



Globally Challenged: What's the future of ODA funding?

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Abstract

Official Development Assistance (ODA) funding has allowed our research to have an impact beyond academia, and beyond the UK. It has enabled us to think globally, and to work for the benefit of the global community, particularly in overcoming deep-seated socio-economic problems and developmental challenges.

However, will a shift in government policy lead to these achievements being undermined or reversed? This webinar will look at the road ahead for ODA funding, what we've learnt, and what opportunities there still are to act globally in this uncertain landscape.

Programme

13:00 Introduction

Phil Ward, Director, Eastern Arc

13:10 The past and future of ODA research funding

The government's R&D Roadmap set the course for research funding in the UK, and the recent UKRI Corporate Plan gave it more detail. In this session we will hear four different perspectives on the past, present and future of international research funding, with a particular focus on ODA funding.

- 13:10-13:20 The global impact of UK research funding: case studies
Sheila Mburu, Research & Policy Officer, [UKCDR](#)
- 13:20-13:30 UUKi's report on the impact of ODA funding
Dajana Dzanovic, Head of Strategic Partnerships, [UUKi](#)
- 13:30-13:40 ODA Funding in UKRI
Jacqui Williams, Head of Partnerships and Programmes, International, [UKRI](#)
- 13:40-13:50 Wellcome's report on the UK's role in global research
Simon Hall, Senior Policy and Advocacy Officer, [Wellcome Trust](#)

13:50 Panel discussion & Q&A session

Chaired by Phil Ward

14:10 Closing remarks

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