



# Publish What You Fund

The Global Campaign for Aid Transparency

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## A Message from Karin



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Welcome to the first issue of Publish What You Fund's monthly newsletter, where we will bring you the latest updates on the Global Campaign for Aid Transparency.

Following a successful year since our launch in September 2008 at the Accra High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness, Publish What You Fund's [Aid Transparency Principles](#) have provided a platform for promoting greater transparency of aid.

Our collection of news items and press releases will keep you posted on the organisations working towards greater aid transparency and the actions we are taking to achieve this change.

We hope you enjoy our monthly updates and please send us your feedback on how to improve them to [karin.christiansen@publishwhatyoufund.org](mailto:karin.christiansen@publishwhatyoufund.org).

### **Karin Christiansen**

Director, Publish What You Fund

PS: We are also looking for people to join us, so if you know talented people who might be interested – please send them this link.

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### **Feature: US aid transparency reform**

As the world's largest and most complex foreign aid donor, U.S. innovation and leadership on aid transparency is crucial. The U.S. is therefore a key priority for our campaigning efforts.

We have been working with others in the broader aid reform coalition particularly [Oxfam](#) and the [MFAN](#) group of pro-aid reform charities, and are pleased that both of the two important pieces of legislation on aid reform include sections on aid transparency.

#### **Comparing the two Bills:**

We have undertaken a systematic comparison of the language on aid transparency in the two draft bills. We will continue to monitor this effort particularly as legislation evolves. Our initial draft comparison can be found [here](#).

#### **Our priorities in the US:**

We are also in the process of developing our recommended U.S. Aid Transparency Priorities, which we hope to present to CSO colleagues in DC in September for their input. Our initial thoughts can be found [here](#), and we would welcome feedback.

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### **Latest News:**

[US President Obama 'signs off on development policy review'](#)

[US aid funds to Pakistan: report highlights lack of aid transparency](#)

[Secretary of State, Clinton announces new development initiative— Quadrennial Development and Diplomacy Review.](#)

[British Conservative Party's Green Paper strongly supports "the global campaign for aid transparency"](#)

### **Latest Press Release:**

[UK's Department for International Development launches project information database to improve transparency](#)

### **Upcoming Events:**

**North American CSO Consultation**  
– Washington DC, 14 September 2009

**IATI Hague Conference**  
– The Hague, 20/21 October 2009

**UK Party Conferences**  
**Guest Speaker: Karin Christiansen**

**Liberal Democrats** – 22 Sept 6- 7.30pm  
Connect 2, Premier Inn, Bournemouth

**Labour** – 29 Sept, 1-2pm, Brighton

**Conservative** – 7 Oct, 7.30-9pm,  
Exchange Manchester Central, Manchester

### **Final Deadline for Vacancies:**

**14<sup>th</sup> September 2009**

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