

A Paris Declaration for NGOs ?

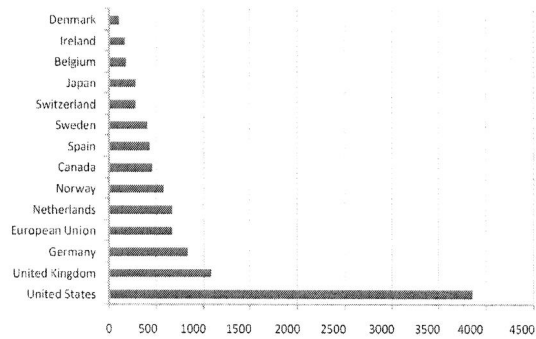
THE CASE FOR MORE HARMONIZATION,
COORDINATION, ALIGNMENT AND MUTUAL
ACCOUNTABILITY WITHIN THE NGO SECTOR

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Short outline

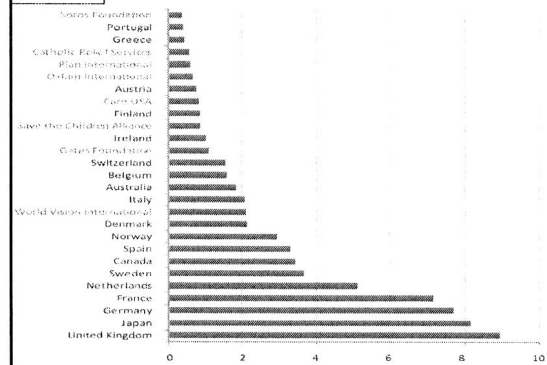
- Why are NGOs worth talking about ?
- What is the Paris Declaration ?
- How do NGOs perform on the principles of the Paris Declaration ?
- What is the good news?

ODA to International NGOs, 2005 (\$ million)



Source: OECD International Development Statistics (Gatignon, 2007). Note that these figures exclude private giving to NGOs.

Budgets of Official Donors and NGOs (\$ billion)



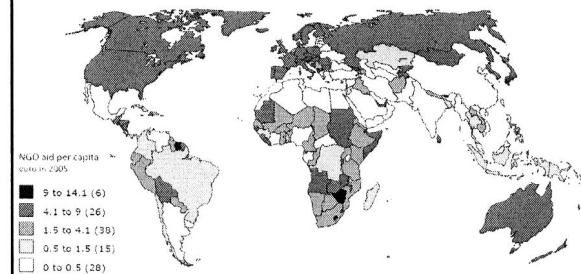
Source: OECD International Development Statistics for Bilateral aid and Annual Reports of International NGOs for NGO aid.

The Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness

- Harmonization
 - Three performance indicators from the Paris Declaration
- Coordination
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- Mutual Accountability
- Alignment
 - Three performance indicators from the Paris Declaration
 - Special focus on 'ownership'

Coordination among NGOs

Distribution of NGO Aid in 2005



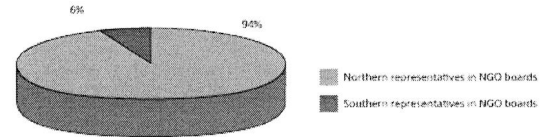
Source: Koch, 2007. Brackets contain the numbers of countries that fall within the categories.

Accountability & alignment

- Predictability of aid flows
 - NGOs are less prone to make claims on the doubling of aid
- Parallel implementation systems:
 - Project implementation units
- Alignment with local NGO agendas
 - Cause of concern

Ownership?

Developing-Country Members of Boards of International NGOs



Alignment with local agendas

- Legal issues
 - Formal feedback mechanisms
 - Funding restrictions
- Financial imbalances
 - Disadvantageous contracts for Southern NGOs
 - Local fundraising

Good news ?

- BRAC
 - Donor consortia
 - Joint evaluations, joint missions, joint reports
 - Financial independence
- Action Aid
 - New organizational structure
 - Truly international board, stakeholder participation
 - Move of headquarters
 - New monitoring & evaluation system

Conclusions

- NGOs are the new aid giants
- A critical self-reflection of international NGOs needed:
 - NGOs performance on harmonization, coordination, accountability and alignment can be improved
- Some, but not enough, progress is being made.

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