GLOBAL FORUM ON DEVELOPMENT:

- PRE-MEETING ON AID EFFECTIVENESS IN HEALTH (4 December)
- POLICY WORKSHOP ON GLOBAL PROGRAMMES AND THE PARIS AGENDA (5 December)

Draft Programme

4 - 5 December 2006
OECD - Chateau de la Muette, Room C

Delegations are requested to register their participants for these two meetings in EMS by 10 November 2006.

Please be aware that as space is limited, not everyone will have a seat at the table, although microphones will be available throughout the main room.

Please note that the invitation to these two meetings was issued as COM/DCD/DEV(2006)2 on September 11, 2006.

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PRE-MEETING ON AID EFFECTIVENESS IN HEALTH

Monday, 4 December 2006

Draft Agenda

Objective:

This half-day meeting is dedicated to aid effectiveness in the health sector. The first session will discuss the particular importance of harmonisation and alignment in this sector, while also recognising the specific challenges from an aid effectiveness perspective. It is further foreseen to make use of this session to report on operational solutions emerging from the High Level Forum on Health MDGs, including support for countries’ scaling up activities to reach the health MDGs. The second session will consider health aid effectiveness challenges at the country level, as perceived by High Level Representatives of Rwanda and Ethiopia. The third session will be a panel debate among key stakeholders – Global Health Partnerships (GHPs), representatives from donors and partner countries, as well as special invitees – followed by a plenary discussion on ways to translate aid effectiveness principles into concrete actions and better outcomes at the country level through mutual accountability and behavioural changes.

Format:

The workshop will be chaired by an expert with significant knowledge of the challenges related to development assistance in health. The Chair will offer the introduction to the workshop and also provide an overview of the main issues and expected outcomes from the session. The workshop will consist of three sessions and an open discussion. Each session will have discussants or panellists who will be asked for brief interventions while ensuring that sufficient time will be left for debate and an open discussion.

Background material:

Two documents will be distributed to participants:

- An overview of the current aid effectiveness situation in the health sector outlining challenges, and recent actions to address them. This document will set the context in which aid for health is being delivered and describe the challenges associated with the aid architecture in health. It will discuss the relevance and difficulties of the implementation of the Paris Agenda and spell out the ongoing efforts undertaken at country, regional and global levels to increase harmonization and alignment for better health outcomes.

- “Scaling up to Reach the MDGs in Rwanda”: This document, to be presented by a High Level representative of Rwanda, will discuss challenges resulting from the current distortions in aid expenditure patterns (in general and in the health sector in particular); issues related to long-term financing; and, the need for better harmonization and alignment of donors within country-defined and country-led health sector strategies, in the context of the macroeconomic framework.
Timetable: Monday, 4 December

2:30-3:00: Registration
3:00-3:05: Welcome note by the Chair
3:05-3:30: Synthesis of issues on aid effectiveness in health
3:30-4:10: Rwanda and Ethiopia country cases
4:10-4:30: Coffee break
4:30-5:20: Panel Discussion
5:20-6:10: Open Discussion
6:10-6:15: Concluding note by the Chair
6:15-7:30: Cocktail

Welcome and introduction (3:00-3:05pm)

Chair: Mr. Rob de Vos, Deputy Director General for Development Cooperation, the Netherlands

Session 1: Synthesis of issues on Aid Effectiveness in Health (3:05-3:30pm)

The World Bank and the World Health Organization, which co-led the High Level Forum on the Health MDGs, will report on obstacles and progress achieved through this informal forum. They will provide a quick overview of the issues generated by the increase in aid for health, discuss coordination and harmonisation issues in the sector and describe recent efforts to improve mutual accountability in the context of an ongoing program of action to scale up and reach the Health MDGs at country, regional and global levels.

Discussants:

Mr. Jacques Baudouy, Sector Director, Health, Nutrition and Population, World Bank
Mr. Andrew Cassels, Director of the Department for Health Policy, Development and Services, World Health Organisation (WHO).

Session 2: Challenges and progress from the countries’ perspective: Cases from Rwanda and Ethiopia (3:30-4:10pm)

High-Level Representatives of Rwanda and Ethiopia will report on how donor aid is structured and perceived from their perspective; on the progress that has been achieved on the implementation of the Paris Agenda; and, on the ongoing efforts and challenges to make sure donor aid is aligned with country-led strategies to achieve better health outcomes and to reduce poverty.

Discussants:

Mr. Tedros Ghebreyesus, Minister of Health of Ethiopia
Mr. James Musoni, Minister of Finance and Economic Planning of Rwanda (TBC)

Coffee Break (4:10-4:30pm)
Session 3: Panel Discussion (4:30-5:20pm)

A panel composed of representatives of the main stakeholders – GHPs, donors, and partner country representatives -- engaged in the health sector will react to the previous presentations. They will also address the question of how to translate aid effectiveness principles into concrete actions and better outcomes at the country level through mutual accountability and behavioural changes.

Panel members:
Mr. Julian Loeb-Levyt, Executive Secretary, Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization (GAVI) (TBC)
A representative from the US global coordinator for HIV-AIDS / President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) (TBC)
A representative from Australia (TBC)
Two representatives from developing countries (TBC)

Open discussion (5:20-6:10pm)

This session will allow for all participants to express their points of view, based on the previous discussions and on their own experiences of challenges and opportunities for moving the donor aid coordination and harmonisation agenda forward.

Concluding remarks (6:10-6:15pm)
Chair: Mr. Rob de Vos

6:15-7:30pm: Cocktail
POLICY WORKSHOP ON GLOBAL PROGRAMMES AND THE PARIS AGENDA

Tuesday, 5 December 2006

Draft Agenda

Objective:

The workshop will review experience, studies and evaluations of the role of and rationale for global programmes in the international development effort and how they can be better utilised and aligned at the country level (Session 1). Recent and current initiatives will be considered with the aim to improve the development effectiveness of global programmes (Session 2), and proposals for Good Practice Guidance aimed at all key decision makers involved with global programmes will be discussed (Session 3). The workshop is expected to give direction and support to the further development, implementation and endorsement process for the Good Practice Guidance (Session 4).

Format:

The workshop will consist of four sessions, all in plenary; each presided by a different chair. Sessions will open with a brief introduction by a key resource person, followed by 3-4 invited interventions. The remainder of the session will be dedicated to open discussion moderated by the chair, who will provide a sense of the discussion at the end of the session.

Background material:

An Issues Paper (4-6 pages) will raise the main issues arising from studies, evaluations and policy papers on global programmes. It will touch on recent and current developments in global programmes and introduce the Good Practice Guidance proposals. Several studies of global programmes and policy notes on global issues will be available for participants as background for the discussions.

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Welcome and Introduction (9:30 – 9:45)

Mr. Michael Roeskau, Director, OECD-Development Co-operation Directorate
Ms. Louka Katseli, Director, OECD-Development Centre

Session 1: Looking Back: The rationale for and role of global programmes and the challenge of their alignment at the country level – What have we learned? (9:45 – 11:00)

Chair: Mr. Michael Hofmann Ministry of Development Corporation, Germany
Introductory remarks: Ms. Margret Thalwitz, World Bank
Invited comments:
Mr. Sven Sandstrom, International Task Force on Global Public Goods
A representative from the Bill and Linda Gates Foundation (TBC)
Mr. Robert de Vos, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Netherlands
Mr. Muhammad Mazid, Ministry of Finance, Bangladesh

• The increased prominence of global approaches and global programmes, with much discussed implications for development finance and for in-country implementation, set the stage.
• Significant evaluations, studies and policy papers are now available that analyse opportunities offered by global programmes, and the challenges they pose for countries, for traditional development cooperation partners and for the programmes themselves.
• The International Task Force on Global Public Goods has taken a broad view of the delivery of global public goods, a key rationale for many global programmes.

Session 2: Current developments: How are partners adjusting the way global programmes work and how does that influence the interaction between vertical and horizontal approaches? (11:30 – 13:00)

Chair: Mr. Jean Michel Severino, Agence française de développement (AFD)
Introductory remarks: Mr. Tedros Ghebreyesus, Minister of Health, Ethiopia
Invited comments:
Ms. Christine Wallich, World Bank
Mr. Mark Lowcock, Department for International Development (DfID), United Kingdom
Mr. Kevin Cleaver, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
A representative from the Ministry of Environment, Brazil

• On December 4, global health partners will engage in a discussion on increasing aid effectiveness in health programmes. Global programmes are very important in the health sector and a summary report from that meeting will set the stage for the discussion.
• Beyond health, major programmes in the environment (GEF) and in education (EFA-FTI) are each in their way seeking to develop the way they execute their mission, for example in the way resources are allocated to countries and how resources are mobilised.
• At the country level, delivery methods are evolving, with increased use of SWAPs and budget support, and in-country macro and sector specific coordination arrangements, creating challenges and opportunities at the interface of horizontal and vertical approaches.
Session 3: Looking forward: Good Practice Guidance for better alignment of global programmes at the country level. (14:30 – 16:00)

Chair: Mr. Atle Leikvold, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway
Introductory remarks: Mr. Andrew Cassels, World Health Organisation
Invited comments:
Mr. Christopher McCormac, Asian Development Bank (AsDB)
A representative of the USA (TBC)
Mr. Mauricio Gómez Lacayo, Vice Minister of Economic Relations and Cooperation, Nicaragua
Mr. Andreas Proksch, Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ), Germany

• A Draft Good Practice Guidance proposal sets the stage, with recommendations aimed at sponsors of future programmes as well as major stakeholders in current ones
• The Paris Declaration, the Global Health Principles and Principles for Engagement in Fragile States are important references

Session 4: Moving forward: Further development, implementation, monitoring and endorsement of Good Practice Guidance – from here to the High Level Forum in Ghana (16:30 – 17:30)

Chair: Mr. Stephen Wallace, Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)
Introductory remarks: Mr. Richard Manning, Chair, OECD Development Assistance Committee
Invited comments:
Ms. Helen Allotey, Ministry of Finance, Ghana
Mr. Richard Feachem, The Global Fund to Fight Aids, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM)
Mr. Bernard Petit, European Commission
Mr. Ad Melkert, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

• The purpose of the guidance is to help change behaviour on the ground. For that to happen, a broad buy in to agreed good practice is needed, probably through an internationally acknowledged endorsement, such as the next HLF in Ghana in 2008. But prior to that further development, selective implementation and monitoring should be expected.
• What are the next steps that should be taken by various partners, including global programmes, multilateral and bilateral agencies, partner countries and other stakeholders?

Closing Session: (17:30 – 18:00)

Chair: Mr. Richard Manning
Keynote remarks: Mr. Donald Kaberuka, President, African Development Bank