



# **ROOM DOCUMENT 16**

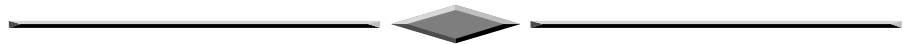
## **DAC Network on Development Evaluation**

### **DISCUSSION TOPICS**

#### **Assessing total ODA at country level**

##### **Item II**

This note has been prepared for discussion at the meeting of the DAC Network on Development Evaluation on 9 – 10 November, 2004.



**2<sup>nd</sup> meeting  
9 – 10 November 2004**

**DISCUSSION TOPICS FOR BREAK OUT SESSION ON ASSESSING TOTAL ODA AT COUNTRY LEVEL.**

1. What would be the value and utility of a study of total ODA at country level along the lines proposed in the paper “Assessing the contribution of ODA to national development results?” Who are the main stakeholders and audiences?
2. The paper proposes to use national development strategies as the back-drop against which to assess development outcomes. What are the advantages and drawbacks of this approach?
3. The paper outlines a basic analytical framework for the evaluation. It is suggested that the evaluation should address three types of questions:-
  - a. the contribution of total ODA to development outcomes?
  - b. possible “down-sides” of ODA, i.e. system-wide transaction costs?
  - c. factors that enhance or constrain ODA effectiveness i.e. terms of trade or FDI flows?

Are these three questions above adequate as basic questions for the framework?

4. Feasibility of the evaluation approach?
5. Next steps?