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**Working Party on Aid Effectiveness**

**INTERIM WORK PROCESS OF THE WP-EFF JANUARY-JUNE 2012**

**Arrangements for consultation and decision making in shaping the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation and its associated monitoring framework**

**Revised version (including detailed work plan)**

*This document is a revised version of the paper shared in advance of the meeting of the Post-Busan Interim Group held in Paris on 13 and 14 February 2012.*

*In revising and detailing further the work process for the interim period, the Secretariat has drawn on elements of the discussion at the last meeting to propose a more detailed work plan, dates for future meetings of the Post-Busan Interim Group and their expected deliverables, and the timing of opportunities for consultation and inputs from the broad membership of the WP-EFF and other interested stakeholders.*

*Further comments and feedback on the proposed timing of PBIG meetings are welcome.*

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## Background and process to date

1. The *Busan Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation* (outcome document of HLF4) sets out elements of a roadmap through which efforts to implement principles and commitments will be supported. Specifically, the Busan Partnership document (BPD) commits governments and organisations endorsing it to:

- “Agree, by June 2012, on a selective and relevant set of indicators and targets through which [they] will monitor progress on a rolling basis, supporting international and regional accountability for the implementation of [their] commitments.” (§35b).
- “Establish a new, inclusive and representative Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation to support and ensure accountability for the implementation of commitments at the political level”, and “agree, by June 2012, on light working arrangements for this Global Partnership, including its membership and opportunities for regular ministerial-level engagement that complements, and is undertaken in conjunction with, other fora.” (§36a-b).
- To carry out these tasks, the BPD “call[s] on the Working Party on Aid Effectiveness (WP-EFF) to convene representatives of all countries and stakeholders endorsing this document with a view to reaching agreement on the working arrangements for the Global Partnership – and the indicators and channels through which global monitoring and accountability will be supported – in preparation for the phasing out of the WP-EFF and its associated structures in June 2012.” (§36c).
- Furthermore, the Busan Partnership document invites the OECD and the UNDP to support the effective functioning of the Global Partnership, building on their collaboration to date and their respective mandates and areas of comparative advantage. (§36d).

2. The mandate of the WP-EFF has been extended until June 2012 to enable it to carry out the tasks assigned to it over this interim period. WP-EFF members have also agreed that Talaat Abdel-Malek should continue to serve as Chair of the WP-EFF for this transition period, with representatives of the Republic of Korea and the World Bank continuing as Vice-Chairs. UNDP has also joined the WP-EFF Bureau as a full member for the interim period, reflecting the role that it will play in supporting the Global Partnership. The WP-EFF also agreed that Brian Atwood, DAC Chair, joins as a full member of the Bureau for the interim period.

3. The membership of the WP-EFF has, through a written process initiated by the Chair, agreed to form an interim group of negotiators, the Post-Busan Interim Group (PBIG), that will lead efforts to develop the post-Busan working arrangements and monitoring framework by June 2012. This approach aims to build on the momentum and trust forged through the consultative process prior to HLF4, enabling the timely initiation of substantive work. The vast majority of WP-EFF members have indicated their support for this approach. A limited number of concerns were raised relating to the composition of the group, and the Chair has addressed these in consultation with the members concerned, resulting in slight revisions to the composition of the PBIG initially proposed on 10 January 2012. A list of representatives serving on the PBIG is provided in Annex A.

4. The first meeting of the PBIG was held in Paris on 13-14 February 2012. This meeting allowed the group to agree on working approaches and next steps, and to begin identifying areas of common ground in its consultations on the nature and shape of the Global Partnership and future monitoring efforts (see draft summary – DCD/DAC/EFF/M(2012)1/PROV).

### **Role of the Post-Busan Interim Group**

5. The Post-Busan Interim Group (PBIG) will work under the chairmanship of the WP-EFF Chair and with the support of the WP-EFF Bureau and Secretariat to finalise proposals on the working arrangements of the Global Partnership and the framework through which progress in implementing the BPd will be monitored. A full meeting of the Working Party on Aid Effectiveness will be convened in June 2012 to agree on the final working arrangements and monitoring framework.

6. Members of the group have agreed to represent other governments or organisations in the discussions and it is expected that they will take appropriate measures to communicate and consult with these constituencies in advance of meetings in order to ensure the effective representation of positions of the stakeholders that intend to endorse the final monitoring framework and working arrangements.

7. The limited size of the group supports an efficient work process, while at the same time providing a basis for broad ownership and reconciliation of diverging views. By ensuring regular consultation and the articulation of common positions on behalf of relevant constituencies, the PBIG should aim to develop the final proposals in a way that mobilises support and secures political consensus to deliver final agreement within the WP-EFF in June 2012.

8. The group remains a temporary structure to enable efficient consultation and help build consensus. It does not set a precedent for the future structure or governance of the Global Partnership itself. While the PBIG plays a role in finalising proposals, the ultimate decisions on the future working arrangements and monitoring framework will be taken by the WP-EFF as a whole.

### **Consultation arrangements: ensuring a transparent and inclusive work process**

9. The PBIG will work in a transparent and consultative manner, maintaining dialogue with the WP-EFF membership at large throughout the process. To enable all interested stakeholders to follow the PBIG discussions, arrangements will be made to allow access to meetings via telephone or internet link. All substantive materials will be distributed to the full membership of the WP-EFF ahead of discussions to enable sufficient consultations within all constituencies. Summaries of PBIG discussions, including the positions and stated arguments of individual members, will be produced and shared with the WP-EFF in a timely manner after meetings.

10. All stakeholders will be able to provide inputs to the process. Broad consultations will be ensured by arranging on-line consultations on the Working Party web-based Community Space (<https://community.oecd.org/community/aideffectiveness>). The WP-EFF Chair will ensure that all stakeholders and bodies that can play an important role in implementing the commitments made in Busan are engaged in the process. Key actors such as private sector representatives, regional development banks and the UN Development Cooperation Forum will be considered as an important reference group with which ongoing dialogue will be maintained. Those members of the WP-EFF that have regional mandates or are federative in nature are particularly encouraged to stimulate discussions within their own constituencies and to provide joint inputs to the consultation process.

11. Consultation is key to the success of this process. Timing of meetings and distribution of documents will be managed carefully to allow members of the PBIG to consult with their respective constituencies and to allow time for reactions from the broad WP-EFF membership. All inputs received will be visible to the broad membership of the WP-EFF. The Community Space offers a cost-effective tool for discussions, information-sharing and consultation throughout the interim work process.

## **Timing of work**

12. A detailed plan of work for the PBIG is provided in Annex B. This plan builds on feedback received in the meeting of 13 and 14 February, and clarifies the sequencing of the work to be undertaken by the Secretariat<sup>1</sup>, the points at which inputs will be solicited from a range of stakeholders, and the decisions to be taken by the PBIG as it finalises proposals that benefit from the broad ownership of the WP-EFF.

### *Initial consultation / scoping phase*

13. In their first meeting, PBIG members agreed on the need for further consultation among their respective constituencies to identify priorities and preferences in respect of both the structure and functioning of the Global Partnership, and the coverage and approach to monitoring activities foreseen in the BPd. The Secretariat will assist members by helping to frame these initial consultations, and by analysing and synthesising the range of positions articulated by stakeholders during this phase.

14. Written inputs will be solicited from WP-EFF stakeholders using a short, semi-structured questionnaire that aims to map priorities for the scope of post-Busan monitoring. Several PBIG members have volunteered to provide initial ideas / options for the structure and governance of the Global Partnership, and in defining the role that regional organisations should play within it. The Secretariat will analyse these inputs and prepare detailed options papers for consideration by the WP-EFF on the basis of these.

15. By early April, it is expected that the PBIG will reach agreement on the functions and governance structure of the Global Partnership, as well as which BPd commitments should be monitored through global-level indicators, and the linkages between country- and global-level monitoring efforts.

### *Elaboration of detailed proposals*

16. On the basis of the elements agreed by the PBIG in April, the Secretariat will work to further specify the working arrangements for the Global Partnership, to include details of its membership, governance structure, the timing and scope of ministerial-level meetings, and a joint OECD-UNDP proposal in support of the secretariat and facilitation needs of the Global Partnership. It will also work with external experts – including relevant WP-EFF members – to develop detailed technical proposals for indicators through which progress in the implementation of the BPd will be monitored. Inputs will be solicited from all interested stakeholders through the WP-EFF Community Space, and the PBIG will be consulted periodically through electronic means as needed.

17. By mid-May, it is expected that the PBIG will reach agreement on a final, detailed “package” of proposals for consideration by full membership of the WP-EFF, including a detailed proposal on the nature, functioning and governance of the Global Partnership; global-level indicators and targets, and a work process for global monitoring.

### *Finalisation by the WP-EFF*

18. By the end of June, the WP-EFF convenes in full to review the proposals developed by the PBIG with a view to finalising and agreeing on them. Documentation will be released in early June so as to facilitate consultation and detailed review among the full membership of the WP-EFF.

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1. The OECD will work in close collaboration with UNDP to support the consultations and development of proposals during the transition to a Global Partnership supported by both organisations.

### **Annex A: Composition of the PBIG**

As a result of the Working Party consultations carried out in January 2012, the following individuals have confirmed their participation in the group, which is chaired by Mr. Talaat Abdel-Malek (WP-EFF Chair):

- Dr. Ibrahim Assane Mayaki, Chief Executive Officer, Planning and Coordination Agency, AFRICAN UNION/NEPAD
- Mr. Iqbal Mahmood, Senior Secretary, Economic Relations Division, Ministry of Finance, BANGLADESH.
- Mr. Antonio Tujan, International Director, IBON / BETTERAID.
- Mr. Ricardo Guerra de Araujo, Minister Counsellor, Embassy of Brazil in France, BRAZIL.\*\*
- Ms. Caroline Leclerc, Director General, Strategic Planning and Performance Reporting, CANADA.
- Ms. Ruhua Chen, First Secretary, Embassy of the People's Republic of China in France, CHINA.\*\*
- Mr. Brian Atwood, Chair, DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE.\*
- Mr. Vincent Grimaud, Head of Unit, Aid and Development Effectiveness and Financing, EUROPEAN COMMISSION.
- Mr. Harald Klein, Director General, BMZ, GERMANY.
- Ms. Lidia Fromm Cea, Director General for Co-operation, Ministry of Planning and Co-operation, HONDURAS.
- Mr. Rakesh Sharma, Second Secretary, Embassy of India in France, INDIA\*\*
- Mr. Martin Chungong, Director of Program Division, INTER-PARLIAMETARY UNION.
- Ms. Yukiko Okano, Counsellor, Permanent Delegation to the OECD, JAPAN.
- Ms. Enna Park, Director General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, KOREA.\*
- Mr. Modibo Makalou, Coordinator, Development and Cooperation Initiative, MALI.
- Mr. Gerardo Bracho, Deputy Director General of Mexican Agency for Development Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, MEXICO
- Mr. Ronald Nkusi, Director of External Finance, Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, RWANDA.
- Ms. Noumea Simi, Pacific Islands Representative, Assistant CEO, Ministry of Finance, SAMOA.
- Ms. Mmakgoshi Phetla-Lekhethe, Director-General, National Treasury, SOUTH AFRICA.
- Mr. Johan Borgstam, Director General for International Development cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, SWEDEN.
- Mr. Helder da Costa, National Coordinator, Ministry of Finance, TIMOR-LESTE/G7+.
- Mr. Richard Calvert, Director General, Finance and Corporate Performance, Department for International Development, UNITED KINGDOM.
- Ms. Sigrid Kaag, Assistant Secretary-General and Assistant Administrator, UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.\*
- Mr. Steven Pierce, US Delegate to the Development Assistance Committee, UNITED STATES.
- Ms. Barbara Lee, Manager, Aid Effectiveness Unit, WORLD BANK.\*

\* Member of the WP-EFF Bureau

\*\* Denotes delegations that take part in the work of the group as participant observers.

**Annex B: Detailed work plan for PBIG and WP-EFF consultation (January - June 2012)**

