

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Welcome to the redeveloped [Canadian International Development Platform \(CIDP\)](#)

The Canadian International Development Platform transitioned to the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs at [Carleton University](#), and was re-launched on April 1st.

The aim of the platform is to leverage open data and big data, to enhance policy relevant analysis of international development issues, and to engage Canadians on development issues by grounding discussions in the best available evidence.

The newly redeveloped platform tracks Canada's engagement with developing countries through 5 portals:

- [Foreign Aid](#)
- [Trade](#)
- [Investment](#)
- [Migration](#)
- [Development Analysis](#)



## RECENT ANALYSIS AND OPINION

**[Paying for Impact:](#)** This paper is a primer on results-based approaches in development finance. It fills a gap in the availability of basic, accessible information on results-based approaches.

**[Financing for Development:](#)** The next Financing for Development (FfD) conference takes place in July 2015 in Ethiopia. This briefing note analyzes what is different and what is the same this time around, compared to the original Monterrey Consensus agenda that accompanied the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

**[Canada and the OECD-DAC aid statistics:](#)** Quick overview of recently released comparative aid statistics from the OECD-DAC for 2014.

**[Measuring Canada's role among global donors:](#)** Looking at the size of aid, Canada's rank as donor continues to fall. Is it all bad news? Read the [opinion piece](#).

**[Global sustainable development goals \(SDGs\) have potential to drive change in Canada:](#)** The SDGs have potential to serve as a driver of change for Canada - but conversations to date have not been widespread beyond the usual suspects in the development and environment communities.

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## EVENTS

### Upcoming

The 3rd [International Open Data Conference](#) takes place in Ottawa May 28th - 29th, 2015. We are organizing two panels to share findings from ongoing research.

The first, discusses findings from analysis leveraging social big data generated by 467 official social feeds of the Gov. of Canada, which span all Canadian overseas missions; over 3 million interactions (from Apr 2014 - Apr 2015) to analyze how digital diplomacy is evolving, what is resonating, which networks are engaged on which issues. For more see: [Data Dive into Canada's Digital Diplomacy](#).

The second, unpacks the data revolution at the country level and discusses findings from the [Post 2015 Data Test](#).

### Past

On March 31st, the CIDP in partnership with the Aga Khan Foundation and Canadian Council for International Cooperation organized a workshop with Canadian civil society stakeholders on [Harnessing Development Data](#).

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