

## **Terms of Reference**

### **Establishing Baseline and Targets for the Paris Indicators on Aid Effectiveness**

#### **Background**

The government of Kenya and most bilateral and multilateral development partners completed in 2006 the OECD/DAC baseline survey on monitoring the Paris declaration. However, when the development partners met to review the data they had submitted, they discovered that they had interpreted the questions in very different ways and that their answers were therefore not comparable. The OECD/DAC is now embarking on a second round survey to compare progress made since 2005. This provides the government and the development partners with the opportunity to generate much more accurate and comparable data that can be used for Kenya's baseline.

#### **Objective of the assignment**

To establish an accurate baseline for Kenya with respect to the Paris indicators on aid effectiveness.

To identify weaknesses in the government aid reporting systems and recommend measures for strengthening them.

To identify measures that will institutionalize collection of information on the Paris indicators and will allow the government and the development partners to complete future surveys on the Paris indicators more quickly, at lower cost, and more accurately than is currently the case.

#### **Specific tasks**

- Lead a workshop with the relevant staff of the External Relations Department (ERD) of the Ministry of Finance and the development partner agencies to explain the meaning of each indicator and how to collect the data associated with the indicators.
- Work with the government and each agency to ensure that the data collected are consistent with the criteria and are comparable. This will require answering queries and reviewing the data with the relevant staff.
- Work with the national coordinator and the donor focal point to compile the results in the form required.
- Lead a workshop with the government and the development partner agencies to review the results, and help in correcting any remaining errors.

- Work with ERD to identify weaknesses in the government's aid reporting systems and to identify measures required to strengthen them.
- Participate in meetings and respond to demands as they arise.
- To the extent feasible, develop a database with the ERD and participating donors that clearly identifies relevant sources of information that will facilitate future government and development partner input to the survey.

### **Timeframe and work effort**

The assignment will be from about January 15 to about March 30, 2008, depending on availability of the consultant.

The assignment will be for 30 days, and take place in Nairobi, Kenya.

### **Reporting arrangements**

The consultant will work under the direction of the director of ERD and the Harmonization, Alignment, and Coordination Group.

### **Consultant qualifications**

The international consultant will have a postgraduate degree in economics, public policy and administration, or a related field and at least 10 years working experience. The consultant must have extensive knowledge and experience with issues of public financial management and of donor harmonization. Knowledge of the public financial management systems in use in Kenya is an asset. He or she will have proven working experience in developing countries, preferably in Kenya. He or she will have excellent team building and leading skills, as well as excellent analytical, report writing, communication, and interpersonal skills.