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**INFORMAL DIALOGUE WITH WORLD BANK STAFF: THURSDAY 18  
JUNE AT 10:00**

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To the Heads of Delegations represented  
on the Development Assistance Committee

Madam, Sir,

**“Rethinking Aid”  
World Bank Policy Research Report on Aid Effectiveness****Informal Dialogue with World Bank Staff  
Thursday 18 June at 10:00**

An early draft of this forthcoming World Bank publication was the subject of a discussion at the World Bank's Paris office in January this year, in which a number of DAC Members and DCD staff participated. A revised draft is now being discussed in the Bank, including at Board level, prior to finalising the text for publication. Given the importance of the subject and the messages the report conveys, the Development Research Group of the Bank wishes to have feedback on this text from DAC Members.

I am pleased to inform you that the Chair of the DAC will host this informal dialogue on **Thursday 18 June at 10:00**, continuing the afternoon as necessary. The report will be presented by Mr Lyn Squire, Director of Development Economics at the World Bank, and by David Dollar and Lant Pritchett (the principal authors).

This is clearly an important opportunity to assist with the final calibration of what promises to be an influential publication with a number of strong conclusions and recommendations. I therefore encourage DAC Members to take full advantage of this opportunity. Attendance of senior policy staff from capitals would be particularly helpful. We have thus programmed the session to take place directly following the Work Programme meeting on 17 June, to attract and facilitate such attendance.

The current draft report is being circulated to DAC delegates in Paris.

I look forward to your participation in this dialogue.

Richard Carey