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A European NGO perspective on the EU response

Focus on ACP-EU partnership and 10th European Development Fund





WWF Research on EC environmental integration

- Country Strategy Paper process in Rwanda and Tanzania (under 9th EDF)
- Some Findings:
 - Inadequate guidelines for integration
 - Environmental profiles – unclear mandate
 - Access to EIAs difficult
 - Lack of expertise in delegations
 - Missed opportunities for maximising poverty reduction and environmental benefits
- Re-iterated in European Court of Auditors Special Report 2006





Global context

- Millennium Review outcome document
- UN reform – system wide coherence
- Initiatives such as Millennium Ecosystem Assessment, Poverty and Environment Partnership and World Bank Wealth of Nations Report
- Donor harmonisation towards country-ownership





EU Council November 2005 Conclusions on UN World Summit

The EU re-iterates the important challenge of achieving sustainable development, including through protection of the natural resource base for development.





Recent changes in EU policy

- European Consensus on Development
- Guidelines for Country Strategy Papers
- Country Environmental Profiles and Environmental Analysis
- Environmental Impact Assessments of projects
- Strategic Environmental Assessments of sectors
- Thematic Programme on Environment and Natural Resources addressing global challenges

Within the 10th European Development Fund (ACP countries)

- Immediate use of new guidelines for programming
- Natural Resource governance issues including illegal logging and extractive industries transparency initiative





What next?

- IMPLEMENTATION!
- Training, capacity, expertise
- SEAs and EIAs undertaken and accessible
- Civil society participation in decisions about use of national resources - involves transparency of documents and process
- Commend example of Tanzania PRSP – MKUKATA
- NGOs delivering awareness campaigns of value of natural resources to economy





What else?

COHERENCE

Coherence for development objectives in EU policies and activities

Loss of resources and environmental degradation leads to loss of livelihoods.

Eg, Trade, agriculture, fisheries, migration

EU-Africa Infrastructure Partnership

Biodiversity 2010 target in MDG7 indicators





Harmonisation and aid effectiveness

How can EU donors work better together for environmental integration in development cooperation?

For example:

Joint assessments, Joint programming, Sharing of sectoral or cross-cutting expertise.

Reduce burden on partner countries?

Work together to take EU principles and approaches into multilateral decision-making





Cotonou Agreement ACP-EU Partnership

“The principles of sustainable management of natural resources and the environment shall be applied and integrated at every level of the partnership” (Art.1)

“Building and/or strengthening human and institutional capacity for environmental management for all environmental stakeholders” (Art. 32)

