

**Nordic+ Joint Action Plan (JAP) on harmonization and alignment**

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Final

**Overall objective of the JAP is to ensure more effective implementation of development assistance at the recipient country level**

Subject	Objective	Current Status	Timeframe	Lead
1 Template for Joint Financing Arrangements	To enable effective and efficient joint financing arrangements at country level	1. Review of template of February 2004 2. Possible extension of template to EC and others	January - June 2006 End 2006	NL
2 Harmonisation of Overseas Audit Practices	To increase coordination of work of Nordic+ SAls	1. Letter by Nordic+ on HOAP review of Zambia/ letter 2. Follow HOAP joint review of DBS Tanzania 3. Harmonisation of expectations between DGs and SAls	April 2006 May 2006 Continuous	NL
3 Joint Assistance Strategies & Complementarity	To develop a joint Nordic+ approach on JAS and in country complementarity	1. JAS processes to be guided by agreed principles on complementarity 2. Status on JAS processes in UG, TZ, ZM and others (KEN)	Continuous October 2006	SW
4 Procurement	To implement joint procurement policy and DAC Good Practice Guide	1. Conducting in-country workshops 2. Harmonizing work with DAC JVs on procurement and PFM and PEFA	30 June 2006 End 2006	DK
5 Delegated cooperation	To develop practical joint guide and template for Delegated Cooperation	1. Lessons learnt on practical obstacles 2. Harmonised practical guide and template 3. Status report to be discussed by DGs	30 May 2006 30 May 2006 October 2006	NO
6 Corruption	To encourage joint Nordic+ action on handling corruption	1. Compilation of existing diagnostics and assess missing elements 2. Initiation of cooperation with focus on corruption aspects of fiduciary risk	October 2006 May 2006	NL
7 Nordic+ collaboration at international fora	To create leverage for common Nordic+ views/positions	1. OECD/DAC Working Party on Aid Effectiveness, incl. its subsidiary bodies on monitoring, procurement, PFM and managing for results 2. At EU-level	Continuous Continuous	All FL/DK
8 Budget support	Continue work on joint assessments	1. Share responses to the DAC evaluation 2. Status report to be discussed by DGs	May 2006 October 2006	DK
9 Global donor allocations	Bilateral/ multilateral coherence in the field	1. Report/ Note on Kenia	October 2006	?
10 Conditionality	To work towards common approach	1. Present preliminary views	October 2006	UK
11 NGOs	To discuss the use of NGOs as channels for development assistance	Nordic+ meeting	June 2006	UK

The JAP should be focussed and prioritised. The JAP is a dynamic rolling plan allowing items to be added and removed based on the following four explicit criteria:

1. Need for action at the country level.
2. Added value of specific Nordic+ action (because other international initiatives are not picking these up).
3. Innovative / catalytic role of Nordic+ Group: there is an acute problem to be solved.
4. A coordinated or harmonised Nordic+ action is possible and required (instead of just information sharing of individual visions and actions).

Activities not fulfilling these criteria can be continued, but won't be included in the JAP and won't be closely monitored. Where action will be sufficiently advanced and specific Nordic+ attention no longer needed, items of the JAP will be removed