

THE ATHENS 2008 PUBLIC POLICY & DEVELOPMENT MID-CAREER SUMMER PROGRAMME

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I. Introduction

The Athens Public Policy & Development (PPD) Mid-Career Summer Programme, a joint effort between the National & Kapodistrian University of Athens, the Athens Development and Governance Institute (A.D.G.I.-INERPOST) and the European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes (EADI), in collaboration with the International Center for Hellenic and Mediterranean Studies (DIKEMES) and partner institutions, is aiming to promote the advancement of public policy and development.

As effective and sustainable public policy solutions become ever more complex under globalization while the disparities of wealth, economic and social opportunities continue to widen, it is imperative to build more efficient management systems that could support coherent public policies for development. New challenges including migration, security, and the environment require a global perspective in policy-making, as issues addressed by policy-makers and development practitioners increasingly overlap.

The mission of The Athens PPD Mid-Career Summer Programme is therefore to create an awareness of the growing interdependence of public policy and development and to inspire mid-career public sector officials as well as diplomats from developed and developing countries toward creative, viable, and sustainable solutions.

The combined focus on public policy and development is a distinctive feature of The Athens PPD Summer Programme. An emphasis on improving and enhancing the effectiveness of development cooperation policies in a globalizing environment offers mid-career professionals and diplomats the opportunity to examine and address the most serious emerging problems confronting public policy and sustainable development in today's world.

The **Mid-Career Summer Programme** is designed to bring together, for two weeks, a diverse and experienced group of 25 participants, who will have the opportunity to share the challenges confronting their Governments and International Organizations in the areas of development policy, development cooperation and public policy. The group of participants will be composed of:

- 15 mid-career public officials and diplomats from African countries and International Organizations based in the region of Africa. Their area of expertise will be aid management and aid coordination,
- 8 mid-career practitioners from OECD donor agencies working on aid management and aid coordination,
- 2 highly qualified graduate students.

Inspired by the premise that the opportunity to share knowledge and learn from the experience of one's peers is invaluable in identifying solutions for complex situations and problems, the Mid-Career Summer Programme will provide participants with a forum to discuss specific issues of concern and complex processes that require attention on local and global levels with the support and guidance of experienced facilitators.

In addition to benefiting from exposure to new networks and contacts, participants in The Athens PPD Mid-Career Summer Programme will profit from a stimulating and interactive setting facilitated by distinguished professors and practitioners with hands-on experience in development cooperation, public policy analysis and management. Each year, the two-week Programme will focus on a special theme that would apply public policy analysis tools to real policy questions relevant for developing countries and transition economies.

The area of focus for the 2008 Summer Programme is ***“Managing Development Cooperation: Towards Greater Policy Coherence and Effectiveness”***. Working language of the Summer Programme is English.

II. The Athens 2008 Public Policy & Development Mid-Career Summer Programme

Managing Development Cooperation: Towards Greater Policy Coherence and Effectiveness

Modules

1. Development Cooperation: What is new, what is old?
2. Developing Country Ownership and Management for Results: How to promote?
3. Towards Greater Policy Coherence: What implications for governance?
4. Case Study Applications:
 - Health Financing and Development Assistance
 - Migration and Development
 - Aid for Trade.

The Mid-Career Summer Programme, open to 25 participants, will extend over a two-week period (40 contact hours in 8 working days), including four lectures by prominent guest speakers. The last two days of the Programme will be dedicated to attending meetings and establishing contacts with the business and NGO communities.

Facilitators

- Distinguished Professors from partner institutions
- Distinguished Public Officials and Practitioners
- Distinguished Guest Speakers

III. Partner Institutions

To deliver its mandate and its outreach activities, The Athens 2008 PPD Summer Programme is expected to form strategic partnerships with major academic institutions, development agencies, and international organizations. Partner institutions are expected to participate in the Programme's Executive Committee.

Furthermore, academic institutions are expected to provide, if possible, faculty members, facilitators and/or guest speakers. International Organizations and Development Agencies are expected to include the Athens PPD Mid-Career Summer Programme in their own training activities, provide experienced experts as facilitators or guest speakers, and provide scholarships to mid-career fellows and/or graduate students, especially to those from developing countries and emerging economies.

Confirmed Partnerships:

Academic Institutions, affiliated Institutes and Research Organizations:

- European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes (EADI)
- American University of Paris, Graduate School of Government
- Overseas Development Institute (ODI), London, U.K.
- Commission for Development Studies, Austrian Academy of Sciences (OAW), Vienna, Austria
- German Development Institute (DIE-GDI), Bonn
- Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA), Dakar, Senegal

International Organizations, Associations and Development Agencies:

- International Development Cooperation Department (YDAS) / Hellenic Aid, Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Athens, Greece

Partnerships (to be confirmed):

International Organizations, Associations and Development Agencies:

- DG Development & Relations with ACP States, European Commission

Multilateral Banks:

- African Development Bank

IV. Administrative and Financial Information

The Athens PPD Summer Programme draws upon its recognized human capital and organizational experience to offer participants a facility and environment conducive to highly focused discussion as well as comfortable, convenient accommodations and roundtrip airfare. Facilities are located in central Athens in close proximity to monuments, embassies, governmental agencies, and the offices of non-governmental organizations.

The Programme will be conducted at DIKEMES, a partner institution, and computer/Internet access and print capability (including wireless Internet and print capability for those participants who choose to bring a laptop computer) will be provided.

Programme participants will be housed in apartments in the Pangrati and Kolonaki neighborhoods of central Athens within walking distance of the Athens Programme facilities. Apartments are simply furnished and equipped with a full kitchen and air-conditioned bedrooms. Each participant will have a bedroom to him-/herself; towels, linens, and housekeeping service will be provided.

A mid-day meal will be served, while various optional social functions and a formal dinner outing marking the completion of the course will be offered.

Costs for attending the Athens 2008 Public Policy and Development Mid-Career Summer Programme are set at 3,500 euros for officials and diplomats, and 3,000 euros for graduate students, covering tuition, international travel, room and board. Full scholarships will be provided to participants from developing countries.