

Restarting Development Aid

Starting point: The existing system of development cooperation does not function properly.

Experts from the global North prioritise a problem and a plan for its improvement. Despite all the emphasis on cooperation at eye level, decisions are made in countries of the North. It takes years to plan, followed by years of stubborn implementation, although underlying situation might have changed already.

Local competence does not play a major role. Local priorities, concerns and expertise for problem solving is neglected. Positive energy for improvement dries out during inert processes of development bureaucracy.

Interestingly, there is little interest within the system to change that – maybe because more money is unreflexingly being channelled into this system.

Create a qualitative leap

We want to change that by developing a positive model. We are convinced that there is a way to do it differently!

Better approaches, methods and tools already exist in transformation management and decentralized IT - and some areas of especially NGO-driven development work.

We want to unite positivists from these areas to co-create a first pilot in a comprehensive design process.

What is needed is a smart combination of experience from key areas as development aid, agile design and decentralized IT.

Join!

- Development aid practitioners with a desire to make a real difference
- You live agile working and social/transformation design
- You work with distributed ledger technologies and governance around such systems

These are questions we need smart answers for:

How to strengthen local knowledge and energy, and support people who want social impact in the long term?

How to deal with the fact that in a complex situation multi-year planning makes no sense?

How a working decentralised system looks like – non-hegemonial & public?

How to utilize distributed ledger systems for sustainable and resilient transformation?

What is a good design process for social transformation?

We aim to set up a pilot project this year!

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