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## Today's Features



### The 2008 World Governance Indicators

With the ability to generate charts, tables and world maps of six key governance indicators across 212 countries, the recently released *Governance Matters 2008* is one of the most comprehensive web tools available to development policy-makers. [\[MORE\]](#)

### What to do when bilateral aid fails: the Paul Polak story

While he doesn't have the panache of Bono or the credentials of Jeffrey Sachs, the self-effacing, suspender-clad Paul Polak has something more important in development circles: measurable results. [\[MORE\]](#)

### UN making a difference: Fr chet te

Despite internal divisions and mounting international criticism, the United Nations still has an important functional and "inspirational" role in poverty reduction around the world, said the former deputy secretary-general of the world body. [\[MORE\]](#)

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### Governance in Ghana

Public support for democracy in Ghana remains at the national level 15 years after the end of military rule. While the country continues to move forward toward better governance outcomes in a stable and peaceful political environment, progress is not even across all sectors and challenges persist. [\[MORE\]](#)

### Rebuilding developmental states

States as a concept have returned to the centre of international policy debate. Against this background, development agencies and other policy actors are increasingly focusing on what research-based literature has to say about state building, institutional

## Profiles in Governance

### IAN SMILIE: DIAMONDS AND DEVELOPMENT

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### ■ CIGI's G8 BLOG

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### Assessing human rights impact

The Human Rights Impact Assessment project is a three-year initiative that developed a draft methodology to assess the impact of companies on the human rights of communities. [\[MORE\]](#)

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## The Governance Tool Kit

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## Measuring Governance: A Handbook

A comprehensive tool for assessing trends in governance and democracy. [\[MORE\]](#)

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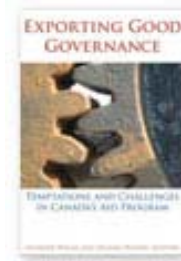
Sept 2-4: High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness - Accra, Ghana [\[MORE\]](#)  
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reform, the role of the state in development and state-society interactions. [\[MORE\]](#)

## Canada's role in supporting democratic development

Containing 28 recommendations, this House of Commons report sets out a comprehensive and forward-looking agenda to advance Canada's role in the promotion of democratic development internationally. [\[MORE\]](#)

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## Can good governance be exported?

International development assistance is more frequently being applied to strengthening governance in developing countries, and in *Exporting Good Governance: Temptations and Challenges in Canada's Aid Program*, the editors ask if aid

for good governance works. [\[MORE\]](#)

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