

**Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (MOFA) and GRIPS Development Forum Seminar
“Erik SOLHEIM Talks @ GRIPS”**

**“Reflection of the OECD/DAC’s role in the changing architecture of
global development cooperation and its future perspective”**

We are pleased to invite you to a special public seminar given by **Mr. Erik Solheim**, Chair of the **OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC)**, on the occasion of his visit to Japan. Mr. Solheim **will present his insights and perspectives on DAC’s new role in the changing architecture of global development.**

Today, the international community faces increasingly diverse development agenda. While poverty remains a major challenge, other global issues continue to grow, including infectious diseases, climate change, and rising food and fuel prices. In order to meet the deadline for achieving the **Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)**, enhanced efforts are needed. At the same time, active debates are underway to shape the **post-2015 development framework.**

As the influence of emerging countries has rapidly expanded in the world economy, their role in development cooperation is also increasing. A new trend has been emerging in the international community to expand the definition of development actors from traditional aid donors to **broader development actors**, such as private sector, civil society and emerging countries. The international community needs to use innovative approaches and resources to tackle these new development agendas.

For over 50 years, the DAC has served as a unique forum of donors, sharing views and exchanging lessons among members and also with partner countries. Following the Q&A session, you are invited to a precious opportunity to interact with the Chair on the future of international development cooperation, including the role of Japan.

Date: **18 December 2013, Wednesday, 10:30 – 12:30 (13:30)**

Venue: Conference Room 1-A&B (1st floor) @ National Graduate Institute For Policy Studies (GRIPS) in Roppongi (<http://www.grips.ac.jp/en/about/access/>)

Programme: **(All events will be in ENGLISH)**

Moderator: Prof. Izumi Ohno, GRIPS

http://www.grips.ac.jp/list/en/facultyinfo/ohno_izumi/

10:30 Opening Remarks by Mr. Mitsuhiro WADA, Deputy Director-General,
International Cooperation Bureau, MOFA

10:40 Speech by Mr. Erik Solheim, DAC Chair

11:40 Q &A

12:30 Interaction (Refreshment will be served)

13:30 End of the whole event

Application: Please inform us of your name and affiliation by email (m-iizuka@grips.ac.jp) , **no later than 13 December 2013 (Friday).**

(Capacity : Approx. 100 people: **First come, first served!**)

Contact to: (Detail of the events)

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Mr. Erik Solheim, DAC Chair,

Former Minister of Environment & International Development, Norway.

From 2007 to 2012 Mr. Solheim held the combined portfolio of Norway’s Minister of the Environment and International Development; he also served as Minister of International Development from 2005 to 2007. During his time as Minister, Mr. Solheim emphasized the importance of conflict prevention, highlighted capital, taxation and business as engines of development, and sought to integrate development assistance into overall foreign policy. He brought Norwegian aid up to 1% of the GDP, making it the highest in the world. From 2000 to 2005, Mr. Solheim was the main negotiator in the peace process in Sri Lanka and worked closely with Mr. Yasushi Akashi, Representative of the Government of Japan on Peace Building, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction of Sri Lanka.



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