PRIORITIES FOR A HUMAN RIGHTS BASED APPROACH IN EU DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

BRUSSELS, 3 JUNE 2013

Programme

11:00-11:10 HRBA: New opportunities for development cooperation:
Charlotte Slente, Ambassador, Under-Secretary for Global Development and Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Denmark welcomes participants and outlines the purpose of the seminar

11:10-11.20 Overview – Moderator Verner Kristiansen identifies expectations of participants and provides an overview of today’s programme

11:20-12.00 Session I: How to translate our political commitment to HRBA into programming results in EU development cooperation?
Participants discuss challenges, opportunities and priorities for HRBA in EU development cooperation on the basis of short introductions by:
- Véronique Arnault, Director of Human Rights & Democracy Directorate, European External Action Service
- Kristian Schmidt, Director, Human and Society Development, DG DEVCO, European Commission

12.00-12.20 Coffee break

12:20-13.30 Session II: Implementing HRBA in practice
Perspectives from Member States and civil society introduce a second plenary discussion of HRBA priorities for EU development cooperation:
- Charlotte Slente, Under-Secretary for Global Development and Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Denmark
- Marita Steinke, Head of Unit for Human Rights, Gender and Culture, BMZ, Germany
- Joanna Maycock, President, Concord Europe

Closing Remarks: Charlotte Slente, Ambassador, Under-Secretary for Global Development and Cooperation summarises the outcome of discussions so far on HRBA priorities for EU development cooperation

13.30-14.30 Lunch (informal)

14.30-15.30 HRBA Master Class – optional session inviting participants to join Tomas Martin and Marie Louise Muff, the Danish Institute for Human Rights in an informal discussion on the historical background and theoretical foundations of HRBA.
HIGH-LEVEL SESSION

15.30-15.40 Welcome and introductory statement by Minister for Development Cooperation of Denmark, Christian Friis Bach

15:40-15:50 How can HRBA help meet our Agenda for Change objectives? Commissioner for Development, Andris Piebalgs

15:50-16:00 Realizing HRBA through the EU Strategic Framework on Human Rights and Democracy by EU Special Representative for Human Rights, Stavros Lambrinidis

16:00-16:30 Plenary discussion with seminar participants and panelists:
- Commissioner for Development, Andris Piebalgs
- EUSR for Human Rights, Stavros Lambrinidis
- Minister for Development Cooperation of Denmark, Christian Friis Bach

16:30 Closing remarks by Minister for Development Cooperation of Denmark, Christian Friis Bach