

University Partnerships for Development – coordination

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Challenges in developing a coordinated vision

- Defining the role of higher education partnerships in achieving broader development cooperation agendas (taking into consideration the various interests at stake)
- Defining the position of higher education partnerships in development cooperation approaches (e.g. sector programmes, basket funding...)
- Striking a balance between uniformity and complementarities in cooperation modalities (one EU model or synergy between existing models?)

Challenges in developing a coordinated strategy

- Aligning the identification of UPPs to government- donor planning processes in DC countries
- Achieving complementarities between UPPs in the face of differences in objectives, priorities, eligible countries, rules and regulations
- Stimulating universities in the South to develop and implement coordination mechanisms to arrive at synergy between UPPs in which they participate

Responsible actors

- Donor agencies
- National governments in the South
- National ministries in the North
- Implementing agencies
- Southern partners
- Northern partners

Implementing agencies – coordination agenda

Areas of coordination:

- Mapping of interventions (focus: objectives, coverage, themes, partners)
- Information sharing (developments, activities)
- Mutual learning (experiences)
- Harmonisations of procedures
- Joint activities (identification, monitoring and evaluation)

Mapping exercises

Anne Thelse Olsen - Report of a study of fellowship programmes of development aid. Danida Fellowship Centre, 2003.

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Peter Maassen et al. - *Bilateral Country Investments and Foundations Partnership Projects to Support Higher Education Across Africa*. CHET, 2007.

Sophie Morin - *L'enseignement supérieur et la recherche en Afrique subsaharienne: Survol des organisations qui fournissent un appui technique et financier*. IDRC, 2009.

Nuffic/SIU initiative

- Start regular coordination and harmonisation meetings for programme implementation agencies
- First meeting scheduled for 22-23 April in The Hague
- Discussion topics:
 - How to ensure alignment with the strategic goals of the recipient country and other organizations?
 - How can programmes or their organisation become more efficient and effective and what should we do differently in order to achieve harmonisation in our work?
 - How to systematically exchange information on activities in key countries where multiple donors act?
 - How to organize mutual learning among agencies, using gender as a test case?
 - Training courses/thematic workshops/visitations for network members