

## PRESS RELEASE

### What Darfur teaches us

Jan Pronk and David Mepham

*Third event in the series of Maastricht Debates*

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- What lessons can be drawn from Darfur?
- How can major crises such as Darfur be tackled if other governments take the Sudanese approach and refuse to authorise access for the UN?
- Should the EU prioritise support to African efforts and collaborate closely with the African Union or is it preferable to support UN operations or even authorise direct military intervention for instance through NATO?

In a public debate on March 29, Jan Pronk, former UN Special Representative for Sudan, will share his views on these major questions. Discussant is David Mepham who recently published 'Darfur: The responsibility to Protect'. Mepham is Associate Director, Head of International Programme of the institute for public policy research in London. The moderator of the evening is James Mackie, Programme Coordinator: Development Policy and EU External Action of ECDPM, Maastricht.

The debate will take place on **March 29 at 7.00 pm in the Bonbonnière, Achter de Comedie 1, Maastricht.**

Free entrance as of 6.30 pm.

### Maastricht Debates

The *Maastricht Debates* is a platform for debate and networking on issues of international cooperation and globalisation. Each debate is organised by issue experts from within the Maastricht network together with internationally oriented study associations. See at [www.maastrichtdebates.net](http://www.maastrichtdebates.net).

The *Maastricht Debates* is explicitly seen as one activity within a larger programme of the **Society of International Development (SID)**. SID aims to stimulate the public and political debate on international cooperation in the Netherlands and beyond, among others with its lecture series in Amsterdam and Utrecht.

### Network organisation



The *Maastricht Debates* is a collaborate initiative of the University Maastricht ([www.unimaas.nl](http://www.unimaas.nl)), the Netherlands Chapter of the Society for International Development (SID, [www.sid-nl.org](http://www.sid-nl.org)), Europe-open ([www.europe-open.info](http://www.europe-open.info)), the European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM, [www.ecdpm.org](http://www.ecdpm.org)) and Concordantia, the study association of the European Studies program of the University Maastricht ([www.concordantia.com](http://www.concordantia.com)). It receives financial support by the National Committee for International Cooperation and Sustainable Development (NCDO, [www.ncdo.nl](http://www.ncdo.nl)) and operates in collaboration with the Municipality of Maastricht ([www.maastricht.nl](http://www.maastricht.nl)).

It is the intention to link-up with representatives of other Maastricht-based and regional organisations to ensure broad support and commitment, for instance as advisor, co-organiser or host of one of the events. This is in line with the ambition to become an important multi-actor platform for debate.

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