



*Commission on Effective Development Cooperation with Africa*

## **Working Program of the Africa Commission**

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The aim of the Africa Commission is to present recommendations on how the international development cooperation can support the African youth and the creation of jobs in Africa through high economic growth and sustainable development.

The recommendations will be presented in a report in the spring of 2009 after which, the Commission will have concluded its work and ceases to exist. The recommendations will be targeted at stakeholders in international development cooperation, notably African governments, international development organizations and donor governments. Recommendations may also be targeted at other relevant stakeholders.

The recommendations will aim to be concrete and implementable. The Commission will seek to recommend actions, which have a clear scope and can be implemented directly. With this aim, the Commission during its first meeting agreed on the following working program.

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The Commissioners will meet three times before submitting its recommendations.

1. The Commission constituted itself at *the 1st meeting in Copenhagen 16 April 2008*. A set of Chairman's Conclusions will hereafter be the basis for the further work of the Commission. The Commission agreed on the working program (present document). Commissioners committed themselves to engage actively on behalf of the Commission.
2. *A 2nd meeting will take place in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on 20/21 November 2008*. A number of thematic working papers will be circulated prior to the meeting. Each Commissioner is encouraged to provide written input to the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. On the basis of the input provided, an initial set of recommendations will form the basis for deliberations. Within each thematic area, the Commission will formulate key issues that need further analysis.

3. At the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final meeting of the Commission in Copenhagen in April/May 2009, the Commission will agree on its final report. The Commission will also consider ways of promoting, both individually and as a Commission, the implementation of the recommendations.

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With the aim of ensuring African ownership and in order to provide valuable input for the Commission's work, a series of *thematic conferences* will be arranged in Africa between the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Commission. Members of the Commission will participate and co-chair each conference.

The Commission will ensure broad participation in the conferences. Participants will be relevant stakeholders, i.e. representatives from regional organizations, youth organizations, women organizations, government, civil society, private sector, academia and international resource persons.

Commissioners, who will co-chair conferences, will be assisted by the Secretariat of the Africa Commission and, where possible, the Danish Embassies. The Commission agreed that conferences papers, which shall feed into the Commission's future work, will be produced in connection with each conference.

The Commission tasked the Secretariat to organize 5 conferences divided as follows:

1. A conference on the Educational Challenge will be held in Ouagadougou in June, 2008
2. A conference on Women and Employment will be held in Maputo, Mozambique in August, 2008
3. A conference on Youth and Employment will be held in Accra, Ghana on 5 September, 2008.
4. A conference on Climate Change will be held in Nairobi, Kenya in late September/beginning of October, 2008.
5. A conference on Economic Growth will be held in Kampala, Uganda in October, 2008

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The Commission decided that a number of outreach events will be organized between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Commission. The events include, but are not necessarily limited to; NGO-forum, youth-forum, workshops and events in the margin of relevant international meetings. The Commissioners committed themselves to suggest and participate actively in such events.