

Simon Scott: Does development assistance have a future?

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Simon Scott, Head of the Statistics and Monitoring Division at the OECD Development Cooperation Directorate, gave a talk entitled 'Does official development assistance have a future?' at a Development Policy Centre event earlier this month.

If you missed Simon's talk, you can now [watch it](#) in full on YouTube. You can also download an [audio podcast](#) and the [presentation slides](#).

The presentation is highly recommended for anyone who wants some historical perspectives on official aid, or insights into the latest developments. Simon's conclusions are that: ODA levels will fall for several years; there will be fewer ODA pledges in the future; a new measure of total official finance for development will be proposed; ODA may remain the standard measure of donor aid, but needs to be cleaned up; the OECD will continue to collect aid data, but probably in closer partnership with the UN.

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