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To be held on 15 November (9h30-18h00) and 16 November 2004 (9h30-18h00)
at the World Bank office, Paris.

This version reflects the correct order of topics under Item 4 in the annotations.

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	AGENDA ITEMS	DOCUMENTS
1	Adoption of the agenda and summary of last meeting	DCD/DAC/EFF/A(2004)12 DCD/DAC/EFF/M(2004)9/REV 1
2	Perspectives on progress towards harmonisation and alignment	
	A - Outcome of regional workshops: Asia, Central Asia, Africa, Latin America	Room Documents
	B - DAC Survey on Progress in Harmonisation and Alignment	DCD/DAC/EFF(2004)26
	C - Joint meeting of Partner countries in Managua	DCD/DAC/EFF(2004)30
	D - Joint Country Learning and Assessment (JCLA) -Nicaragua	DCD/DAC/EFF(2004)29
3	Work in progress	
	A - Synthesis of donor self-reporting	DCD/DAC/EFF(2004)27
	B - Study on Incentives for harmonisation and alignment	DCD/DAC/EFF(2004)28
	C - Harmonisation and Alignment in difficult partnerships (LAP)	DCD(2004)17
	D - Good Practice Paper on Providing Support to Sector Programmes	DCD/DAC/EFF(2004)24
4	Preparations for the 2nd High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness (HLF-2)- Paris, March 2005	
	A - Draft HLF-2 Report	DCD/DAC/EFF(2004)20
	B - Issues Paper : Framework for an HLF-2 Declaration and Agenda for Action	DAC/DAC/EFF(2004)18
5	Update on recent and forthcoming events	
	• EU Ad Hoc Working Group on Harmonisation	
6	Other business and next steps	

ANNOTATIONS

Item 1: Adoption of the agenda and summary of last meeting

1. Participants are invited to adopt the agenda and the summary of the last meeting held on 6-7 July 2004.

Item 2: Perspectives on progress towards harmonisation and alignment

2. This session is open for a broad-ranging discussion of the main messages emerging from the regional workshops, the DAC Survey findings and other perspectives on progress towards harmonisation and alignment in partner countries. It will provide an opportunity for the Task Team to review the range of issues which participants have raised in these fora, to take stock of achievements, identify remaining challenges, and consider how to address them in the context of the 2nd High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness.

3. The discussion will be informed by presentations and related documents on:

- A- The outcome of regional workshops: Asia, Central Asia, Africa and Latin America.
- B- Results from the DAC Survey on Progress in Harmonisation and Alignment.

4. The DAC Survey has now been completed in the 14 partner countries associated with the Task Team and draft chapters have been posted on the OECD website for comments (www.oecd.org/dac/wpeff/harmonisation/survey). The overview paper presenting the main findings will be distributed before the meeting. Following a presentation by the Secretariat, Members are invited to share their views on the results of the Survey and discuss appropriate follow-up actions.

- C- Joint meeting of Partner countries in Managua (4-6 October 2004).
- D- Joint Country Learning and Assessment (JCLA) – Nicaragua.

5. Please note that sub-items C and D will be introduced by Mr. Gomez, Vice Minister of Economic Relations and Cooperation of Nicaragua, on Tuesday 16 November.

6. The Co-chairs will summarise major conclusions from the discussion on Item 3 in a way that will facilitate integration in the HLF2 Report and future Declaration to be discussed under item 4.

Item 3: Work in progress

7. The discussion on work in progress should also be set in the perspective of the 2nd High Level Forum. Members are invited to consider the findings and recommendations from the following studies and to discuss follow-up actions:

- A- Synthesis of donor self-reporting.
- B- Study on incentives for harmonisation and alignment.
- C- Harmonisation and Alignment in difficult partnerships (LAP).

D- Good Practice Paper on providing support to sector programmes.

8. At the last meeting, members provided comments on an outline for a good practice paper on providing support to sector programmes. The first draft of this paper is now presented for discussion at the Task Team. It is also submitted to the Joint Venture on Public Financial Management (PFM) for review in the context of their own work on budget support, aid predictability and capacity in PFM.

9. Given the strong linkages between the good practice papers produced by the Joint Venture on these topics and the need to avoid overlap and duplication with the paper on sector support, it is suggested that the WP-EFF consider the option of combining the current set of papers into a single DAC Reference Document at a meeting that could be held in January 2005.

Item 4: Preparations for the 2nd High-Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness

A- Progress Report on Aid Effectiveness

10. The HLF-2 Report provides an overview of what has been accomplished since Rome in terms of progress towards harmonisation and alignment at country level and in donor agencies. It also highlights achievements in collecting good practice and providing guidance in areas such as public financial management, procurement and managing for development results. Finally, the Report looks forward to additional steps and actions that need to be taken, thus helping to pave the way for the HLF-2 Declaration.

11. Members are invited to share their views on the Report and to provide inputs, building on the work of the Task Team and the discussion of items 2 and 3. Written comments sent by e-mail to the Secretariat ahead of the meeting would likewise be much appreciated. The Report will be revised and submitted to the DAC SLM for discussion with a view to publishing a final version for the Paris High-Level Forum.

B- Issues Paper: Framework for an HLF 2 Declaration and Agenda for Action

12. In preparation for the Second High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness (HLF-2), the Issues Paper is intended to facilitate discussion on the possible key elements of an HLF-2 Declaration. Members are invited to provide comments and to suggest additional or alternative actions which might be undertaken to broaden and deepen progress. There are high expectations in the development community that these discussions will lead to identifying a core set of strengthened and more specific commitments, and time-bound targets (with relevant indicators).

13. Suggestions received from the regional workshops, the WP-EFF subgroups, the WP-EFF plenary (19 November) and the DAC (22 November) will be combined into a revised paper to be submitted for discussion at the DAC Senior Level Meeting (8 December). It is expected that the process of consultation will continue beyond the SLM with the objective of reaching consensus by the time of the Paris High Level Forum (28 February-2 March 2005).

PROVISIONAL LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE MEETING

ITEM	DOCUMENT TITLE	REFERENCE
1	Annotated Agenda of the Sixth Meeting of the Task Team on Harmonisation and Alignment	DCD/DAC/EFF/A(2004)12
1	Draft Summary of the Fifth Meeting of the Task Team on Harmonisation and Alignment (6-7 July 2004)	DCD/DAC/EFF/M(2004)9/REV1
2	Draft Joint Statement of the OECD-DAC Partner Countries (Meeting in Managua, Nicaragua 4-6 October 2004)	DCD/DAC/EFF/(2004)29
2	Joint Country Learning and Assessment (JCLA) -Nicaragua	DCD/DAC/EFF(2004)30
2	OECD-DAC Survey on Progress in Harmonisation and Alignment	DCD/DAC/EFF/(2004)26
3	Synthesis on Self-Reporting by Donors	DCD/DAC/EFF/(2004)27
3	Study on Incentives for harmonisation and alignment	DCD/DAC/EFF/(2004)28
3	Harmonisation and Alignment in Difficult Partnerships (LAP)	DCD(2004)17
3	Good Practice Paper on Providing Harmonised Support to Sector Approaches	DCD/DAC/EFF/(2004)24
4	Draft Report for the 2nd High-Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness	DCD/DAC/EFF/(2004)20
4	Issues Paper: Framework for a Declaration and Agenda for Action – 2nd High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness	DCD/DAC/EFF(2004)18