“Development at a crossroads”
with Paul Collier and Maciej Popowski

The event is part of the “Kapuscinski Lectures” initiative of the European Commission and the United Nations Development Programme. Experts from around the world deliver lectures on development and development cooperation at universities and think-tanks across the European Union. The series “Kapuscinski Lectures” is named for Ryszard Kapuscinski, a Polish reporter and writer famous for covering developing countries.

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Prof. Paul Collier is a Professor of Economics at Oxford University and the Director of the Centre for the Study of African Economies. His book “The Bottom Billion: Why the poorest countries are failing and what can be done about it” has been placed among the most influential books, discussing the pros and cons of development aid to developing countries. Collier has been the senior adviser to the Blair Commission on Africa and has addressed the General Assembly of the United Nations. He works on a wide range of macroeconomic, microeconomic and political economy topics concerned with Africa. From 1998 – 2003 he was the Director of the Development Research Group of the World Bank. He was appointed Commander of the Order of the British Empire in 2008.

Maciej Popowski is a Deputy Secretary General at the European External Action Service. He is a Polish diplomat who from the beginning of his career has been working on European Union affairs. From 2001-2008 he was the Deputy Head of the Permanent Representation of the Republic of Poland to the European Union. From 2008-2009 Popowski was a Director at the Development Directorate General of the European Commission responsible, inter alia, for policy coherence, aid effectiveness, relations with other donors and public information. In 2009 he was seconded from the European Commission to head the cabinet of Jerzy Buzek, President of the European Parliament.
**Agenda:**  “Development at a crossroads”

14:00 - 14:15  **Welcome**

Françoise Moreau, Acting Director for EU Development Policy, EuropeAid, European Commission

Antonio Vigilante, Director of the Brussels Office of United Nations/UNDP

14:15 - 15:00  **Prof. Paul Collier, Oxford University**

Current challenges for development policy and how aid can be more effective

15:00 - 15:30  **Maciej Popowski, Deputy Secretary General, European External Action Service**

Response of the European Union to development policy challenges

15:30 - 16:30  **Discussion with the audience**

The event will be chaired by Thomas Lawo, Executive Secretary of the European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes (EADI)

**Venue:**  Université libre de Bruxelles, Brussels

Avenue Jeanne 35

1000 Bruxelles

The lecture room is in building R42, at the corner of Avenue Jeanne and Avenue Franklin Roosevelt.

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