Working Party on Aid Effectiveness and Donor Practices

SUMMARY OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE JOINT VENTURE ON MANAGING FOR
DEVELOPMENT RESULTS

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SUMMARY RECORDS OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE JOINT VENTURE ON MANAGING FOR DEVELOPMENT RESULTS

1. The Agenda was adopted.

2. The summary record of the first meeting was endorsed. Members noted at the end of the meeting that they wanted to add to the record that at their first meeting they had agreed with the Draft Terms of Reference of the Joint Venture (JV) as they were at the time.

Work Programme of the Joint Venture and 4 Divisions of Labour

3. The representative of the ADB, reported on progress in the MDB group on MfDR. The JV on MfDR is for them a reality, and a good basis to work together on a really joint up global action plan, with wherever possible a sound division of labour in the JV work programme. He further noted that options for regionalisation of the agenda should be considered by the JV.

4. Mr. Pelgröm, co-chair proposed to discuss the way the JV will involve partner countries at the next meeting of the Working Party. He also proposed to concentrate the discussion on the relation between action plan and work programme, on how to strengthen support from agencies for both, on how to deepen the agenda by choosing clear priorities, and on making progress on leadership for the various task before us.

5. The EU representative noted that the Roundtable had missed the opportunity for real dialogue with partner countries. As such, the JV should focus more on this and should strengthen the regional element in the work of the JV.

6. Several members proposed that the work programme of the JV should be more compact, but should include the regional workshops proposed in the action plan.

7. The co-chair agreed and proposed that the Secretariat would provide members with a new draft of the work programme along the following lines, including the indications on who will (co-)lead on the various tasks:

8. **TASK A**: Define (and endorse) Core Principles. (Links to Action Plan item 2). Next steps to hold regional workshops to get partner endorsement. Members agreed that these workshops need to be well prepared and provide a real opportunity for partner buy-in and sharing good practice. The MDBs were interested in "regionalizing" the managing for results agenda and will probably take the lead on this Task. The WB in consultation with other MDBs will develop a proposal for the regional workshops that can be review by the JV members. The DAC Chair will use DAC meetings to get DAC member endorsement.

9. **TASK B**: Elaborate Common Objectives. Folded into TASK G: Harmonise Results Reporting. Members also recognised that this had to emerge from country experience.

10. **TASK C**: Agency Performance. (Links to AP item 7) The MDBs recognised the need to sign on to this in principle, but wanted to consult headquarters on the criteria. Language for ToR to be based on proposed language in the action plan, as it may be amended. MDBs’ concern is not to undermine
replenishment efforts if performance assessments turn out to be negative. A small group will be formed to work up a proposal with criteria.

11. **TASK D:** Attribution/fungibility. This will be folded into **TASK F:** Guidance on MfR and deferred until the GBS Evaluation and other work underway is available to inform good practices regarding this issue.

12. **TASK E:** Results Based Allocation. (Links to AP item 4). Folded into Task F.

13. **TASK F:** Guidance on MfR. (Links to AP item 8). The main product will be a reference data bank, as well as a source book, on good practices. The WB with Germany's sectoral support will develop an action plan for this task, with all JV members expected to contribute their experiences, case studies and best (worse) practices.

14. **TASK G** Harmonising Results Management and Reporting. (Links to AP item 5). This will be closely coordinated with the work of the aid harmonisation and alignment sub group and linked to SPA and AfDB work underway in at least four countries (Mozambique, Tanzania, Uganda, Burkina Faso).

15. The Chair asked for further clarification of the relation between action plan and work programme. Several members noted that the work programme covered responsibilities of the JV over the medium term, while the action plan did only cover the JV’s programme for 2004, and further included statistical work as well as responsibilities of partner countries. Regarding the latter issue members felt that therefore the action plan could only be endorsed after consultation with and agreement of partner countries. Speaking as a representative of the World Bank, Ellen Goldstein suggested that this could be one of the results of the regional workshops to disseminate the core principles. She further suggested to start collecting good practice for the source book/data bank, starting from the country level in the 4 countries that would be asked to work with the JV on harmonised results reporting. The Chair of EVALUNET noted that his group was prepared to contribute to this effort based on their collective experience [and suggested that members indicate the areas of specific interest].

16. It was further agreed that the four partner countries where the JV would work on harmonised results reporting should be PRSP relevant, and would preferably be all African countries. A tentative list included Burkina Faso, Mozambique, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia. This task should be undertaken in close coordination with and based upon experience of SPA.

17. Members agreed that the regional workshops should be organised carefully, have a clear country (as against HQ) focus, and provide for real dialogue and should include SPA experience on PRSPs. The JV should look for synergy here with similar work ongoing in the Task Team on Harmonisation and Alignment, lead by the World Bank and bilaterals. The co-chair concluded that the secretariat and the chair would formulate proposal along these lines. The IADB noted that they had already planned for a regional workshop. They were prepared to co-ordinate with other members but had already set an agenda for the workshop.

**Adoption of the Draft Terms of Reference of the JV**

18. Members agreed that the revised ToR reflected the comments and suggestions made during the first meeting and should be now be submitted to the WP-EFF for approval.

**Schedule for future meetings**

19. It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on 19 May 2004.
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