



The Principles for Good International Engagement in Sierra Leone

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10 Principles for Good International Engagement in Fragile States were adopted by the ministers of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in April 2007 to improve the impact of their engagement in fragile states. They recognized that situations of fragility require a different response from those needed in better performing countries.

Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, the European Commission, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States.

The Principles are meant to guide international engagement in fragile states as a whole, including security, diplomacy, development cooperation, statebuilding, peacebuilding and humanitarian action as well as economic affairs. They complement the Paris Declaration (2005), which states the need to adopt principles of aid effectiveness to the particular context of countries in situations of fragility.

6 countries in situations of fragility requested support, at the Third High Level Forum in September 2008, to hold multi-stakeholder meetings on the impact of international engagement in their country, using the 10 Principles as a lens. This will establish the baseline for the Principles Monitoring Survey. There will be a second round in 2011 to assess progress and the 6 countries will report back at the Fourth High Level Forum in Seoul, in 2011.

Afghanistan, the Central African Republic, Haiti, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Timor-Leste and Sierra Leone.

The multi-stakeholder consultation in Sierra Leone

100 participants, representing Government, Parliament, civil society, regional and international actors, are invited to discuss the extent to which each Principle is applied and with what impact, and to identify priority actions. The conclusions will feed directly into implementation of the Agenda for Change (PRSP 2008-2012) and the consultative process for the Aid Policy for Sierra Leone.

A **Sierra Leone Country Report** on implementation of the 10 Principles, based on the consultation, will be drafted by November 2009 and circulated to all stakeholders for comments. A revised version will be published in January 2010, along with five other Country Reports and a **Global Report** synthesizing all the findings. The reports aim to change donor behavior both at headquarters and in the field and, in a spirit of mutual accountability, identify priorities for national stakeholders as well.

The meeting is organized by the **Government of Sierra Leone** (National Coordinator: Mr. Kwasu Kebbay, Director, DACO), who ensures that all parties, national and international, have a voice in the dialogue. The Government of Sierra Leone has designated UNIPSIL and the UK as international focal points.

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