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WEDNESDAY FEB 20, 2008 Exploring the field

- 8.30 - 9.00** **Registration**
- 9.00 - 10.00** **Opening session**
- Keynote Address: Governance Assessments, Domestic Accountability, the Paris Declaration and Beyond**
- Mr. Mark Lowcock**
Director General, *DFID*
- Stocktaking and Emerging Issues: Donor Approaches to Governance Assessments**
- Mr. Nils Boesen**
Team Leader *OECD/DAC Governance Assessment Project*
- Chair: Mr. Steve Groff, Deputy Director, OECD/DCD
Moderator for subsequent plenary sessions:
Ms. Hilary Bowker
- 10.00 – 11.15** **Use and impact of governance indicators at country-level**
- *How effective and relevant are governance assessments which make use of quantitative measures?*
 - *Do they impact countries' governance by setting benchmarks against which countries can take action?*
 - *Can they, combined with incentives, effectively promote positive change?*
- Mr. Thomas Kelly**,
Director, *Economic Policy, Millennium Challenge Corporation*
Mr. Bjoern Foerde, Director, *United Nations Development Programme- Oslo Governance Center (OGC)*
Ms. Verena Fritz, Consultant
- 11.15- 11.45** **Break**
- 11.45 – 13.00** **Going behind the façade**
- *How and for whom do analyses of power, politics and political economy make a practical difference?*
- Ms. Mette Gonggrijp**, Senior Policy Adviser, *Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, DGIS*
Mr. David Booth, Research Fellow, *Overseas Development Institute (ODI)*
Mr. Emmanuel Gyimah-Boadi, Executive Director, *Centre for Democratic Development, Ghana*
- 13.00 – 14.15** **Lunch**
- 14.15 -15.15** **Being assessed by others**
- *What is the impact of donors' assessments on partners?*
 - *Are some approaches more palatable?*
- Mr. Saul Kaye**, Secretary, *National APRM Commission, Uganda*
Mr. Siddiqur Osmani, Professor, *University of Ulster*

- *Where are the pitfalls?*

Mr. Michael Lawrence, Procurement Adviser, OECD/DAC Joint Venture on Procurement

15.15-17.00 Break-out groups¹: Case studies and thematic assessments

1. Joint assessments: emerging lessons- Pakistan and Guyana

Case presenters: Mr. David Johnson, Senior Governance Adviser, DFID Pakistan; & Ms. Mirjam Krijnen, Political Governance Advisor, Royal Netherlands Embassy in Pakistan;

Mr. Pablo Alonso, Senior Modernization of State Specialist, IADB

Moderator: Mr. Dennis de Jong, Adviser on Human Rights and Peace Building, MFA/Netherlands

Rapporteur: Mr. Nicolas Meisel, Economist, AFD

2. Multiple assessments in one country – Mozambique and Uganda

Case presenters: Mr. Marc de Tollenaere, Head of Governance, Swiss Development Cooperation, Mozambique and Mr. Saul Kaye, Secretary, National APRM Commission, Uganda

Moderator: Mr. Charles Oman, Senior Economist, OECD/DEV

Rapporteur: Mr. Christian Grünhagen, Project Officer, GTZ

3. Governance assessments and partner country participation and ownership - Madagascar and Cameroon

Case presenters: Mr. Franck Razafindrabe, Director, Monitoring and Evaluation of the Comité pour la sauvegarde de l'intégrité, Madagascar & Mark Nelson, Senior Operations Officer, World Bank Institute;

Ms. Clodagh O'Brien, Desk Officer, Cameroon, European Commission DG DEV

Moderator: Mr. Joachim Nahem, Governance Specialist, UNDP OGC

Rapporteur: Mr. Soren Davidsen, Governance Adviser, Danida

4. How helpful are assessments in conflict and crises? – Nepal and Kenya

Case presenters: Mr. Mark Segal, Conflict Advisor, DFID Nepal;

Mr. Karuti Kanyinga, Senior Research Fellow, University of Nairobi, Kenya

Moderator: Ms. Alexandra Trzeciak-Duval, Head of Division, OECD/DAC

Rapporteur: Ms. Melanie Boyd, Senior Policy Analyst, CIDA

5. Thematic and sector governance assessments – Nepal/Malawi and Mauritania

Case presenters: Ms. Carole Samdup, Co-ordinator, Rights and Democracy & Mr. Basanta Kumar Karki, Regional Manager, The Lutheran World Federation Nepal;

Ms. Camille Bryan, Governance Specialist, The World Bank Institute

Moderator: Mr. Emilio Álvarez Icaza, Chairman, Commission for Human Rights, Mexico

Rapporteur: Mr. Nicolas Fasel, Research Officer, OHCHR

Plenary stock-taking. Reporting back from breakout groups, followed by a moderated plenary discussion.

Concluding summary remarks by the Chair.

19.30

Dinner hosted by DFID at the hotel

¹ A coffee/tea break will be arranged by each group

THURSDAY FEB 21, 2008

Challenges, opportunities and an agenda for future work

9.00 – 10.45

Challenges and frontiers of opportunity:

How are harmonisation efforts affected by:

- *Different assumptions underpinning the different approaches to governance assessments?*
- *Different and often multiple purposes pursued by assessments.*
- *Donors' own mix of incentives*
- *How do these challenges affect how domestic partners get involved?*
- *Do attempts to seek more operational approaches at sector/thematic level combining quantitative and qualitative approaches offer some promise?*

Panel discussion followed by buzz-groups in plenary.

Mr. Sanjay Pradhan, Director, Public Sector Governance, The World Bank

Mr. Jacques Ould-Aoudia, Economist, French Ministry of Finance-DGTPE / Profils institutionnels

Professor Göran Hyden, University of Florida

Dr. Mark Orkin, Director-General of the South African Management Development Institute (SAMDI)

10.45 – 11.15

Break

11.15 – 12.30

Emerging principles and ways forward:

What can be done to:

- *Clarify purposes?*
- *Improve tools?*
- *Harmonise donor approaches?*
- *Move towards a focus on fostering and supporting domestic change?*

Mr. Graham Teskey, Head, Governance and Social Development Group, DFID

Ms. Pat Fn'Piere, Chief, Governance Division, USAID

Ms. Grace Ongile, CEO, NEPAD Secretariat (Kenya)

12.30 – 13.45

Lunch

13.45 – 15.30

Break-out groups: ways forward and concrete actions²

Participants will identify specific options for addressing the challenges of governance assessment in an aid effectiveness perspective. The following five groups are envisaged:

- 1. Clarifying purposes, approaches and tools:** What can be done to assist all partners making better informed choices of approaches, tools and processes which are well aligned to the specific purposes, the country context and the aid effectiveness agenda?

Discussant: **Ms. Christiane Arndt**, Maastricht School of Governance

Moderator: **Mr. Mark Robinson**, Head of Profession, DFID

Rapporteur: **Ms. Violaine de Villemeur**, Director, Dept of Democratic Governance, French Ministry of Foreign Affairs

- 2. Using governance assessments to stimulate governance change:** How can the frontiers in terms of methodologies and processes be developed and explored for making donor assessments effective for stimulating governance change? What can be done to reconcile political analysis, stakeholder/actor oriented approaches and benchmarking approaches at different levels, and involve partners in this process?

Discussant: **Mr. Kai Kaiser**, Senior Economist, World Bank

Moderator: **Mr. Anton Op de Beke**, Senior Economist, IMF

Rapporteur: **Ms Dominique Dellicour**, Head of Unit, EuropeAid

- 3. Involving and engaging domestic stakeholders:** what can be done to enhance the contribution of donor assessments to strengthening domestic accountability and domestic processes?

Discussant: **Mr. Francis Appiah**, APRM Executive Secretary, Ghana

Moderator: **Mr. Mark Nelson**, Sr. Operations Officer, the World Bank Institute

Rapporteur: **Ms. Linda Mugisha Tumusiime**, Director, Directorate of Ethics and Integrity (office of the President), Uganda

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4. **Strengthening donor incentives for harmonisation:** What can be done about the political economy factors in donor organisations which drive and constrain donor behaviour and harmonization in relation to governance assessments?

Discussant: Ms. Rosalind Eyben, Research Fellow, Institute of Development Studies

Moderator: Ms. Bathylle Missika, Project Manager (GOVNET), OECD/DAC Secretariat

Rapporteur: Mr. Carlos Santiso, Head of Division, Governance Division, AfDB

5. **The road to Accra and beyond:** What actions can be taken to foster stronger harmonisation at country level and addressing governance jointly as integral part of the aid effectiveness agenda in sectors and as cross-cutting or thematic issues?

Discussant: Mr. Ben Dickinson, Head of Unit, Governance, Peace and Security, OECD DAC Secretariat

Moderator: Mr. Jan Waltmans, Deputy Director, Aid Effectiveness Dept, Netherlands MFA

Rapporteur: Mr. Julius Court, Governance Adviser, DFID

15.30 - 16.00

Break

16.00 - 17.30

Ways forward: directions, actions and emerging principles.

Panel with theme table rapporteurs

17.30 - 18.00

Concluding remarks, closure

Chair

NOTE: On Friday 22nd February, a GOVNET Steering Group meeting will be organised from 9 am to 1:30pm in DFID (Room 3W13).