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Liz Ditchburn is currently the UK government’s Department for International Development (DFID) Director of Value for Money, responsible for finance for development. She previously led DFID’s programmes in Tanzania where she worked on donor coordination to align funds behind country strategies through Joint Assistance Strategies, in collaboration with the Ministry of Finance and with the full range of multilateral and bilateral partners. Originally trained as a natural resources specialist with a Masters degree in Natural Resource Management from the University of Edinburgh, Ms. Ditchburn has extensive and varied field experience having worked on sustainable development for 15 years in Tanzania, Bolivia, Peru, Malawi, Zambia and South Sudan. Her specific expertise lies in inclusive economic growth, agricultural development and biodiversity, indigenous people’s development and rural livelihoods. Ms. Ditchburn represents the UK in international fora such as the International Aid Transparency Initiative and the High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness. She also leads the UK’s work on the quality of development finance and the effectiveness of development cooperation.