



## Five minutes with.....

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#### 1) In terms of the Effectiveness Programme, what do you feel about the process going forward?

As a member of the CONCORD European Working Group on Development Effectiveness and as the Co Chair of the Bond Governance Group, I am really glad that Bond has finally launched its Effectiveness Programme (BEP). I am particularly happy that Bond as a **key European member of CONCORD** has decided to contribute to the global process which will set the framework for CSO-Donor relations, for CSO effectiveness and will challenge some basic assumptions of the **Paris Declaration**, all of which are closely tied.

From the perspective of the Co Chair of the Bond Governance Group (GG) I am especially pleased that the Bond EP has been launched. The GG has wanted to engage with the Development Effectiveness debate for a long time as central to the debate are core principles such as **accountability, donor relations, transparency** and the impact of development on poor people. We are looking forward to working with the BEP to contribute to the process, to strengthen the outcome and to help put politics at the heart of what might be a framework or a set of norms.

#### 2) How do you feel about the Components of Effectiveness Event you attended on 16 February 2010?

February 16<sup>th</sup> was an opportunity for Bond members to acknowledge that there is a need for CSOs to become efficient and to **clarify our added value**. Having said this, we need to also in the future challenge donors on their definitions of effectiveness, as CSOs cannot become effective or contribute to development becoming effective without Donors supporting and creating a **positive enabling environment**. This challenge to the Donors needs to be addressed right from the start and should be one of the core challenges within any framework or set of norms that we as UK CSOs will propose.

The Development Effectiveness discussions are about defining what development should be, to **examine impact** and how poor people's lives will be transformed, how women and marginalised people will be central to any development process and how Donors and CSOs are **accountable to the poor**. We have a responsibility to them to make development effective. The process should also allow for an honest discussion on the added value of northern CSOs in relation to Southern CSOs and other development actors in the South.



#### 3) How should Bond work with others on effectiveness issues?

It is necessary for Bond to clarify between the domestic process and the global process on CSO and development effectiveness. While there is a necessity for UK CSOs to define and articulate what development effectiveness means for us and to set certain norms for ourselves, it is equally important for UK CSOs to contribute to the global process. It will be extremely helpful if Bond can clarify how the UK process will contribute to the global one.

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