Finding a place of one’s own: development agency choices in a new landscape

Abstract:

Development agencies face hard choices about their future priorities. The landscape is changing. Fewer countries qualify as low income, and more of those that do can be classified as fragile states, requiring different kinds of support. Global issues like climate change or trade play an ever more prominent role in development policy-making: ‘Beyond Aid’ or ‘Policy Coherence for Development’ have become catch-words. And, further, there are more development actors, both public and private. How, then, should development agencies position themselves? What mandates, powers and competencies will be required? And how can individual agencies identify their comparative or competitive advantage?