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Advanced Academic Update

**Governance Indicators and Assessments
Impact and Future Trends**

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Governance Indicators and Assessments

Impact and Future Trends

As public governance is gaining prominence, the production and use of governance assessments and indicators are booming. The Advanced Academic Update on Governance Indicators and Assessments provides an opportunity to familiarize oneself with the range of producers and users, multiple purposes, underlying assumptions and impacts of such assessments. It also provides an outlook into future trends. Historically, mostly commercial risk rating agencies provided governance ratings for investors to assess country risk. During the last decade, bilateral and multilateral donors have become heavily involved in the provision and use of governance assessments and indicators. Purposes the indicators are supposed to serve range from enhancing country dialogue to influencing aid-allocation, fostering research to identifying areas of reform and monitoring progress over time.

The rise of governance assessments and indicators affects developing countries heavily. First, international investors and bi- and multilateral donors increasingly take governance ratings into account for resource-allocation decisions. Second, media coverage on governments' performance has intensified. Third, the process of undertaking governance assessments can absorb much of the government's time and resources, especially when multiple assessments take place simultaneously. During the Advanced Academic Update, participants will interact with academic speakers and policy makers, and learn about the latest developments in governance research, about the applicability for work in the field, and about suggestions for future research and work.

Venue

Maastricht Graduate School of Governance, Kapoenstraat 2, Maastricht, The Netherlands.

Costs

Professionals:

€ 1000 for 2 days / € 750 per day.

Participants from developing and transition countries,

partner institutions and NGOs:

€ 500 for 2 days / € 300 per day.

PhD students:

€ 250 for 2 days / € 150 per day.

Fees include participation at the lectures, materials, lunches, the AAU dinner and final drink. Travel expenses and accommodation are not included in the tuition fee.

Registration

For registration please use the online registration form. The deadline for registration is 21 December 2008.

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Programme

Wednesday 21 January, 2009

- 09.30 **Word of Welcome** by Chris de Neubourg, Maastricht Graduate School of Governance
- 09.45 **Introduction: History and overview of governance indicators and assessments**
Nils Boesen, Process & Change Consultancy
Christiane Arndt, Maastricht Graduate School of Governance
- 11.15 **Missing elements in the mainstream governance indicators and ways to quantify them**
Nicolas Meisel, French Agency for Development
Jacques Ould-Aoudia, French Ministry of Economy, Finance and Industry
Eddy Szirmai, Maastricht Graduate School of Governance
- 12.45 **Lunch**
- 14.00 **Purposes, assumptions and impact of donor and partner country indicators and assessments: the case of Mozambique**
Laura Torvinen, MGSOG and Ministry of Foreign Affairs Finland
Miguel de Brito, Electoral Institute of Southern Africa, Maputo
Paolo de Renzio, Oxford University
- 16.30 **Implications of findings and future research agenda**
Mark Robinson, DFID (tbc)
- 19.30 **Dinner**

Thursday 22 January, 2009

- 09.00 **Overview of public administration indicators and assessments**
Kevin Brown, Consultant (tbc)
- 10.00 **The illusion of control - can developing countries learn from the experience of developed countries with managing with indicators and assessments?**
Alasdair Roberts, Suffolk University Law School
Steven van de Walle, Rotterdam University
Christopher Hood, Oxford University (tbc)
- 12.30 **Lunch**
- 13.30 **Recent trends: 'Actionable' indicators**
Raymond June, Global Integrity
Clay Wescott, Asia Pacific Governance Institute
Jeff Rinne, World Bank
- 16.45 **Moving forward: emerging experiences, lessons and future research agenda**
Ben Dickinson, OECD (tbc)
Chris de Neubourg, MGSOG
- 17.30 **Closure**

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