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The changing aid architecture - focus on China's role in Africa

**Participants:**

Chinese Government official - TBA  
Ms. Yvonne Quansah - Head of Aid and Debt Department Government of Ghana  
Mr. Vitalice Meja - Program Director Lobby and Advocacy - AFRODAD  
Ms. Penny Davies - Policy Officer Diakonia

Date : 1 September 2008,

Time : 1600 - 1800 hrs

Venue : OECD-DAC HLF 3 on Aid Effectiveness; Parallel CSO Forum, Accra, Ghana

**Moderator:** TBA

**Background:** AFRODAD and Diakonia have conducted research respectively with the purpose of understanding the nature, policy, political motivations and the magnitude of Chinese assistance to Africa and its effects on development. Diakonia has, in collaboration with Eurodad published a report looking at Chinese development assistance from a Chinese perspective, analyzing Chinese policies and principles, based on research conducted in Beijing in 2007. Afrodad's recent study (2008) takes an African perspective as the starting point analyzing policies and effects of the Chinese cooperation in four African countries. The Diakonia studies are available at: [www.diakonia.se/china](http://www.diakonia.se/china) while the AFRODAD study will soon be available at [www.afrodad.org](http://www.afrodad.org)

Copies will be available at the venue.

This panel discussion will bring together civil society representatives and government officials to discuss, among other things, the challenges and opportunities of China's engagement with Africa under the aid effectiveness agenda, including looking at issues of democratic national ownership, mutual accountability and alignment.

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