



INVITATION

EU aid programming for the MDGs: Impossible Architecture?

**Thursday 7 December 2006
11.00 – 12.30**

**11.11.11
(Rue de la Linière 11, 1060 Brussels)**

On the occasion of the European launch of the Social Watch Report 2006 *Impossible Architecture: Why the financial structure is not working for the poor and how to design it for equity and development*, you are cordially invited to a seminar about the ongoing EC aid programming process.

The European Commission is currently finalising the next generation of country strategy papers (CSPs), the strategy documents which will set out the priorities for the EC's development co-operation until 2013.

Throughout 2006, serious questions have been posed about the lack of transparency and genuine ownership involved in the EC's programming process which seems to be limited to small government elites. At the same time, concerns have been raised about the extent to which the EC's financial architecture is geared towards supporting the achievement of the MDGs.

In the context of the launch of Social Watch's new report, this seminar will examine the issues surrounding the EC's programming process and financial architecture and ask the question: **Does the North-South financial architecture really contribute to the achievement of the MDGs?**

Chair: Mirjam van Reisen - Social Watch Coordinating Committee

Speakers: Cecilia Alemany – Global Networker, Social Watch
Presentation of the Social Watch Report 2006

Simon Stocker – Director, Eurostep
Update on the EC aid programming process

Nicolas Abade – COSADER (Cameroon)
Aid for infrastructure: Recycling aid to Europe

Sita Dewkalie – Oxfam Novib
Costing the MDGs

Aurelien Atidegla – GRAPAD (Benin)
What ownership for EC aid?

A representative of the European Commission will be invited to respond to the issues raised by the speakers.

For more information about the seminar or to confirm your participation, please contact Ben Moore at EEPA (E-mail: bmoore@eepa.be Tel: +32 (0)2 230 07 32)