduce child hunger and malnutrition, save lives and promote economic opportunities, and proposes a series of evidence-based recommendations to achieve this goal.

[9-10 May – AfDB Client Assessment Management Meetings](#)



Matthew Martin and Professor Ngairé Woods of Oxford University visited the African Development Bank in Tunis to hold discussions with African Development Bank management on the findings of their Client Assessment report on the Bank. The meetings were extremely

positive and led to agreement on many concrete steps to pursue the recommendations. The report will be presented to the AfDB Annual Meetings in Arusha in May and subsequently published and widely disseminated to stakeholders.

[20 April - Delivering Growth and Poverty Reduction for Low-Income Countries](#)



DFI was commissioned by Save the Children Norway, Norwegian Church Aid and the Norwegian Forum for Environment and Development to study whether the IMF Poverty Reduction and Growth Trust is delivering poverty reduction and growth to low-income countries. The [study](#) finds that it could do a great deal more, and makes strong recommendations for the IMF and its funders. It was presented at a seminar in the IMF Spring Meetings and is forming the basis for extensive CSO inputs into the IMF review of LIC instruments.

[27 February - DCF Foundations Study Discussed](#)



DFI was commissioned by the UN DCF to analyse the recent rapid growth of foundations and private philanthropy, and the potential advantages and disadvantages of this type of development financing. A half day meeting in New York discussed the findings and the potential for the UN to work with foundations to set best practice standards to improve the quality and results of philanthropy worldwide.

[1 December - Busan Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation Agreed](#)



부산 세계개발원조총회
**4th High Level Forum
on Aid Effectiveness**
29 Nov –1 Dec 2011, Busan, Korea

DFI participated in the UN delegation to the Busan High-Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness, on 29 November-1 December, to assist in side events on mutual accountability and aid allocation, and a meeting between the UN DCF and its stakeholders on the future architecture for sustainable development cooperation. For a copy of the Busan Declaration, click [here](#) . For an independent analysis of the outcome by the Better Aid coalition, click [here](#)

[12 September – Real Aid 3 Report - Aid dependency is going down](#)



DFI co-wrote a [report](#) with Action Aid on REAL AID which argues that Developing countries are getting less dependent on aid and that real Aid is transforming lives. The report also argues that the key to reduce aid dependence is strong leadership by recipient country rather than by the donors. It also discusses what is and is not REAL AID, recommendations to Busan and beyond.

[29 June - 1 July - AfDB Multi-Stakeholder Workshop](#)



DFI and GEG held a multi- stakeholder workshop for CSO, Trade Unions, Parliamentarians, Private Sector and Government Officials jointly with the AfDB in Johannesburg, South Africa on June 29 – July 1. The 52 participants from 28 countries evaluated the AfDB's policies and procedures and made practical suggestions and recommendations for improving AfDB performance. The discussions focused on overall strategy, accountability, governance,

engagement with groups from different sectors and their specific issues. The project document is available [here](#) .

[7-10 June – AfDB Annual Meetings in Lisbon](#)



DFI and the Global Economic Governance Programme (GEG) were represented at the [2011 Annual Meetings](#) of the Boards of Governors of the African Development Bank Group in Lisbon, Portugal. In the context of the current panafrikan, multi-stakeholder client evaluation of the AfDB, DFI and GEG conducted several face-to-face interviews with Finance Ministers and top policymakers as well as representatives of African organizations from the regional economic community. The conclusions of this ongoing independent evaluation will be presented to the Bank's Board over the next few weeks.

[9-13 May - DFI commissioned by the UN DCF](#)



DFI was recently commissioned by the UN DCF to prepare a background study analysing the quantity and quality of aid in LDCs and outlining possible elements for an LDC accountability framework that builds on existing review processes. The study was discussed at the Fourth United Nations Conference on Least Developed Countries (LDC-IV) held from 9 to 13 May 2011 in Istanbul, Turkey to review the Brussels Programme of Action (BPoA) and agree on a new Programme of Action (IPoA) for LDCs. The paper can be downloaded from [here](#).

[9-13 May - LDC-IV Conference Papers and Events on Aid to LDCs](#)



DFI assisted the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs to prepare a background paper and side event at the conference. See more on this event [here](#) . DFI also helped Save the Children UK to write a background paper on aid to LDCs, called [The LDCs: Biggest Challenges, Least Assistance ?](#)

[4-6 May - AfDB - World Economic Forum \(Cape Town\)](#)



DFI and the Global Economic Governance Programme at University College Oxford conducted a joint mission to the World Economic Forum in order to meet with African business people and pilot the private sector questionnaire for the African Development Bank Client Survey. The meeting yielded useful preliminary findings towards the survey, and helped to improve its methodology.

[3-4 May - AfDB Survey First Government Officials Workshop](#)



[Africa's Digital Skills Survey Launched](#)



[Africa's Digital Skills Survey Launched](#)



United Nations
Educational, Scientific and
Cultural Organization

[Africa's Digital Skills Survey Launched](#)



[Africa's Digital Skills Survey Launched](#)