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## I. Introduction

1. The following table summarises the actions proposed by the three Task Teams in response to the strategic priorities stated in the Reflection Exercise<sup>1</sup>. The detailed background, context, and other relevant information can be found in the Task Team reports<sup>2</sup>. The table consists of the strategic priorities, proposed actions to implement the priorities, as well as a brief description or comments by the Secretariat on the status of each action. As the Task Teams are informal groups, DAC agreement is required in order to fully integrate the proposed actions into planning with adequate resources within a limited budget envelope.

2. In general, as conclusions from Task Team 2 on Global Development Co-operation Governance were discussed at the DAC meeting of 9 December 2009, the actions have already been incorporated in the preliminary plan for the Programme of Work and Budget (PWB) 2011-12<sup>3</sup>. For Task Team 3 on Organisation of DAC Work, while some proposals have also been incorporated, there are still pending issues, notably around the structure of the DAC, which would be addressed after the shape of the PWB 2011-12 becomes clearer. Other issues are either scheduled or have the potential to be discussed elsewhere, such as the Peer Review methodology meeting or Global Forum for Development Steering Group.

3. As for Task Team 1 on Policy Coherence for Development (PCD) and Global Public Goods (GPGs), some proposed activities also need to be considered in light of the outcomes of the OECD Development Goals exercise, currently being worked out by the Council's informal Working Group. Furthermore, there are proposed activities that require collaboration with other directorates, committees, the PCD Unit in the Secretary General's Office, and other units in the Development Cluster.

4. In sum, most of the proposed actions have either already been incorporated as much as possible in the preliminary working proposal for the PWB 2011-12, given the limited budget. Other proposals still need to be revisited at a later date after the PWB 2011-12 framework becomes clearer as well as the OECD Development Goals.

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<sup>1</sup> It is based on a more elaborate draft table put together by the Task Team 3 leader, Roland Fox of the United Kingdom on behalf of the three Task Team leaders.

<sup>2</sup> Task Team of the DAC on Policy Coherence for Development and Global Public Goods (TT1): Final Report [DCD/DAC(2010)5], Task Team of the DAC on Global Development Co-operation Governance (TT2): Final Report [DCD/DAC(2009)51]; and Task Team of the DAC on Organisation of DAC Work (TT3): Interim Report [DCD/DAC/RD(2009)17/RD3].

<sup>3</sup> *PWB 2011-12: Preliminary Working Proposal* [DCD/DAC(2010)4]

### Actions Proposed by Task Teams and Their Status

Strategic Priorities <sup>4</sup> and Actions proposed	Status/Comments
<b>Deepen and accelerate work to promote PCD and work to integrate GPGs and development strategies</b>	
Closer working with the OECD Futures Programme and Development Centre on horizon scanning, and with the latter on partner country consultations on PCD priorities (1) <sup>5</sup>	Collaboration needs to be sought with other directorates and DEV Cluster, taking also into account the outcome of the OECD Development Goals.
Closer working with UNDP, ODI, CGD on coherence issues (1)	There are already exchanges with ODI, CGD, and others on coherence issues. Further collaboration could be carried out as appropriate, jointly with other directorates and the PCD Unit.
Greater focus on incentives for horizontal working within the OECD (1)	Establishment of OECD Development Goals could facilitate this.
Establishment of an informal group to track progress in developing DAC/OECD PCD engagement; and of “clearing house” capacity in DCD centrally (1)	To be discussed with the DAC Bureau and DAC Facilitators and as appropriate in collaboration with other committees.
Resourcing to work on BRICS policy impacts (1)	Enhanced resourcing for DAC-China Study Group and engagement of other donors including BRICS is planned, which could cover dialogue on policy impacts.
Resourcing to support partner country PCD analytical capacity (1)	Enhancing PCD analytical capacity among DAC Members should supersede this activity. This could be addressed through the monitoring of the expected Council Recommendation on the Guidance on Good Institutional Practice on PCD.
Resourcing for strengthened central OECD PCD capacity (1)	Members should take this into account in the forthcoming PWB discussions in order to support Part I financing for the PCD Unit.
Resourcing for strengthened central DCD PCD capacity (1)	This is already being proposed in the PWB 2011-12.
Resourcing for strengthened capacity to analyse development implications of e.g. G8/20 group initiatives (2)	This is already being considered in the PWB 2011-12 for Aquila follow up and other horizontal work.
<b>Actively engage in the process of reforming the complex global development governance system</b>	

<sup>4</sup> From the Reflection Exercise conclusions

<sup>5</sup> (1), (2), and (3) indicate TT1, TT2, and TT3 proposals respectively.

Resourcing for institution, incentives, procedure, instrument and impact mapping and reporting on the effectiveness of the global development governance (2)	This is already being considered in the PWB 2011-12.
Resourcing for further development of allocation and fragmentation mapping and reporting (2)	This is already being considered in the PWB 2011-12.
Resourcing for thematic and sectoral studies of architecture issues, including in fragile states and situations (2)	This is already being considered in the PWB 2011-12.
Resourcing for strengthened DAC support to UNDCF (2)	There is already on-going work in WP-EFF activities.
<b>Play a leading role in the aid effectiveness agenda</b>	
Work to review the relationship between the DAC and WP-EFF (2)	This could be addressed in TT3 as part of its wider discussion on subsidiary body structure after the PWB 2011-12 takes shape.
<b>Develop work on statistics</b>	
Resourcing for strengthened capacity for cross-OECD working on non-ODA development flows (1)	Strengthened capacity for statistics is being proposed in the PWB 2011-12 which would allow joint cross-OECD work as necessary.
Resourcing for increased monitoring of all “resource flows for development” (2)	This is already being proposed in the PWB 2011-12.
Resourcing for strengthened capacity for tracking of climate change statistical markers (2)	This is already being considered in the PWB 2011-12 proposal as core statistical work and enhanced work on climate change.
<b>Develop the peer review processes and strengthen accountability</b>	
DAC subsidiary bodies proposing future “instruments” to confirm that a performance framework to monitor adoption and implementation will form part of the work; and to set out their own role in monitoring	Many subsidiary bodies are proposing to carry out monitoring for PWB 2013-14 as part of a 4 year plan.
Resourcing for strengthened capacity for work on PCD in Peer Reviews.(1)	Increased resources for Peer Reviews for deeper analyses is being proposed for the PWB 2011-12. How to strengthen PCD work will be discussed at the next Methodology meeting on the Content Guide.

Resourcing for case studies, issues briefs, policy studies and recommendations and progress reports on PCD impact (1)	Increased resources for PCD, emerging horizontal work, and Peer Reviews are being proposed in the PWB 2011-12. This could be carried out as appropriate in collaboration with the PCD Unit.
Resourcing for strengthened capacity for assessment of international system “fit” of DAC members (2)	Increased resources for aid architecture work is being proposed in PWB 2011-12.
Resourcing for development and monitoring of member “ <i>acquis</i> ” self-reporting (3)	This will be discussed at the Peer Review Methodology meeting on the Content Guide.
Resourcing for strengthened DAC support to evaluation (2) (3) and reclassification of this work as a “core” function of the DAC (3).	This issue can be addressed during the discussion on the PWB 2011-12 preliminary working proposal.
<b>Extend and deepen inclusion</b>	
Strengthened research co-operation through the Development Centre with partner countries (1)	Depending on the subject that requires research, subsidiary bodies will be encouraged to discuss collaboration with the Development Centre.
Greater focus on South-South co-operation initiatives (2)	This is being carried out in WP-EFF activities.
Global Forum on Development to evolve to deliver more explicitly and directly on the DAC programme. (3)	The Steering Group with possibly interested Delegates or the DAC could discuss this matter.
Resource allocation by the DAC to further inclusion in its work (3)	Adequate resources for the GFD are being proposed in the PWB 2011-12 that could enable this.
Clearer focus, in a re-named and publicised “engagement” (rather than “outreach”) strategy, on objectives on encouraging mutual learning and on enhancing mutual understanding and like-mindedness. (3)	This is being planned for PWB 2011-12.
Post-Accra, further engagement with CSOs, and consideration of how the private sector and foundations might be included in DAC work. (3)	This could be taken up in the GFD Steering Group discussion.
A focus on non-DAC donors as a priority for engagement, recognizing explicitly the joint donor/recipient status of one key group of such donors, but also including partner countries with whom both DAC and non-DAC donors work. (3)	Subsidiary bodies engage partner countries when appropriate.

Consideration of how accepted categories of involvement in OECD work should apply in the DAC's case, and agreement to explain any amendments made to work of subsidiary bodies, as the main fora for engaging with stakeholders, prior to endorsement by the DAC. (3)	For further TT3 discussion on specific proposal for the DAC.
Consideration of how timetabling of DAC business between technical and political aspects can offer scope to broaden engagement in consideration of issues in the DAC itself. (3)	For further TT3 discussion on specific proposal for the DAC.
<b>Focus on products that are more policy-relevant</b>	
Definition of DAC/subsidiary body operational roles on policy coherence issues (1)	This could be carried out in TT3 discussion as part of the issue of subsidiary body structure.
Consideration of "out-sourcing" of DAC-funded work routinely to other OECD Directorates where such work will support a revised DAC programme (3)	Once the activities and substance of PWB 2011-12 is agreed upon, specific arrangements could be discussed where appropriate.
Review of the structure and relationship to the DAC of the current DAC subsidiary bodies reform in light of PWB delivery requirements. (3)	After the PWB 2011-12 takes shape, TT3 could take up this matter.
<b>Expand advocacy work</b>	
Focus on promoting public awareness and understanding of PCD, including through existing mechanisms eg. regional networks (1)	This issue is addressed in the PWB 2011-12 preliminary working proposal.
Focus on Korea 2010 event as platform for DAC engagement on architecture issues (2)	Depending on the agenda of the event, contributions will be made as necessary.

## II. Next Steps

5. The DAC is asked to discuss whether the above adequately captures the Task Team conclusions in general and the status of individual proposed actions. The Secretariat will incorporate the views of the Committee in the next iteration of the PWB 2011-12 proposal. Furthermore, a more narrative summary of the Reflection Exercise follow-up will also be prepared for the DAC meeting of 16 March in preparation of the Senior Level Meeting of 14-15 April.