



International Development Program

Fall 2008 Development Roundtable

Friday, September 12, 2008

Implementing Foreign Aid: The Risks and Tradeoffs

Andrew Natsios

*Distinguished Professor in the Practice of Diplomacy,
Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown
University*

Over the past half-century, the international community has wrestled with the issue of foreign aid. Donor governments and foundations have grappled with questions of who should receive aid, in what form and on what scale aid should be given, and how foreign aid programs can best be executed. Andrew Natsios will speak about the risks and tradeoffs associated with the implementation of foreign aid programs, particularly in post-conflict nations and failed states, where development initiatives face exceptional challenges. Mr. Natsios formerly served as Administrator of the US Agency for International Development (USAID) and Vice President of World Vision. Mr. Natsios currently holds the position of Distinguished Professor in the Practice of Diplomacy at Georgetown University's Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service.

Friday, October 3, 2008

New Voices in the NGO Community and Its Response to Threats of the NGO Space

Samuel Worthington

President, Interaction

The NGO community globally faces an unprecedented number of challenges including explosive and increasingly diverse growth, the need to perform at scale and demonstrate accountability, new forms of partnerships and global governance, competition and collaboration from the for-profit sector, creating boundaries with the military, adaptation to new technology, and attracting and keeping global high impact teams. The literature cites the characteristics of a high impact organization as one that nurtures high impact networks and recognized the importance of both advocating and serving. Samuel Worthington, President and CEO of Interaction, will discuss the growing threats that the NGO community confronts and the community's efforts to combat them. Before assuming his role as President and CEO of Interaction, Mr. Worthington served as CEO of Plan USA. Additionally, he sat on Plan's global executive management team and chaired its national CEO team.

Friday, October 17, 2008

The Growth Report: Strategies for Sustained Growth and Inclusive Development

Daniel Leipziger

*Vice President for Poverty Reduction and Economic
Management, World Bank*

The Commission on Growth and Development recently released its final report, The Growth Report: Strategies for Sustained Growth and Inclusive Development, which looked at how developing countries can achieve fast sustained and equitable growth. According to the Commission, fast, sustained growth is not a miracle; it is attainable for developing countries with the right mix of ingredients. Countries need leaders who are committed to achieving growth and who can take advantage of opportunities from the global economy. The presentation will highlight take-aways from the Report and focus on its policy implications.

Friday, October 24, 2008

Trade, Labor Rights and Development: A Closer Look at Policy Approaches

Bama Athreya

Executive Director, International Labor Rights Forum

There has been much recent debate about the implications of trade policies for laborers in the developing world and development goals more broadly. Bama Athreya, Executive Director of the International Labor Rights Forum, will analyze the values and dangers of various policy approaches that lay at the heart of this debate. She will draw contrasts between the administrative policies implemented by the Clinton and Bush administrations to address the issues of trade, labor rights, and development. Further, Dr. Athreya will speak about the potential impact that past US policy will have on the next US presidential administration. Prior to joining the International Labor Rights Forum, Dr. Athreya served as the AFL-CIO's Country Representative in Cambodia.

Friday, October 31, 2008

The Challenges of Producing Development Results

Tony Barclay

*President and CEO,
Development Alternatives, Inc.*

Tony Barclay, President and Chief Executive Officer of Development Alternatives, Inc. (DAI), will address the challenges and barriers to producing sustainable development results through innovative, alert, self-critical and forward-looking initiatives. DAI's mission is to make a difference in the world by helping economies become more prosperous, fairer and more just, safer and more stable, more efficient and better governed. Before assuming his role as President and CEO of DAI, Mr. Barclay served as the organization's Vice President of Operations. He has had extensive field experience in East Africa as a researcher and consultant.

Friday, November 14, 2008

A Hybrid Approach to Corporate Engagement

Barnett Baron

*Executive Vice President,
The Asia Foundation*

The traditional model of corporate philanthropy is one in which contributing corporations' motives are not only altruistic but also completely divorced from business interests and profit seeking behavior. In recent years we have witnessed a departure from this model with the emergence of a framework that blends for profit and non-profit approaches to corporate engagement. Barnett Baron, Executive Vice President of the Asia Foundation, will discuss this trend, citing google.org, the Omidyar Network and the Acumen Fund. He will talk about the potential for combined non-profit and for profit initiatives to yield substantive social value. Prior to joining the Asia Foundation, Dr. Baron served as Vice President of International Programs at Save the Children (U.S.).

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