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Introduction

1. This document sets out the 2010 Work Plan for the Committee's engagement with other providers of co-operation, as endorsed by the Informal Group on DAC Engagement on 26 February 2010. It is structured around the objectives and outputs listed in the 2009-2010 DAC Programme of Work and Budget (PWB) and the DAC Outreach Strategy [DCD/DAC(2008)22/REV1]. It also integrates DAC Reflection Exercise Task Team Proposals [DCD/DAC/RD(2010)2/RD3].

2. The Work Plan covers six activity areas: policy dialogue; participation in official DAC meetings; statistical capacity building and aid management; analytical work and dissemination; consultations with civil society organisations and think tanks; and ongoing reflections on DAC engagement, accession and "inclusion". These activities will be implemented in consultation and collaboration with other OECD departments engaging with non-member economies, notably the Centre for Co-operation with Non-Members and the OECD Development Centre.

3. The Work Plan draws on lessons learned from DAC and OECD-wide efforts to engage with major emerging economies, particularly through the OECD's enhanced engagement programme with Brazil, China, India, Indonesia and South Africa. These lessons include:

- Dialogue shows better results when it is **tailored to specific countries or regions**, complementing dialogue at global level.
- Greater efforts need to be put into identifying specific issues of mutual interest.
- Countries are much more likely to attend meetings when they are genuinely considered **equal partners** and, accordingly, have been **engaged in setting the agenda** from the outset.
- The DAC needs to **communicate more effectively** about what it has to offer other providers of development co-operation.

A. Policy Dialogue

Activities completed

4. The three policy dialogue meetings called for in the 2009-2010 PWB have been held: the Joint Meeting with Arab Co-ordination Group Institutions (Kuwait City, 10 May 2009); the Policy Dialogue on Development Co-operation (Mexico City, 28-29 September 2009); and the Moscow International Conference on New Partnerships in Global Development Finance (17-18 February 2010).

Activities planned for 2010

Dialogue on aid management and statistics with non-DAC EU donors

5. This dialogue will address the specific needs of non-DAC EU donors. Themes will be chosen in close consultation with these countries and the European Commission. The Dialogue will build on the

Special Reviews of the Czech Republic (2007) and Poland (2010), as well as recent statistical capacity building seminars in the Czech and Slovak Republics.

Implementing the Action Plan for a Stronger Partnership with Arab Co-ordination Group Institutions

6. The Action Plan for a Stronger Partnership, agreed at the Joint Meeting with Arab Co-ordination Group Institutions in Kuwait City on 10 May 2009, foresees a technical meeting between both groups. This technical meeting will be hosted by the OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID) in Vienna on 29-30 April 2010. Participants will discuss: energy poverty, food security and agriculture; a country case study on Yemen; and possibilities for information exchange and learning, for example through the Arab Development Portal.

Deepening country-specific dialogue with Brazil, India, Russia and South Africa

7. Positive experiences with the China-DAC Study Group suggest that there is value in pursuing country-specific dialogue with major providers of development co-operation. Throughout 2010, consultations with Brazil, India, Russia and South Africa will be intensified in order to identify themes for country-specific dialogue. Efforts at engaging with these countries will be co-ordinated with those of other OECD bodies, particularly CCNM and DEV. Consultations will be held with Paris-based embassy officials and visiting delegations, including those attending the DAC High- and Senior Level Meetings. They will also build on the DAC Chair's visits to all four countries since 2008, during which he met with local officials and representatives of DAC member countries. Resulting dialogue events could help frame a series of country-specific partnerships during the 2011-2012 biennium.

Supporting issue-specific dialogue through DAC subsidiary bodies and other initiatives

8. The DAC will continue to support two ongoing initiatives designed to engage with other providers.

- Following its first conference on development partnerships (Beijing, October 2009), the China-DAC Study Group is planning three events in 2010. The next event, on agriculture, food security and rural development, will be held in Mali in April.
- The OECD Global Forum on Development held its first event on domestic resource mobilisation in Paris on 28 January 2010. South Africa and Egypt are members of the Forum's steering group.

9. In 2010, most subsidiary bodies will continue their efforts to engage with other providers.

- The Working Party on Aid Effectiveness will support the new Task Team on South-South Co-operation in the lead up to the 2011 High-Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness. It is also supporting the Bogota High-Level Event on South-South Co-operation and Capacity Development (24-26 March 2010). Following its hosting of the G20 in late 2010, Korea will host an international conference on the global development aid architecture.
- The International Network on Conflict and Fragility has launched the International Dialogue on Peacebuilding and Statebuilding, the first global meeting of which will be held in Dili, East Timor, on 9-10 April 2010. It will be preceded by a consultation with providers of South-South co-operation.
- Networks that are stepping up their efforts to engage with other providers include Environet, Gendernet, Evalnet and Govnet.

B. Participation in official DAC meetings

Activities completed

10. The DAC Outreach Strategy calls for OECD accession candidates to be invited to DAC High- and Senior Level Meetings, and for the OECD's enhanced engagement countries to be invited to the Senior Level Meeting only. All five accession candidates participated in the 2009 High Level Meeting. However, the 2009 Senior Level Meeting was postponed to 14-15 April 2010. The OECD's accession countries and enhanced engagement countries have been issued with invitations.

11. Since January 2010, two providers of development co-operation have changed the status of their participation in the Committee. Korea has become a DAC member and Chile, invited to become a member of the OECD, is invited to participate in Committee meetings on the same basis as non-DAC OECD Members [DCD/DAC/RD(2010)2/RD8].

12. The review of Korea's application for DAC Membership, not foreseen in the 2009-2010 PWB, was conducted in accordance with the 2004 Review of the 1995 Aide Memoire on the Admission of New DAC Members [DCD/DIR(2004)15]. At a Special Session of the DAC on 25 November, the Committee discussed the Secretariat's Report on Korea's readiness for accession [DCD/DAC(2009)46] and invited Korea to become a member. Korea's membership became effective on 1 January 2010.

Activities planned for 2010

13. Accession countries will be invited to the High-Level Meeting in December. As proposed by the DAC Reflection Exercise Task Teams, the DAC will also invite Enhanced Engagement countries to the HLM and give further consideration to the most appropriate modalities for the inclusion of other stakeholders in DAC work (see section on ongoing reflections below).

C. Statistical capacity building and aid management

Activities completed

14. Four of the eight statistical capacity building missions called for in the 2009-2010 PWB were completed in 2009: Mexico (January), European Commission, Brussels (for new members of the European Union donors, January), Slovak Republic (October) and Czech Republic (November). The Secretariat hosted a study visit by Mao Xiaojing (Chinese Academy for International Trade and Economic Co-operation) in February 2009.

15. The 2009-2010 PWB calls for two special reviews of non-DAC donor aid programmes during the biennium. The first request for such a review was received from Poland in October 2009. A request has also been received from the Slovak Republic. The outreach strategy further encourages observerships of DAC Peer Reviews by non-DAC donors. In 2009, Poland and the Slovak Republic participated as observers in the Peer Reviews of Switzerland and Austria respectively.

Activities planned for 2010

Statistical capacity building

16. Following a request from the United Arab Emirates, a team from the Statistics and Monitoring Division will visit Abu Dhabi and Dubai in March. Mexico has officially requested support in setting up its

registry on South-South co-operation. Brazil has indicated an interest in a seminar on development co-operation statistics. Russia has declared its intention to report statistics on several occasions. Closer co-operation on statistics could be pursued with China. Finally, the foreseen dialogue event with non-DAC EU donors will also address collaboration in statistics.

Special Reviews and Peer Review Observerships

17. The Special Review of Poland began with a mission to Warsaw on 25-27 January 2010 (the review team included representatives of Canada, Belgium and Turkey). The review report will be launched on 17 May 2010. The Special Review of the Slovak Republic is scheduled to begin in November. Slovenia will participate in the Peer Review of Portugal, South Africa has been invited to participate in the Peer Review of New Zealand and Brazil has informally signalled an interest in an observership.

D. Analytical work and dissemination

Activities completed

18. The “country-level study on combined DAC and non-DAC aid”, called for in the 2009-2010 PWB was completed in late 2009, focusing on two partner countries: Mozambique and Tanzania. The study will be available on the DAC Open Doors website in early 2010. The Secretariat published a Study on Triangular Co-operation and Aid Effectiveness, which served as a major input into the Policy Dialogue event in Mexico. Finally, eleven profiles of non-DAC donors and providers of South-South Co-operation were prepared: Brazil, China, the Czech Republic, Hungary, India, Mexico, Poland, Russia, the Slovak Republic, South Africa and Turkey.

Activities planned for 2010

19. In 2010, the Secretariat will prepare two new profiles (e.g. Chile; Arab donors) and update existing ones. A DAC Development Brief will outline what we know about other providers of co-operation and confirm the Committee’s desire to engage with them. The profiles and Development Brief will serve as inputs for the 2011 Development Co-operation Report. A second short brief will synthesise messages on aid effectiveness that have emerged from the country studies of Mozambique and Tanzania.

20. Throughout the year, emphasis will be placed on dissemination of analytical work. A new webpage (www.oecd.org/dac/opendoors) will serve as an entry point into the Committee’s work on engagement. Messages and recommendations from the country-level studies and the study on triangular co-operation will be presented in international dialogue processes such as the Task Team on South South Co-operation. A joint seminar with the OECD Development Centre will bring together experts on South-South Co-operation.

E. Consultations with civil society organisations and think tanks

Activities completed

21. The 2009-2010 PWB calls for two consultations with civil society organisations. Beyond engagement through the Working Party on Aid Effectiveness, in which civil society organisations now have a formal role, there has been little demand for consultations with civil society.

Activities planned for 2010

22. In 2010, the DAC Chair will host a consultation with civil society platforms. Issues will be identified upon consultation with platforms and could include: civil society priorities in aid effectiveness; DAC engagement with civil society; aid to/through NGOs; gender equality.

23. In order to complement analytical work on other providers of development co-operation, the Secretariat will collaborate with the OECD Development Centre to organise an informal consultation with think tanks working on emerging donors and providers of South-South Co-operation.

F. Ongoing reflections on DAC engagement, accession and “inclusion”

24. In 2010, the Informal Group on DAC Engagement will continue to reflect on how to extend and deepen the inclusion of other stakeholders in DAC work. Discussions will be held with a view to agreeing on a renewed engagement strategy during the 2011-2012 biennium. In light of the Task Team Proposals, the key questions to be addressed will include:

- How might the accepted categories of non-member participation in OECD work (“full participant”, “regular observer” and “ad hoc observer”) apply to the DAC [C(2004)132/FINAL]? What would be the characteristics of a “DAC Plus”?
- Noting that the criteria for DAC accession set out in the 2004 Aide Memoire remain largely unchanged, what is the DAC’s position on expanded membership?
- How might the OECD’s Enhanced Engagement countries be provided with formal opportunities to help shape the agenda and outcomes of these meetings?
- How might a renewed engagement strategy address the typology of non-DAC donors and take into account the fact that many of them remain aid recipients?
- What is the DAC’s approach to engagement with other stakeholders: partner countries, CSOs, foundations and the private sector?
- How might DAC subsidiary bodies be encouraged to strengthen their efforts to engage with other stakeholders?
- Alongside the Global Forum on Development, where is there scope for closer co-operation with the OECD Development Centre in strengthening engagement with non-member economies and other stakeholders? How could work on “BRICS” policy impact be structured?

ANNEX: OVERVIEW OF ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES IN 2010

Activity Area	Activity
A. Policy Dialogue	Moscow International Conference on New Partnerships in Global Development Finance (17-18 February 2010)
	Dialogue on Aid management and Statistics with non-DAC EU donors (date tbd.)
	Technical meeting with Arab Co-ordination Group Institutions (29-30 April 2010)
	Country-specific dialogue with Brazil, India, Russia and South Africa (ongoing)
	Support for DAC initiatives and subsidiary bodies, incl.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • China-DAC Study Group • OECD Global Forum on Development • Working Party on Aid Effectiveness / Task Team on South-South Co-operation • International Network on Conflict and Fragility / International Dialogue on Peacebuilding and Statebuilding
B. Participation in DAC meetings	OECD accession candidates and enhanced engagement countries invited to Senior Level Meeting (14 April 2010)
	OECD accession candidates invited to High-Level Meeting
C. Statistical capacity building and aid management	Statistical missions to the United Arab Emirates, Mexico, Brazil and Russia.
	Special reviews of Poland and the Slovak Republic
	Peer Review observerships: Slovenia (PR of Portugal); South Africa (PR of New Zealand – tbc.)
D. Analytical work	Two new non-DAC providers profiles (Chile and Arab donors)
	Development Brief on non-DAC providers
	Development Brief on non-DAC providers and aid effectiveness at country-level
	New website: www.oecd.org/dac/opendoors
E. Consultations with CSOs and think tanks	DAC Chair consultation with civil society platforms
	Seminar on South-South Co-operation with think tanks, in collaboration with DEV
F. Ongoing reflections on engagement	See questions on page 6.