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## **Discussion Forum of the JV Meeting Copenhagen, September 19-21, 2007**

The focus of the JV meeting in Copenhagen is to discuss and explore possible good practices emerging from the key issues raised in the pilot country progress reports as well as discussing suggestions for improving the assessment methodology. We would like to provide you with the best possibilities to share your experiences with other countries and learn from their experiences.

In this context we would like to invite you to participate in the JV's Discussion Forum. This is an area where JV meeting participants can informally discuss and share their experiences and lessons learned during the pilot exercises and other applications of the methodology.

For this event we are reserving a room in the conference facilities where the countries that wish to participate will be provided with a booth consisting of one screen wall and a table to display information/material which has been developed as part of the pilot exercise in your country. We encourage you to share publications, pamphlets, software if you have developed such for procurement analysts/specialists in your country, and/or any other material. If you wish to distribute any of the above please remember to bring copies or ask interested JV members for their contact information with which to send material afterwards. You may also consider basing the set up of your booth on a topic relating to the assessment process such as the validation process, how you involved the private sector and/or the civil society, the applicability of the indicators in your country, fighting corruption and fraud, etc.

The Discussion Forum will take place throughout the course of the JV meeting, complementing the agenda. It will be open in the morning before the official agenda begins, during coffee breaks and lunch and after the official agenda ends in the afternoon.

As part of the Discussion Forum, there will be a communications booth for the OECD-DAC and the World Bank to provide information and answer questions about the communications plan for the JV for Procurement. In addition, there will be a booth for the UNDP and one for the OECD concerning work on anti-bribery measures and integrity/transparency in public procurement. At the end of the agenda on Wednesday and Thursday, the summary reports prepared for each of the Round Table sessions will be posted on a special place for this in the Forum with the name of each rapporteur indicated.

The Forum will be set up Tuesday evening, September 18 at 17:00.

**The deadline for indicating your interest to Micheal Lawrance, OECD-DAC Secretariat (cc: Kirsten Jensen, UNDP-Copenhagen and Barbara Louise Bech, World Bank – Washington) in having a stand in the Discussion Forum is August 31.** When members have indicated they wish to participate, name and country tags/topic signs will be prepared for your arrival.