DFI has taken a leading role in helping developing and developed country governments, international organisations and CSOs to advocate for more and deeper debt relief, and more and better quality aid, in order to enable developing countries to reduce poverty, develop their national economies and achieve the MDGs. The advocacy support involves drafting briefings and background papers for policymakers to debate, facilitating and chairing debates to ensure they produce concrete focussed policy recommendations, organising press conferences and media interviews and writing press briefings and releases, setting up lobbying meetings with key policymakers in G8 and other donor countries and international organisations, and liaising with other stakeholder groups to build effective coalitions for international change.

In particular, DFI has provided the secretariat for a highly effective low-income country voice on debt issues, the HIPC Finance Ministers Network. It has also recently been providing support to developing country representatives at the G20 meetings , the BWI Spring and Annual Meetings , the Accra High-Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness, and Ministerial meetings sponsored by the Commonwealth Secretariat and the Organisation International de la Francophonie (OIF) . This support has had a major impact on the content of HIPC and MDRI debt relief initiatives, the Accra Agenda for Action on Aid Effectiveness, and recent G20 communiques.

Latest work DFI carried out in this area:

Q4 2012 - New Rules for Global Finance FSB-Watch Coalition and Global Financial Governance Report

New Rules for Global Finance has established a coalition with issue-specific campaigns on bank legislation, commodity/food speculation and hedge funds, tax havens and shadow banking, and sovereign debt, to monitor more closely the work of the FSB and G20 on regulating global private financial flows. To support the coalition, it has expanded and updated the www.fsbwatch.org website as well as the www.new-rules.org website, and appointed “translators” to provide concise user-friendly summaries of FSB and other documents for advocacy purposes. DFI will help New Rules to facilitate meetings in April in Washington to plan a Global Financial Governance report, assessing the governance, accountability, transparency and impact on inclusive and sustainable development of the G20, IMF, World Bank and FSB; as well as a meeting in Basel in June to plan more specific activities on the FSB and G20.

14-15 November 2012 - ODI CAPE Conference: Development Cooperation in Tomorrow’s World

DFI chaired a session of this conference focussing on the role of South-South cooperation. Featuring panellists from Brazil, China, Mexico and South Africa, the session discussed the comparative advantages of South-South cooperation and what more can be done to enhance evaluation of results. The conference also had sessions on climate finance, philanthropy and social impact investment, recipient country perspectives on different actors, and how these fit with the current focus on maximising results from development cooperation.

25-26 June 2012 , Accra - Why Debt Management Capacity Building Is Still Vital

DRI spoke on this topic at the World Bank Debt Management Facility Stakeholders Forum organised in Accra. The presentation focussed on lessons for best practice in building capacity, and especially emphasised the need for “downstream” (country-level) financing to be provided to other organisations to complement the “upstream” role of the World Bank in the DMF. To download a copy of the presentation click here . To see the wider programme and summary of proceedings of the forum click here .

14-15 May – Development Cooperation for Sustainable Development

DFI supplied a resource person for the UN Development Cooperation Forum symposium in Brisbane . Participants discussed the need for the post-2015 Development Agenda to be based on economically, socially and environmentally sustainable development, and what this would mean for delivery of aid, financing and partnership mechanisms, mutual accountability and the international architecture.

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20 April 2012 - DFI supports Commonwealth-OIF Outreach with G20 on Food Security

Finance Ministers Demand Fair Representation in G20

Workshop Creates FSB Watch Network

High-level Panel Demands Improvements to FSB Governance

website to examine FSB operations and governance

Workshop on Financial Stability Board and Development