

Three questions:

- i. Has the ARF had a positive impact on the various peace and security situations on the Continent?
 - ii. What does the development of SADPA mean for the ARF?
 - iii. Has South Africa succeeded in persuading the Northern partners to support the Africa agenda?
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- i. **ARF** Yes...Has allowed us to meet our underlying foreign policy objectives of:
 - i. Providing African leadership and consequently African solutions to African problems;
 - ii. Allowed us to not compromise OUR solution;
 - iii. Helped us to provide a flexible and fast response;
 - iv. Assisted us to not be a junior partner in developing implementation objectives egs. Burundi, Sudan, DRC

These are political objectives for which we need independent money with internal oversight. So...we have impacted BUT have we been able to leverage this to enhance our Continental and Global influence?

2. SADPA...should have one administration to avoid Treasury/DFA administration problems BUT must ring-fence to ensure clarity between INDEPENDENCE and INTERDEPENDANCE!

NLAID...key issues to consider...

3. NORTH/SOUTH

Our relationship has moved or is rapidly moving from *donor aid* to *donor cooperation* to *partner*? E.g. South Africa/Norway MOU

There is a consensus of interest (enlightened self interest) on the need for stability, good governance and development...DRIVEN BY:

- access to raw materials and markets;
- climate change;
- terrorism

The question is how do we use this to create a better South Africa, a better Africa and a better world?

Going Forward:

“NO permanent friends’ JUST permanent interests”

The starting point therefore has to be OUR NATIONAL INTEREST...what is it?

However...paradigm is also changing...combine **national interest** with **global responsibility** ...role of small states vs. super-powers...survival of the fittest UNLESS a rules based society!

How do we align our foreign policy with our national priorities of?

- employment and sustainable livelihoods;
- education;
- health;
- crime;
- rural development

And to what extent is our national priorities dependent on a new global order?

To be effective we have to be more strategic and less operational...a shift from quantity to quality...we have to drive...How to do this with an increasing volume and shrinking resources?

How to make the DIRCO strategy document ^a and NATIONAL foreign policy strategy and not just a DIRCO foreign policy strategy? How does ACCORD develop a commonality of interests with DIRCO?