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A) Facilitate Implementation of the Rome Declaration	Room Document No 1– Note on facilitating implementation (Netherlands, Canada and Norway). Room Document No 6 – Implementing the Primary Education Programme in Bangladesh (PEDP II)
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ANNOTATIONS

ITEM 1 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND SUMMARY OF THE LAST MEETING

1. Members should note that the Task Team (TT) Co-Chairs and the Secretariat will hold a special session for partner countries on Monday 23 February 2004 (14h30-17h30) prior to the TT meeting. Based on the views and interests expressed by partners, the Co-Chairs will make suggestions on how to structure the subsequent plenary discussion along specific themes that would be taken up under item 2. The intention is to help focus the discussion on implementing the Rome Agenda at country level and maintain a good level of spontaneous interaction within the relatively short time available. It is expected that item 2 will take up most of the first day.

ITEM 2 DIALOGUE WITH PARTNER COUNTRIES ON IMPLEMENTING THE ROME AGENDA

2. This meeting will be the first opportunity to engage in a close partnership with the 14 developing countries who have been invited to participate in the Task Team. It takes place on the Anniversary of the Rome High Level Forum, half-way through the next HLF planned in 2005 in Paris, at a time when the international community is expecting to see concrete results in moving towards greater harmonisation of donor practices and alignment with national strategies and aid management systems.

3. In this context, the TT discussion should help in pooling information on progress achieved so far at country level; identifying the main constraints; analysing the reasons for bottlenecks; discussing practical solutions; agreeing on action steps; and distilling lessons learned and emerging good practice.

4. All the participants -- partners and donors -- are encouraged to prepare for the discussion by producing a short note (1-3 pages) that summarises from their perspective progress (or set-backs) in implementing the Rome Agenda. Highlights may include country-cases, particular issues as well as generic themes that would deserve special attention from the Task Team (e.g. Bangladesh PEDP II; joint financial arrangements of the Nordic + group). This light stock-taking exercise should also contribute to shape the discussion on the scope and contents of the Report that will be submitted to the DAC Senior Level Meeting in December 2004 feeding into the 2005 HLF Report.

5. Following up on the last meeting, participants will be invited as part of the discussion to review proposals for moving forward with Tasks A, B and C of the work programme. This will include discussion of the following documents with a view to achieving consensus on next steps:

- Facilitating implementation of the Rome Declaration (RD No 1).
- Framework of indicators and questionnaires for field testing (RD No 2).
- Joint Country Learning and Assessment in Nicaragua (RD No 5).
- Draft Outline of the SLM Report (RD No 3).

ITEM 3 PROPOSAL FOR ELABORATING A GOOD PRACTICE PAPER ON SECTOR SUPPORT

6. In line with Task A of its work programme [DCD/DAC/EFF(2003)8], the Task Team is requested to consider the value of elaborating a Good Practice Paper on delivering effective aid in the context of sector support. Representatives from the SPA (Strategic Partnership with Africa), the European Commission, and LENPA (Learning Network on Programme-Based Approaches) will update participants on their on-going efforts to elaborate policy papers and guidelines on sector and budget support. The Task Team is invited to discuss how it wishes to build on and contribute to this work which is central to the harmonisation agenda by producing a synthetic Good Practice Paper on Sector Support. Relevant documentation from the above institutions and networks will be circulated ahead of the meeting.

ITEM 4 LINKS WITH OTHER PROCESSES

7. The WP-EFF Joint Venture on Procurement will report back on its work including the DAC-WB Roundtable on strengthening procurement capacities in developing countries held in Kampala on 4-6 February 2004. The WP-EFF Joint Venture on Managing for Development Results will brief participants on the 2nd International Roundtable held in Marrakech on 4-6 February 2004. A brief update will also be provided on the activities of MOPAN, the Multilateral Organisations Performance Assessment Network and of the LAP (Joint Learning and Advisory Process on Difficult Partnerships). Members are invited to explore possibilities for enhancing collaboration with these networks and for bringing major outcomes into the HLF II process.

ITEM 5 PREPARATIONS FOR THE 2ND HIGH LEVEL FORUM ON HARMONISATION AND AID EFFECTIVENESS (HLF, PARIS, 2005)

8. Following initial consultations between the French host, the OECD Development Co-operation Directorate and the World Bank, a steering committee will be set up to guide substantive preparations and to ensure overall co-ordination. The WP-EFF Chair, Michel Reveyrand will brief participants on the expected scope of the HLF which will focus on harmonisation and alignment but will also include wider issues of aid effectiveness and will be linked to the Monterrey follow-up. Participants are invited to offer views on issues they would like to feature on the HLF agenda, results to be expected, inputs from the Task Team and other suggestions regarding planning, organisation and participation.

ITEM 6 NEXT STEPS

9. The Co-Chairs will sum up the decisions on next steps. The two upcoming meetings of the Task Team have been tentatively scheduled for the week of 21 June 2004 and the week of 18 October 2004. The latter will take place in conjunction with the WP-EEF meeting.