



### Electronic Newsletter from the Secretariat of the Joint Venture on Managing for Development Results

The Secretariat of the Joint Venture on Managing for Development Results (JV MfDR) is pleased to provide information and updates on activities of the Joint Venture and related initiatives through an electronic newsletter. The newsletter will contribute to strengthening the work and knowledge exchange of the Joint Venture in between meetings. It also aims at sharing issues, views and results of its work with a broader audience. The newsletter will also be posted on the OECD MfDR Website: [www.oecd.org/dac/effectiveness/results](http://www.oecd.org/dac/effectiveness/results).

### Preparation of the Third High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness (HLF-3)

The webpage [www.oecd.org/dac/effectiveness/accrahl3](http://www.oecd.org/dac/effectiveness/accrahl3) provides information on the preparation of the Third High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness (HLF-3), which will be held in Accra, Ghana on 2-4 September 2008. The HLF-3 will be organized as a three-tier structure:

- The Marketplace, which will provide an opportunity for a wide range of actors to showcase good and innovative practices and lessons from promoting aid effectiveness;
- Roundtable meetings, which will provide an opportunity for in-depth discussion on selected key issues to facilitate and support decision taking and policy endorsement on aid effectiveness; and
- Ministerial-Level Meeting, which is expected to conclude the HLF-3 with an endorsement of a ministerial statement based on high-level discussions and negotiation around key issues.

### Roundtables at the HLF-3

At the meeting of the Working Party on Aid Effectiveness (WP-EFF) on 28/29 November and at the subsequent meeting of the HLF-3 Steering Committee there was consensus on establishing the 9 following roundtables at the HLF-3:

- Country ownership
- Alignment / use of country systems, untying, predictability
- Harmonization / rationalizing aid delivery – complementarity – division of labor
- Development results and impacts
- Mutual accountability
- Role of Civil Society Organizations in advancing aid effectiveness
- Fragility and conflict situations
- Sectoral application of the Paris Declaration: health, education, infrastructure...
- Implications of the new aid architecture on Aid Effectiveness / role of non-DAC providers of development assistance.

The titles of these roundtables are tentative. It was agreed that cross cutting issues, like human rights, social exclusion, gender or environment, will not constitute a specific roundtable. They should be treated as genuinely “cross cutting” and will have to be addressed by all the roundtables. In the same way, various issues that were identified as core for the HLF-3 by partner countries during the WP-EFF must also be addressed by all the roundtables for which they are relevant. These core issues are: conditionality, predictability of aid, untying, complementarity/division of labor, incentives, and capacity development.

Each roundtable will be managed by two co-chairs: one from a partner country and one from a donor organization. Final designation decisions will be endorsed by the next steering committee meeting (end of January 2008).



## 2008 Survey on Monitoring the Paris Declaration

The 2008 Survey on Monitoring the Paris Declaration was launched on the 2 January 2008. The website [www.oecd.org/dac/hlfsurvey](http://www.oecd.org/dac/hlfsurvey) is dedicated to providing all relevant tools and materials. Building on the experience of the first round of monitoring in 2006, the 2008 Survey has been strengthened in a number of ways. Among other things, the qualitative assessments for each of the indicators in the 2008 Survey have been deepened (see Country Report).

Members of the JV MfDR have contributed to the design of qualitative assessment for indicators 11 and 12. The respective questionnaire now reads as follows:

### INDICATOR 11: RESULTS-ORIENTED FRAMEWORKS

- Are there transparent and monitorable performance assessment frameworks in use in your country? In which areas? (country level, sector level etc.)
- Is there an operational strategy for improving statistical capacity and/or administrative reporting on results in your country? And how is it implemented
- How does information on performance feed back into decision-making at national or sectoral levels in your country? And by which mechanisms.

### INDICATOR 12: MUTUAL ASSESSMENT OF PROGRESS

- If a mutual assessment of progress **HAS** been conducted in your country, what are the key features of this mutual assessment? (Annual reporting, periodic independent evaluation etc.? At national, sector, budget support and/or others levels? Who is involved?
- If a mutual assessment of progress **HAS NOT** been conducted in your country, what actions would be needed to initiate such a mutual assessment?

## Second Workshop on Mutual Accountability, Vienna 24-25 January 2008



The Austrian Development Agency (ADA), in collaboration with the task leaders Germany and UK, has invited the JV MfDR task teams on mutual accountability to a second workshop on "Mutual Accountability for Development Results" on 24-25 January 2008 in Vienna. The first workshop took place in Bonn in August last year.

The workshop will focus on the discussion of the various work streams related to accountability that are currently carried out as elements of the JV MfDR work programme 2007-2008: Conceptual and Technical Guidance on MfDR, Accountability for Development

Results at Country Level and Accountability for Results at international Level. Participants are invited to discuss the draft reports, the interfaces and links between the work streams and possible key messages for the Accra High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness in September 2008.

## First Annual Meeting of the African CoP

The first annual meeting of the African Community of Practice on Managing for Development Results took place on 11-14 December 2007 in Jinja, Uganda. Across four days, more than forty people gathered from twelve African countries and four donor agencies with the support of two members of the Asian CoP on MfDR and expert consultants based in Asia and the United States. The African CoP members elected a core management team and finished the meeting with a strong commitment to a focused plan of action and a clear structure to implement this plan.



## Capacity Assessment Task Team Discussed Next Steps

Task leader World Bank had invited the task team on capacity assessment to a teleconference on 18 December 2007. Participants discussed core elements of the assessment methodology. The "Scan" provides a country-specific analytic framework and participatory process for leaders in management units within governments to assess the unit's stage of progress in developing a culture, behaviors and systems to manage for development results and it helps them to prioritise concrete steps for MfDR improvement. Participants also reviewed the timetable and work programme and established next steps for country piloting in Namibia, Malawi, Afghanistan and Moldova. First results will be presented at the JV MfDR meeting in March 2008.

## Results on the Agenda of the OECD Global Forum on Development and the DAC Senior Level Meeting



Results issues featured high on the agenda of the latest OECD Global Forum on Development and the DAC Senior Level Meeting which took place on 11 and 12 December 2007 in Paris. Many points that were raised during the discussions are closely linked to the work streams of the JV MfDR. Results based approaches were perceived as both technical and highly political. It was highlighted that more conceptual clarity is necessary when talking about results. There were repeated calls to build local performance assessment frameworks and statistical capacity in

recipient countries. Local capacity for monitoring and evaluation should be built and stand-alone monitoring and evaluation eliminated. Donor-partner accountability was seen as a key to successful results assessments.

## Third Edition of a Sourcebook on Emerging Good Practice in MfDR

The Third Edition of a Sourcebook on Emerging Good Practice in Managing for Development Results will explore the nexus between Leadership and Results Management. The World Bank and the JV Secretariat were looking for people, agencies, and institutions which inspire countries and organisations to measure success by the results achieved on the ground. Deadline for receiving nominations was 15 January 2008. The case studies will undergo rigorous review and selection by the Sourcebook Review Panel (membership comprised of internationally renowned Results experts from governments, multilateral organisations, civil society, and the private sector) on the first week of March, 2008.

## Next meeting of the JV MfDR

The next meeting of the JV MfDR is scheduled for 5 March 2008 at the OECD in Paris. The morning of 6 March 2008 will be tentatively reserved to provide for additional time in case this turns out to be necessary. The Secretary will hold out facilities for meetings of the task teams on 3-4 March 2008. Members of the JV MfDR are also asked to pencil in another JV meeting on 30 June 2008 in Paris, back-to-back to the WP-EFF meeting on 1-3 July 2008. It will be decided at the next JV meeting in March whether this additional meeting will be necessary.

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