TIDI Autumn Business Meeting

13th November, 2009
Business Meeting Agenda

• Governance and Strategy, Jane Grimson (TIDI Chair)

• Activities since Spring Meeting, Sarah Glavey (TIDI Coordinator)

• Doctoral Programme, Edward Lahiff (TIDI Doctoral Programme Officer)

• TCD-UCD MacArthur Master’s in Development Practice and
• Climate Justice Initiative, Padraig Carmody (TIDI Steering Committee Member)

• Discussion
TIDI Overview

- The Trinity International Development Initiative (TIDI) is a college-wide initiative, involving all three faculties and multiple disciplines, to coordinate and promote Trinity College Dublin’s expanded engagement with research and education on global development.

- **Goals**
  (i) Enhancing the quality and quantity of research on international development across a wide range of disciplines;
  (ii) Increasing the number and enthusiasm of students at all levels and from both (the global) North and South, learning about and researching international development issues;
  (iii) Deepening and increasing the number of teaching and research partnerships with universities and other institutions in low- and middle-income countries;
  (iv) Increasing understanding by the public, government and other stakeholders of the issues and the existing state of knowledge.

- **Functions**
  To include
  (i) *Teaching and learning.*
  (ii) *Partnership, communication and dissemination.*
  (iii) *Services for academic staff working on international development.*
TIDI Steering Committee

TIDI Steering Committee Members 2009:

- **Juergen Barkhoff**
  Registrar of Trinity College Dublin and Associate Professor, Department of Germanic Studies, School of Languages, Literatures and Cultural Studies, Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.

- **Gus Bell**
  Senior Lecturer in Microbiology, Dept of Microbiology, School of Genetics and Microbiology, Faculty of Engineering, Mathematics and Sciences.

- **Padraig Carmody**
  Lecturer in Human Geography, School of Natural Sciences, Faculty of Engineering, Mathematics and Sciences.

- **Erin Dyer (Postgraduate Student Representative)**
  PhD Student, School of Ecumenics

- **Ciaran Gallagher (Undergraduate Student Representative)**
  Senior Sophister Student, Economics and Political Science

- **Robbie Gilligan**
  Head of School of Social Work and Social Policy, Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

- **Jane Grimson (TIDI Chair)**
  Professor of Health Informatics, School of Computer Science and Statistics, Faculty of Engineering, Mathematics and Science.

- **Martina Hennessy**
  Senior Lecturer, Consultant Medical Education, School of Medicine, Faculty of Health Sciences.

- **Sharon Jackson**
  Research Associate, IIIS, Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.

- **Malcolm MacLachlan**
  Associate Professor, Centre for Global Health and School of Psychology, Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.

- **Clionadh Raleigh**
  Lecturer, Department of Geography, School of Natural Sciences, Faculty of Engineering, Mathematics and Science.

- **Helen Sheridan**
  Lecturer, School of Pharmacy, Faculty of Health Sciences
International Advisory Group

Confirmed Members:

• Dr. Mary Robinson, Chair, The Ethical Global Initiative; Chancellor, University of Dublin

• Prof. Jeffrey Sachs, Director, Earth Institute, Columbia University, New York

• Dr. Olive Shisana, CEO, Human Sciences Research Council, South Africa

• Prof. Adrian Hill, Director, The Jenner Institute, Oxford University

• Prof. Nana Poku, Department of Peace Studies, University of Bradford

• Tom Arnold, C.E.O., Concern Worldwide

• Prof. Finn Tarp, Director, UNU-WIDER, Finland

• Prof. Thandika Mkandawaire, Chair in African Development, Development Studies Institute (DESTIN), London School of Economics and Political Science

Note: Additional members to be confirmed
Irish Aid – HEA Programme: 2007-2011

- Irish–African Partnership for Research Capacity Building (the nine universities on the island of Ireland);
- Global Development through Education project (Mary Immaculate College, Limerick):
- Combat Diseases of Poverty Consortium (NUI Maynooth);
- Connecting health Research in Africa and Ireland Consortium (ChRAIC: RCSI-NUIG-TCD);
- International Development Studies Initiative (UCD);
- Mozambique Cooperative Optometric Training Scheme (Dublin IT);
- Water is Life (Dundalk IT); and
- Doctoral Training for Development in Africa (TCD).
How and Why we have come together

- Programme Heads meeting 2-monthly since January 2008
- Information sharing
- Minimise duplication and transaction costs and build synergies, especially with overlapping African partners
- Coordinate Irish HEI / researcher communications with Irish Aid – reduced transaction costs
- Increase efficiencies in resource use and dissemination
- Promote harmonisation with other North-South and South-South training and research capacity strengthening initiatives
- Initiate development of an All Ireland Observatory / Web Portal for Development Research
An All Ireland Web Portal for Development Research – *Purpose (draft)*:

- Be a knowledge resource on evidence for development and poverty reduction
- Provide a locus for depositing and accessing development research outputs
- Provide a forum for policy-makers, researchers, NGOs, funders and other interested parties to exchange ideas and share best practice
- Act as a focal point for development research partnerships – Ireland and Africa
- Forge and strengthen linkages between users and generators of knowledge for development
- Be a resource to Irish Aid’s forthcoming Research Strategy

Irish Aid Programme of Strategic Cooperation, 2007-11
An All Ireland Web Portal for Development Research – Activities (draft):

- Contain searchable profiles of individuals (Ireland & Africa) working in research for development
- Support an open access digital repository of relevant publications, grey literature (reports etc.) and e-theses
- Publish newsletters and policy briefs on development issues of current interest - Africa & Ireland
- Provide an on-line discussion forum
- Archive datasets
- Enable utilisation of other e-dissemination tools
- Host a peer-reviewed electronic journal (possible longer-term aim)
Activity Report since Spring Business Meeting

- Events
- Partnerships
- Communications
- Support to Researchers
Events

• ‘Environmental Sustainability and the MDGs’
  Trinity Week, May 11th-15th
• ‘Africa – Moving Forward’
  Africa Day, 25th May
• ‘On Global Confusion’
  Public Lecture by Nobel Laureate, Prof. Amartya Sen, 9th July
• TCD-UCD ‘Development Practice’ Seminar Series
• ‘Development Research Week’
  9-13th November
Partnerships and Collaboration

• TCD: Students, Researchers, Administration

• Irish Universities/Academics: Irish African Partnership for Research Capacity Building, Irish Aid-HEA Project Promoters Group, individuals at UCD, NUIM, NUIG, DKIT...

• NGO community: Trócaire, Concern, Oxfam

• African Universities: Makerere University, University of Malawi, University of Addis Ababa, University of Ibadan

• Other stakeholders: Group of African Ambassadors in Ireland, Royal Irish Academy
Communications

- TIDI Fortnightly Bulletin, tidi@tcd.ie
- Website
- Publicity and profile: Irish Times, Morning Ireland, TCD website and publications

www.tcd.ie/tidi
Support to Researchers

- TCD-UCD MacArthur Master’s in Development Practice
- Grand Rounds, TCD, Makerere University, John Hopkins University
- Ongoing support
TIDI Module

• ‘Adapting Research Methodologies for Developing Country Conditions’
• November 9\textsuperscript{th}-13\textsuperscript{th}
• 30 students enrolled
• Presenters from TCD, NUIM, Kimmage DSC
Doctoral Training for Development in Africa

Dr Edward Lahiff
TIDI Doctoral Programme Officer and Indigo Coordinator

Centre for Global Health
School of Medicine
Trinity College Dublin
Strengthening higher education in and for Africa

- Collaborative delivery with African partners of **doctoral training** focussed on students **based in** Africa
- Raising **awareness** and building development skills of **Ireland-based** doctoral students
- **Analysis, evaluation and communication** managed by a new institutional **platform** for development
- Co-funded by **Irish Aid** under the Programme for Strategic Cooperation between Irish Aid and Higher Education and Research Institutes 2007-11.
Three partnership models

- **Multilateral** – *Indigo International Doctorate in Global Health*

- **Bilateral** – *TCD and Makerere University (Environment and Medicine)*. One co-registered doctoral student from Makerere in the field of wetlands and climate change.

- **Africa-led** – *African Economics Research Consortium (AERC)*. TCD co-supervision for six Africa-based students.
Current status

**Multilateral**
- 4 Indigo students now registered at TCD (3 funded by Irish Aid/HEA): from Ethiopia, Malawi, Uganda and United States. Modules at Columbia from January

**Bilateral**
- One visiting student now at TCD; to register at Makerere in January.

**AERC**
- 2 Scholarships (funded by Irish Aid/HEA) awarded to students at University of Nairobi and University of Dar Es Salaam
- Prof. of Business and Development, Frank Barry, spent July/August 2009 teaching on AERC PhD Joint Electives Programme
Further Updates

• TCD-UCD MacArthur Master’s in Development Practice

• Climate Justice Initiative
Discussion