



Friday **16 December 2011**,

from 14:00 to 17:00

Café Dudok

Hofweg 1A, The Hague

THEME

Defuse the Debt Crisis

Lessons to be learned from debt relief in the past

On December 16, 2011 Jubilee Netherlands organises a Political Café in cooperation with Both ENDS and Oxfam Novib. The purpose of the meeting is to link debt problems of developing countries to the current debt crisis in Europe. What lessons can be learned from debt relief in the past ?

The Political Café will look back at more than 10 years Jubilee Campaign. In addition, we will identify the steps that should be taken in order to solve the Global Debt Crisis in a sustainable way. Jubilee Netherlands and Erlassjahr.de have recently done a survey on the impact and effect of debt cancellation in Ghana and Mozambique. A summary of the results of this survey will be shared with the audience during the Political Café. These results can help explain current developments in debts on a global level.

Where do we stand now and what issues do we face?

- The debt problem is still very urgent, despite a decade of debt relief measures like HIPC and MDRI.
- There is an ongoing shift in focus on debt issues to rich countries (Euro-zone, USA, Japan), while developing countries still remain very vulnerable in this respect.
- Creditors - and their interests - are still leading in solving debt problems. A structural solution to debt problems requires a fair and independent assessment of the interests of both creditors and debtors. An independent 'Debt Court' would be a good step forward.

Key questions to be discussed:

- What lessons can be learned from the debt relief in the past, also in relation to the debt crisis in Europe?
- What are the results of debt cancellation from the past in relation to poverty reduction?
- What practical steps need to be taken to establish an independent debt court?

PARTICIPANTS

- **Sjoera Dijkers** - MP for the PvdA (Social Democrats)
- **Geske Dijkstra** - Erasmus University Debt Expert
- **Bernard Anaba** - Policy Analyst of ISODEC, Ghana
- **Jürgen Kaiser** - Jubilee Germany

The debate will be hosted by **Koos de Bruijn**, Jubilee Netherlands

Check for updates of the participants:
www.jubileenederland.nl

The **Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs** and international partners like **Erlassjahr.de**, **the Jubilee Debt Campaign** and **Eurodad** have indicated they will be present.

The Political Café is meant primarily for policymakers, politicians, researchers, civil society (in particular the -former- partners of Jubilee Netherlands) and all other interested parties to openly discuss and share their views.

**Talk and think along
at our Political Café,
drinks afterwards**



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