

Government statement on National Audit Office report

Responding to today's publication of the National Audit Office report into the effectiveness of Official Development Assistance expenditure, a government spokesperson said:

The UK is recognised globally as a leader in development, from responding to diseases, like Ebola and malaria, to tackling climate change and conflict. We are determined to spend aid where it is most needed and deliver the very best value for money.

We are drawing on skills and expertise from across government so we are better prepared than ever to tackle the growing challenges the world faces. Our investment helps the world's poorest and most vulnerable, while also protecting and promoting Britain's national security, economic goals and influence.

We welcome the scrutiny of the National Audit Office, and are already addressing some of the key points raised in its report.

Aid spending departments work together to share best practice on project design and delivery, and transparency, and DFID and the Treasury are developing a system to more effectively track how aid is spent across the whole of government.

CV30 report published

Our report on the fatal man overboard from the yacht CV30 during a round the world race on 18 November 2017, is now published.

The report contains details of what happened, the subsequent actions taken and recommendation made: [read more](#).

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Justice and accountability for Darfur

Thank you Mr President and let me also thank the Prosecutor for her 29th report on the situation in Darfur, pursuant to Security Council Resolution 1593 and for her briefing to the Council today. And I would particularly like to commend the Prosecutor and her staff. Their continued dedication and their hard work on the investigations in Darfur.

Mr President let me take this opportunity at the outset to reaffirm the United Kingdom's strong support for the work of the International Criminal Court, both as a State Party to the Rome Statute and as a member of this Council. We take note of the judgment of the ICC Appeals Chamber in this case on the 6th of May dismissing Jordan's appeal against the Pre-Trial Chambers findings of non-cooperation for its failure to arrest former President al-Bashir. And the United Kingdom renews its call to all State Parties to cooperate with the ICC in this case, as of course must Sudan.

Mr. President I'll focus my intervention on two issues, the situation in Darfur and the wider situation in Sudan and its relevance to justice and accountability for Darfur.

The situation in Darfur was the first case to ever be referred to the ICC by this Council. In the 14 years since our referral, the situation in Darfur has shown signs of improvement. In particular the United Kingdom welcomes the reduction in large scale conflict between armed movements and Sudanese security forces. Despite that improvement we should not forget the reasons for our referral. A conflict, which the United Nations estimates left 300,000 dead and 2.5 million people displaced. We must not overlook the concerns that remain in Darfur today. As we've heard from the Prosecutor, violence targeting displacement of civilians continues in Darfur, particularly in the Jebel Marra area. Moreover as we heard from Assistant-Secretary-General for Human Rights Andrew Gilmore last Friday, the human rights situation in Darfur has been alarming in recent months with increased reports of killings, abductions and burning of villages. And Mr President today, on the International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict, let us not forget that sexual violence continues to be perpetrated at alarming rates in Darfur, often by state security forces and I'm afraid often with complete impunity.

In addition to these worrying trends, there have also been negative impacts on the security situation in recent months. UNAMID has verified the deaths of at least 17 people during an incident of intercommunal violence in Central Darfur, reportedly involving militia and the Rapid Support Forces or RSF. Humanitarian supplies in UNAMID headquarters in West Darfur have been looted. The United Kingdom urges all actors to respect international humanitarian law and allow unfettered humanitarian access. Sustainably addressing the situation in Darfur requires commitment and investment. And for our part the

United Kingdom is committed to ensuring long term peace in Darfur including through development and humanitarian assistance.

Mr President as the Prosecutor highlights her briefing comes at a time of political uncertainty in Sudan. The United Kingdom condemns the brutal attacks of violence by the Sudanese security forces against peaceful protesters in the streets of Khartoum. These attacks are not the actions of responsible and credible authorities and they do not represent the will of the Sudanese people. In this regard let me reiterate what I've said in my recent statements on Sudan which is indeed at a crossroads. The Transitional Military Council has a choice. It has a choice to build a new future for Sudan, backed fully with long term and extensive support from the international community, including for strengthening institutions, resolving conflict and dealing with a legacy of long term economic mismanagement. The Transitional Military Council should take the right choice, which would bring an end, as well, to the brutal cycle of violence which the people of Darfur have been subject to. And the United Kingdom stands with the people of Sudan in calling for a swift and inclusive transfer of power to civilian leadership.

Mr President, we know from conflicts and post-conflict situations across the world that accountability is a key element of ensuring sustainable peace and of giving people confidence in the institutions that are then developed. So we remain hopeful that Sudan's political transition will result in a civilian administration which is committed to ensuring justice for the crimes committed against the people of Darfur, which referred to the Court by this Council. We stand ready to support a civilian administration as they seek to build rule of law across Sudan and ensure the horrors experienced by the people of Sudan are never experienced again.

Mr President let me conclude by again thanking the Prosecutor and her Office for their dedication to this case and their pursuit of justice for the victims in Darfur. Thank you Mr President.

IFST Lecture – Ultra-processed foods: The science and the policy

The IFST Lecture 2019 will take place in London on 2 July 2019 and will be presented by guest speaker Professor Mike Gibney from University College Dublin. The title of the talk is 'Ultra-processed foods: The science and the policy'.

Mike Gibney is Professor of Food and Health at University College Dublin (UCD) and Director of the UCD Institute of Food and Health and one of Europe's leading authorities on human nutrition. Before taking up this position he was Professor of Human Nutrition in the Department of Clinical

Medicine at Trinity College Dublin and he is a past President of the Nutrition Society.

With more than 350 peer reviewed papers under his belt, Mike has shared his expertise in this field over many years. He has served on several high-level international advisory committees with bodies such as the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation and the World Health Organisation. His research portfolio extends across public health nutrition and molecular nutrition and he has served as Principal Investigator on several large EU-funded projects in the area of personalised nutrition.

Mike's published work includes 'Nutrition, Diet and Health', 'Something to Chew On: Challenging Controversies in Food and Health' and 'Ever seen a fat fox: human obesity explored'.

The event is by invitation, more information can be found on the [IFST website](#).

This lecture is sponsored by the UK [National Measurement Laboratory](#), which supports the work of the Government Chemist.

For more information about the Government Chemist work contact:

[Information and events for British citizens in France](#)



The British Embassy in Paris has been holding meetings across France to update British citizens working and living in the country and answering their questions regarding Britain's departure from the European Union. In our team's continuous effort to reach as many British expats in France as possible, we will be announcing further outreach meetings below.

Upcoming virtual citizens outreach meetings across

France

You can read more about what it looks like to [attend an event on Microsoft Teams](#).

If you cannot connect or have other issues, you can [check whether your system or platform supports Teams Live events](#).

If you don't seem to be able to register from Eventbrite, reply to your confirmation email and you will be directed to our support team.

Facebook Q&A

We are running regular Q&As on [our Facebook page](#). Follow us for updates.

Our Facebook Q&A sessions take in questions every Monday evening (6pm-8pm) for a personal answer by the following Thursday – except in the week of the online outreach.

If you have asked us a question on Facebook and not had an answer, do please check when you posted it. We regret that we are only able to answer questions asked between 1800 – 2000 on Mondays when we are running a Q&A session.

If you have missed this window, please wait until the next event – or, if it is urgent, remember that you can send in your question 24/7 [via our webform](#).

Previous citizens outreach meetings across France

2021

Date	Location
26 January	virtual
24 February	virtual
18 March	virtual
13 April	virtual
18 May	virtual
24 June	virtual
20 July	virtual

2020

Date	Location
14 December 2020	virtual
25 November 2020	virtual
21 October 2020	virtual
27 February	Agen
February	Facebook Q&A
11 February	Civray 2pm
11 February	Civray 6pm

Date	Location
13 February	Paris

2019

Date	Location
6 November	Paris
6 November	Marseille
14 October	Vannes
14 October	Quimper
14 October	Paris
11 October	Bergerac
10 October	Périgueux (1) & (2)
9 October	Bourg-en-Bresse
24 September	Lyon
22 September	Facebook Q&A
18 September	Orléans
16 September	Paris
12 September	Caen
5 September	Nanterre/Boulogne-Billancourt
4 September	Lille
30 July	Alençon
16 July	Nice
15 July	Aix-en-Provence
13 July	Avignon
11 July	Montpellier
10 July	Perpignan
5 July	Brest
4 July	Gouarec
1 July	Facebook Q&A
25 June	Périgueux
14 June	Le Havre
27 May	Grenoble
16 May	Laval
16 May	Limoges
29 April	Paris
22 April	Facebook Q&A
25 March	Facebook Q&A
19 March	Marseille
18 March	Paris
13 March	Poitiers
26 February	Paris
25 February	Facebook live Q&A
25 February	Nantes

Date	Location
21 February	Lille
19 February	Monaco
12 February	Clermont-Ferrand
11 February	Annemasse
4 February	Paris
4 February	Lorient
31 January	Cannes
28 January	Auxerre
24 January	Parthenay
23 January	Facebook live Q&A
22 January	Rouen
17 January	Reims

2018

Date	Location
18 December	Facebook live Q&A
10 December	Dijon
3 December	Annecy
20 November	Saint-Malo
19 November	Saint-Germain-en-Laye
15 November	Aix-en-Provence
7 November	Chantilly
19 October	Bordeaux
4 October	Toulouse
5 September	Perpignan
11 July	Montpellier
3 July	Cahors
26 June	Nîmes
18 June	Narbonne
28 May	Périgueux
15 May	Limoges
20 April	Carcassonne
18-19 April	Rennes/Dinan/St Jacut de la Mer
17 April	Strasbourg
9 April	Paris
12 March	Calais
6 March	Caen
15 February	Montauban

2017

Date	Location
12 December	Bergerac

Date	Location
11 December	Poitou-Charentes
6 December	Paris
27 November	Gouarec
23 November	St-Raphael
7 November	Nice
12 October	Toulouse
1 October	Angers
21 September	Tours
18 September	Strasbourg
13 September	Lyon
1 July	Bordeaux

If you have attended one of our meetings, we would appreciate your [feedback](#) (please note that if you have responded to one of our paper surveys, we ask you not to fill out another online one).

For questions concerning your rights as a British citizen in France, [contact us](#). If you have any suggestions for other towns and places that could host our citizens outreach meetings, please email France.Enquiries@fcdo.gov.uk.

For press enquiries, [contact us here](#).

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1. 6 September 2021

New outreach event added: Tuesday 7 September, 6pm to 7:30pm.

2. 19 July 2021

Added details of online outreach event on Tuesday 20 July 2021

3. 19 April 2021

New date for online outreach events in May and June

4. 8 March 2021

New virtual outreach events added

5. 9 February 2021

Updated with next virtual citizens outreach meeting: Wednesday 24 February

6. 2 March 2020

February 2020 Facebook Q&A added

7. 21 February 2020

New events added in La Rochelle and Agen

8. 18 February 2020

New Facebook Q&A announced

9. 4 February 2020

New outreach event in Paris

10. 27 January 2020

New events added

11. 5 November 2019

New events added in Paris, Marseille, Civray

12. 11 October 2019

New outreach events added in Vannes, Quimper and Paris

13. 26 September 2019

Bourg-en-Bresse event added

14. 24 September 2019

New dates

15. 23 September 2019

Events added in Bergerac and Périgueux

16. 9 September 2019

Events in Orléans and Lyon added

17. 27 August 2019

Nanterre/Boulogne-Billancourt event added

18. 23 August 2019

Q&A date and time added

19. 19 August 2019

New outreach meeting in Lille

20. 2 August 2019

New events announced in Paris and in Caen in September

21. 24 July 2019

Date change for event at Alençon

22. 19 July 2019

New meeting in Alençon

23. 28 June 2019

New citizens outreach meeting announced in Nice on 16 July 2019

24. 26 June 2019

New citizens outreach meetings announced in: GOUAREC (4/07), BREST (5/07), PERPIGNAN (10/07), MONTPELLIER (11/07), AVIGNON (13/07), AIX-EN-PROVENCE (15/07)

25. 19 June 2019

NEW Citizens outreach meeting announced in Périgueux (24) on 25 June 2019.

26. 7 June 2019

New citizens outreach meeting announced in Le Havre on Friday 14 June.

27. 13 May 2019

New meeting added

28. 10 May 2019

New Citizens Outreach meeting announced – Grenoble 27 May 2019

29. 3 May 2019

New citizens outreach meeting announced in Laval (Mayenne) on 16 May 2019.

30. 26 April 2019

NEW citizens outreach event announced in Limoges on 16 May 2019.

31. 17 April 2019

New Facebook Q&A announced on 22 April

32. 16 April 2019

We have announced a new meeting taking place in Paris on 29 April at 6:30PM.

33. 25 March 2019

EU Exit update: We are taking questions on Facebook on Monday 25 March from 4pm to 8pm. We will provide individual answers by Friday 5pm.

34. 5 March 2019

New citizens outreach meetings in Poitiers, Paris and Marseille

35. 5 February 2019

New outreach meeting in Paris on 26 February

36. 30 January 2019

New citizens outreach meetings announced for: Clermont-Ferrand 12/02
Monaco 19/02 Lille 21/02 Nantes 25/02

37. 24 January 2019

Two new citizens outreach meetings announced in Lorient (4 Feb) and
Paris (4 Feb).

38. 9 January 2019

New citizens outreach meetings announced in Reims, Rouen, Parthenay,
Auxerre, Cannes and Annemasse. We will also be hosting another Facebook
live Q&A on 18 January.

39. 11 December 2018

New date published: Facebook live Q&A on 18 December

40. 31 October 2018

New meetings announced in Aix-en-Provence, Saint-Germain-en-Laye, Saint-
Malo, Annecy and Dijon.

41. 21 September 2018

New British citizens outreach date announced: 7 November 2018 in
Chantilly.

42. 20 September 2018

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