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DAC Meeting, 20 October 2006

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8TH MEETING OF THE JOINT VENTURE OF MANAGING FOR DEVELOPMENT RESULTS

OECD, 20 SEPTEMBER 2006

DRAFT SUMMARY OF MAIN CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Mutual Learning Initiative (MLI)

1. It was agreed that the MLI workshops were one of the most valuable components of the Joint Venture's (JV) activities bringing together donors and practitioners in partner countries. The results of the four MLI workshops should be synthesised so that the issues and cases raised could be brought to the Hanoi Roundtable, and included in the second edition of the Sourcebook.

Agency Effectiveness

2. It was agreed that the work done by the various JV task teams on a range of subjects related to donor agency behaviour should be synthesised for the Roundtable and the Sourcebook. The work on agency effectiveness needed to be appropriately reflected in the agenda for Hanoi.

3. It was agreed that members should be requested to comment on the Position Paper on "Results-based Aid Allocation" from the AFD/DFID task team.

Preparations for the 3rd Roundtable

4. The main discussion on planning and on the agenda would take place in the Advisory Group on 21 September. The discussion included reference to:

- The importance of involving civil society and the private sector.
- The need to avoid preaching to the converted but to involve politicians at a high level to commit to MfDR.
- Issues about donor procedures and possible disconnect between donor headquarters policy and country level practice in the light of the Paris Declaration.

5. The Co-Chair noted that issues requiring decision included:

- The level and scale of participation by donors and partner countries.
- The outputs of the Roundtable – should it be a Plan of Action, a Statement or something else?
- Should it be directed at local action (at country level) or global action?
- It needed to provide a springboard in moving from the Paris High Level Forum in 2005 to the Ghana HLF in 2008.
- The self-assessment tool required further testing (e.g. at the Nairobi LenCD Forum) before broader dissemination.
- Whether it is primarily a technical gathering or an advocacy/political event?

The future of the JV MfDR

6. A note by the Co-Chairs emphasised that, while the MfDR agenda was a central pillar of the Paris Declaration and it "underpins the joint efforts of all parties leading to improved development effectiveness", there were several weaknesses in the present operations of the JV. These included the degree of engagement by bilateral donors, the haphazard involvement of partner countries and a perceived isolation from the mainstream Paris agenda. It needed to be decided whether the JV should be retained in its present form beyond the third Roundtable and, if so, it needed a work programme that would demonstrate added value.

**DRAFT SUMMARY OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE
3RD INTERNATIONAL ROUNDTABLE ON MANAGING FOR DEVELOPMENT RESULTS**

OECD, 21 SEPTEMBER 2006

1. The Third Roundtable will be grounded in the Paris Declaration, particularly paragraphs 43 to 46 on Managing for Results. It will have a strong focus on sharing partner country experience.
2. Four major objectives were identified:
 - Assess progress made since the second Roundtable on results (Marrakech, 2004) linking the results agenda with the Paris Declaration.
 - Agree on the core set of capacities that partner countries and development agencies need to manage for results, and on ways to foster dialogue on MfDR capacity in partner countries.
 - Agree on tools that partner countries and development agencies can use to assess their capacity to manage for development results
 - Agree on ways to implement national statistical development plans and accelerate improvements in collecting and processing the data needed to measure and manage for results at all levels.
3. The original idea of issuing a Hanoi Action Plan as the principal outcome was thought to be overambitious. The focus will instead be on a set of good practices and tools to help countries develop their own action plans.
4. Three overarching topics were agreed with a number of associated themes as follows:
 - I. Making results happen** – *building institutional capacity and demand for results.*
 - Leadership
 - Planning and budgeting
 - II. Measuring and assessing results** - *strengthening systems to supply relevant results data and information.*
 - Statistics
 - Monitoring and evaluation
 - III. Making results matter** - *developing processes for mutual accountability and feedback.*
 - Accountability and partnership
5. Essentially the initial plenary sessions will reflect the leadership theme and taking stock of progress. The other four themes will constitute the basis for the more technical breakout sessions. The gender dimension in MfDR will be given particular attention.
6. The Roundtable would include up to forty partner countries with a maximum of four participants from both senior and technical levels, including budgeting/planning, statistics, a sector ministry and aid effectiveness coordination. Civil society and the private sector would also be represented. Donor representation would be at the level of agency Head or their representative and technical staff.