

# The Scottish Government

## **“A World Without Poverty: Scotland and the SDGs”**

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## ***Why SG & International Development?***

*“No society can be flourishing and happy, of which the far greater part of the members are poor and miserable”*

(Adam Smith: The Wealth of Nations)



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## Why SG & ID contd...?

- Scotland has always been an outward looking nation
- SE' s response to 2004 Asian Tsunami: who would lead Scotland' s response? Staff seconded to help coordinate relief efforts.
- Scotland's devolution journey would not be complete without a permanent International Development Fund
- From these beginnings, SG' s **International Development Policy (IDF)** established, articulating a vision of Scotland's place in the world as a good global citizen, committed to playing its role in the global fight against poverty. With an **IDF** to support the Policy



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## SG ID Policy

“Scottish Ministers are committed to advancing Scotland's place in the world as a responsible nation by **building mutually beneficial links with other countries...** As part of [its] International Framework, Scotland has a distinctive contribution to make in its work with developing countries **recognising our global responsibility** to work together to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).” (2008)

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- £9M p.a. International Development Fund

## 7 Priority Countries:

- Malawi, Zambia, Rwanda, Tanzania, Pakistan, Bangladesh and 3 states in India

## 3 Development Programmes:

- **Malawi Development Programme**  
(150 years of shared history)
  - **Sub-Saharan Africa Development Programme**  
(Shared history, Scottish expertise)
  - **South Asia Development Programme**  
(Contemporary diaspora links)
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- £6M Climate Justice Fund

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# **SCOTLAND: LOOKING AHEAD?**

**Challenges...?**

**Solutions / Opportunities...?**

**Leadership...?**

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## Challenges for SG

- Budget: £9 million p.a. total fund for all our ID work
- Maintain the support of “the Scottish constituency” to ID work

# The Scottish Government Solutions/opportunities:

Key messages from Brussels/Geneva:

- Leadership: Europe is seeking leaders in ID
- small countries can do ID well:
  - Policy Coherence for Development (Sweden)
  - Gender Equality (Denmark/Norway)
  - Climate Change (Scotland)
  - Renewables (Denmark/Scotland)
  - Democracy / human rights (Scotland?)



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## **Opportunities: Scottish approach?**

- Partnership approach? Brings trust!
- Cross sector collective action easier in small country: eg,
  - Scottish Working Group on Post 2015;
  - the Scottish SE4All Forum
- Capitalise on democratically engaged population in Scotland (referendum)

*Capture/maintain public interest/attention/support*

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## Scottish Post 2015 Working Group

- September 2013 – Minister Humza Yousaf announcement that facilitating establishment
- April 2014 – “Scotland and the Post 2015 Agenda – Engaging with the Sustainable Development Goals”
- 11<sup>th</sup> June 2014 – Brussels – Scotland’s Contribution to the EU Post 2015 Development Agenda
- Group now up and running: particular interest in implementation

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## Purposes of the Post 2015 Working Group

To provide a forum for the Scottish Voice on the Post 2015 Agenda:

- bringing sectors together and exchanging information;
- influencing the Post 2015 Agenda;
- implementing the Post 2015 Agenda across Scotland

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## Post 2015 Working Group Structure

- Core Group – wider Group – all sectors represented.
- 4 work strand Groups
  - Community engagement – [may.east@cifalscotland.org](mailto:may.east@cifalscotland.org)
  - Sustainable economy and business engagement [gillian@nidos.org.uk](mailto:gillian@nidos.org.uk)
  - Post 2015 framework review – [sarah@nidos.org.uk](mailto:sarah@nidos.org.uk)
  - Academic/higher education – [hilary.homans@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:hilary.homans@abdn.ac.uk)



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**Other Scottish Government Groups to integrate with:**

- **Sustainable Energy For All Forum (Penny George)**
- **Scottish National Action Plan on Human (SNAP) (Trevor Owen)**

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