

Roundtable on AidWatch report 2012

26 June 2012, h 9.45-12.00
Passage Room, Residence Palace, Brussels

Can the EU maintain its leadership role in development cooperation?

CONCORD AidWatch Report 2012 **“Aid We Can: Invest More in Global Development”**

In 2011 EU aid decreased for the first time since 2007. Predictions show that the EU will not reach its 0,7% commitment by 2015 and instead will remain at the same level as in 2010, the year of its interim targets. The EU remained the world's biggest donor in 2011, despite aid cuts, accounting for 54% of the world's aid. The current policy changes indicate that the EU would like to maintain its political leadership.

The roundtable will present new data on EU aid from leading expert speakers. The event will release the seventh Annual AidWatch report that monitors aid levels of all 27 EU member states against their collective commitment to reach 0.7% by 2015. The report includes analysis of the type of aid EU member states are delivering and how much of it can be considered 'genuine aid' - a genuine transfer of resources to developing countries that can actually be used for development activities. The report also provides a reflection on the current changes and challenges of the EU development policy. The event is organised by European civil society organisations represented by CONCORD.

Programme

10.00- 10.15 Welcome

Moderator: *Joanna Maycock*, President of CONCORD

10.15- 10.30 Presentation of the key outcomes of the AidWatch Report

Caroline Kroeker-Falconi, AidWatch, Senior Policy and Advocacy Officer Worldvision

10.30- 11.00 Panel reflection

Irchad Razaaly, Member of Cabinet Commissioner Piebalgs, European Commission

Arthur Larok, Country Director from ActionAid Uganda

11.00- 11.45 Panel Debate and Questions from the audience

11.45- 12.00 Conclusions by Joanna Maycock, President of CONCORD