



## ROOM DOCUMENT 15

### **BRIEF UPDATE ON JOINT EVALUATION OF ANTI-CORRUPTION EFFORTS**

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## **Brief update on Joint Evaluation of Anti-Corruption Efforts 6 February 2008**

### **Background**

At the DAC Evaluation Network meeting in June 2007, the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad) submitted a draft outline for a joint evaluation on anti-corruption efforts. The Asian Development Bank (ADB), the Danish International Development Assistance (Danida), the Swedish Agency for Development Evaluation (SADEV), the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), and the UK Department for International Development (DFID) expressed their interest in participating. These agencies have established a management group for this joint endeavour.

### **Purpose of evaluation**

The evaluation is being planned for 2008-2009. The main purpose of this evaluation is to look at what works under what conditions. This implies a formative evaluation, emphasising lessons learned.

The evaluation shall apply a country focus, by looking at anti-corruption efforts in partner countries which are supported by one or several of the involved donor agencies. The evaluation is furthermore to cover the time period from 2002 to 2007.

The various methodological challenges of measuring anti-corruption efforts are acknowledged, and the need to keep the evaluation focussed is seen as crucial. The management group has therefore considered potential variables for delimitations of the evaluation to include explicit vs implicit anti-corruption interventions, preventive vs control anti-corruption interventions, anti-corruption interventions targeting the public sector vs the private sector and developing countries vs post-conflict countries.

### **Pre-study**

The management group has decided to commission a pre-study which will serve as an input when preparing for this forthcoming evaluation. Based on an analysis of background material, the main purpose of this pre-study is to suggest relevant evaluation questions related to anti-corruption and how to address the methodological challenges. The pre-study will therefore include the following three components: a literature review of recent research and evaluations, mapping of donors' anti-corruption efforts/interventions, and a suggested design for an evaluation framework.

This pre-study will be put on tender in mid-February 2008 and a draft report containing the three components above is expected in mid-August 2008.

### **Reference Group**

If any other DAC members would be interested in following this joint evaluation, they are welcome to join a reference group with which the Management Group will share information and experiences throughout the evaluation process.