INCLUDE PLATFORM

State of the art thinking on
strategic actors for inclusive development

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THE 2013 CONCEPT NOTE

- **Three policy areas**
- **Wide range of actors**
- **Two perspectives**

CHANGES IN THE CONTEXT

- **SDG's (Agenda 2030)**
- **Security & Migration**
- **Authoritarianism (and closing space)**
- **Post-truth politics**
- **DDD & TWP**

TRENDS IN RESEARCH

- **Several programmes closed (APPP, EPP, …)**
- **DLP & ESID most relevant**
- **New meta-analysis on economic growth and inequality (Piketty, Deaton, Milanovich)**
- **New action-oriented research (PDIA; How Change Happens; WDR 2017)**

RESEARCH ON INCLUDE PRIORITY AREAS: (I) ECONOMIC GROWTH

- **Pessimism (Piketty, Deaton) and optimism (Milanovich) on growth and inequality**
- **A surprise from the IMF**
- **The role of industrial policy (Action Aid; Hu-Joon Chang; Mushtaq Kahn)**

RESEARCH ON INCLUDE PRIORITY AREAS: (II) TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT

- **Spatial blindness**
- **Increasing (spatial) inequalities (global and national)**
- **Administrative rather than functional approach**
- **Top-down solutions**

RESEARCH ON INCLUDE PRIORITY AREAS: (III) QUALITY OF GOVERNANCE

- **“Good enough governance”**
- **More participation does not necessarily result in inclusive development**

PERSPECTIVES ON STRATEGIC ACTORS: AGENCY AND INSTITUTIONAL

- **ESID & DLP:**
  - Power relations, ideas and incentives are key drivers of inclusion;
  - Influencing factors: security; rule of law; leadership, state capacity; alliances
- **WDR 2017:**
  - Key factors: elite commitment; coordination between sectors; cooperation of citizens
  - Rules of thumb: function vs form of institutions; power asymmetries; rule and role of law

UPTAKE OF NEW INSIGHTS

- **ODI rules of thumb for practitioners:**
  - Problem driven & politically informed
  - Adaptive and entrepreneurial
  - Locally-led
- **DFID:**
  - Uncertainty on context vs uncertainty on intervention
  - Analysis does not always influence intervention

IMPLICATIONS FOR INCLUDE

- **More nuanced understanding:**
  - Inclusive process / inclusive outcomes
  - Competing/conflicting transformations
  - Trade offs
- **How to integrate politics in implementation???**
- **Do we manage to go beyond elites?**