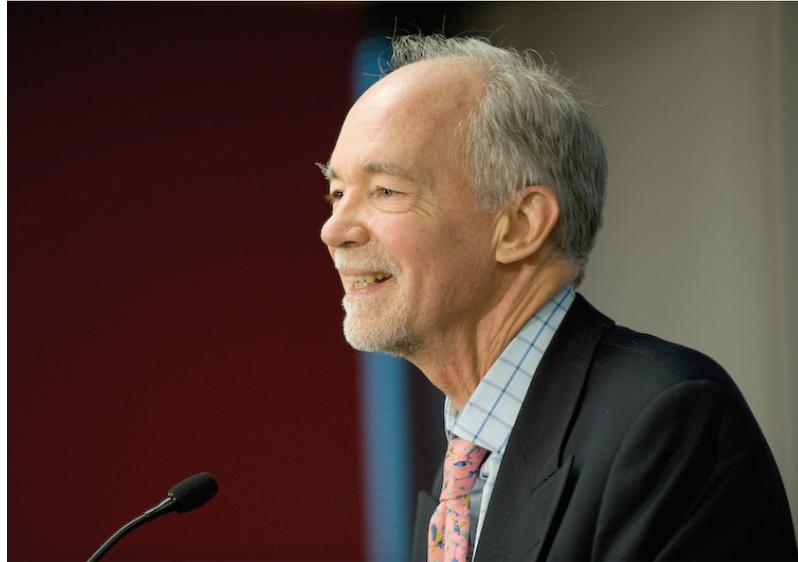


## IDRC President David Malone on 'The Changing Context and Content of Aid Policy', other emerging issues, and alternative paradigms

- Both **the context and the content of global discussions on aid policy are changing**. The still unfolding financial and economic crisis in the West is likely to mean reduced funding for development assistance over several years, while the concept itself of development assistance is under attack from some academics and in the media.
  - Has media emphasis on humanitarian emergencies and assistance muddied the waters?
- Meanwhile, **new donors such as China and India are attracting attention**. Keen observers are noting that Brazil, China, and India are emerging as global economic powers as a result of internally-driven reforms and entrepreneurial dynamism and not as a result of development assistance.
- **Does this mean that development assistance is a failed experiment?** What of its capacity-building element, with which IDRC is particularly associated?



David Malone, IDRC President, is in Nepal for an important visit and will try to answer or provoke more thinking on these subjects when he speaks on, '**The Changing Context and Content of Aid Policy**', other emerging issues, and alternative paradigms, on **Friday, 23 April, 15:00 hrs** at the **ICIMOD Headquarters** in Khumaltar, Kathmandu, during the 2<sup>nd</sup> ICIMOD Knowledge Forum.

David Malone is not new to the region, having served as Canada's High Commissioner to India and non-resident Ambassador to Bhutan and Nepal. Other positions he has held include Assistant Deputy Minister on Global Issues in Canada's Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade; President, International Peace Academy, New York; and Canadian Ambassador to the United Nations. An academic scholar as well, he has published extensively on peace and security issues, governance, and contemporary Indian foreign policy. Together with Suman Pradhan and Sebastian von Einsiedel, he is currently editing a volume on Nepal's governance crisis featuring several Nepali authors, to be published by Cambridge University Press in 2010. His reflections should be of importance to Nepal and the region in a period of conflict and social change.

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