



## **Aid to Africa and the UK's '2005 agenda': perspectives of European donors and implications for Japan**

### **Workshop Invitation**

Date: Thursday 31 March 2005  
Time: 9.30 – 17.30  
Venue: Overseas Development Institute (London)

The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) are currently funding research coordinated by the ODI to provide an overview of debates in the UK, France, Germany and the European Union concerning aid policy to Africa and the implications for Japan. These debates are of particular significance because the UK holds the Presidency of the EU and is hosting the G8 Summit in July, which has African development as a key focus.

The preliminary findings of the research will be discussed in a one-day workshop with senior Japanese researchers (Professor Motoki Takahashi and Professor Izumi Ohno), Japanese aid officials and other UK stakeholders on African development. The aim of the workshop is to identify different positions around key aid policy issues and the implications for Japan's aid to Africa.

### **Draft Agenda**

9.30 – 10.15	Introductions (of the project & participants) Key Elements of the UK agenda for Africa for 2005
10.15 – 11.00	Context and Broad Perspectives: Japan, UK and Europe Comments and questions
11.00 – 11.30	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.30 – 13.00	Specific Policy Issues & Implications (including Corruption, Health, Trade initiatives) Comments and Discussion on implications for Japan
13.00 – 14.00	<i>Lunch</i>
14.00 – 15.30	Aid Policy Issues & Implications (including debt, aid and the IFF) Comments and Discussion on implications for Japan
15.30 – 16.00	<i>Coffee break</i>
16.00 – 17.30	Implications for Japan's Aid to Africa (including key issues for JICA in particular) Closing

[Participants include: Julius Court, Vincent Géronomi, Sven Grimm, Tony Killick, Izumi Ohno, Andrew Rogerson, David Sunderland, Motoki Takahashi, Debbie Warrener, Aiichiro Yamamoto as well as other Japan and UK aid officials.]