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GLOBAL FORUM ON DEVELOPMENT:

**POLICY WORKSHOP ON THE CHALLENGES OF SCALING UP AT COUNTRY LEVEL -
PREDICTABLE AID LINKED TO RESULTS**

Programme

**11 December 2007
OECD - Chateau de la Muette, Room C
2, rue André-Pascal, 75116 Paris**

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.

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Policy Workshop on the Challenges of Scaling Up at Country Level Predictable Aid Linked to Results

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Paris, 11 December 2007
08:30 – 18:00

Programme

The OECD Global Forum on Development has a three-year theme on financing for development. The sub-theme for this second year is putting ownership into practice. This policy workshop, which is being held back-to-back with the Senior Level Meeting of the Development Assistance Committee, will examine three aspects of scaling up from a country perspective: dealing with a growing number of actors; improving the medium-term predictability of aid finance; and linking discussion of medium-term resource provision to national priorities and results. The workshop will close with a discussion of next steps to put the lessons into practice in changing donor behaviour in countries, in line with the Paris Declaration principles to improve aid effectiveness.

In order to maximise time for a free exchange of views, sessions are limited to two or three introductory speakers.

08:30 – 09:15 **Welcome coffee/tea**
Hall of Château

Information Session: Partnership for Democratic Governance (PDG)

08:30 – 09:15 Georges Marshall Room

Presentation by **Mr Stephen Groff**, Deputy Director, OECD Development Co-operation Directorate
about the *Partnership for Democratic Governance*

Introduction

9:30 – 10:00

Workshop Chair: **Mr Richard Manning**, Chair of the OECD Development Assistance Committee

Welcome remarks

Mr. Mario Amano, OECD Deputy Secretary-General

Objectives for the Policy Workshop

Mr Richard Carey, Director, OECD Development Co-operation Directorate

Mr Javier Santiso, Acting Director, OECD Development Centre

Background to Session I:

Mr Brian Hammond, Counsellor, OECD Development Co-operation Directorate on baseline data on donor concentration and fragmentation at country and sector level. [COM/DCD/DEV(2007)5]

Session I: Towards Better Division of Labour: Concentration and Fragmentation

10:00 – 11:15

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Two Breakout Sessions will examine the issue of too many donors in some countries and sectors and too few in others, as background to examining possible steps to achieving a better division of labour among donors. This is set to become an even more pressing issue as additional aid is delivered by an ever-increasing number of actors. Dealing with more actors may weaken ownership, if it burdens already limited institutional capacity, or strengthen it where there are too few, dominant external actors. The discussion will benefit from new statistical presentations showing the spread of donors working in major sectors in some countries and revealing the possible scope to reduce fragmentation.

Group A – Fragmentation in well-aided countries

Dr Debapriya Bhattacharya, Ambassador & Permanent Representative of *Bangladesh* to the WTO and UN Offices, on steps taken to work with donors to reduce the overheads of too much fragmentation.

Ms Ingrid Hoven, Director General, Ministry for Economic Co-operation and Development, *Germany*, on the EU code of conduct on Division of Labour in Development Policy.

Group B – Attracting a sufficient number of donors to fragile states

Group Chair: **Mr Jean-Marc Châtaigner**, *Ministère des Affaires Etrangères, France*
Co-Chair of the OECD-DAC Fragile States Group

Mr Mamadou Dankarami, Assistant au Commissaire Chargé du Développement, *Niger*, on steps taken to attract sufficient donor assistance.

Ms Paula Van Dyk, Portfolio Manager, National Treasury, *South Africa* on lessons from their development experience that they are applying in their own development co-operation policy in states in fragile situations.

 11:15 - 11:45 **Coffee/Tea**

Session II: Medium-Term Predictability of Aid Finance

11.45 – 13:00

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While the majority of resources for development come from domestic revenue, aid accounts for a high share of public finance in many countries. If more countries are to achieve the MDGs, supported by increased levels of aid, they need to have the information on expected aid flows in order to be able to plan their own budgets over the medium term. The discussion will benefit from updated analysis of DAC donor practices on forward planning of aid expenditures and policies on sharing information about future aid levels with their major partners.

Mr John Rwangombwa, Secretary General and Secretary to the Treasury, *Rwanda*, on addressing the difficulties of medium term expenditure planning in the light of incomplete and variable information on future levels of external assistance.

Mr Mark Plant, Assistant Director, *IMF*, on latest IMF guidance to help countries deal with the macro implications of scaling up through IMF programme design.

 13:00 - 14:30 **Buffet Lunch**
Hall of Château

Session III: Enhancing Aid Effectiveness through linking Resources to Results

14:30 – 16:00

Partner countries and donor agencies claim to be increasingly focused on results rather than inputs. But how is this rhetoric being played out in countries? With the promise of increased aid flows to countries that can make effective use of them, there is improved dialogue in formulating poverty reduction and national development strategies about the results countries are aiming for and the resources required to achieve them. Such dialogue reflects the commitments of the Paris Declaration to focus on ownership, managing for results and mutual accountability.

Mr Mugisha Kamugisha, Head of Policy Analysis Division, Ministry of Finance, *Tanzania* on linking resources to results in discussions with donors to scale up aid.

Mr. Ruud Treffers, Director General International Co-operation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, *Netherlands* on promoting action on in-country scaling-up.

16:00 - 16:30 **Coffee/Tea**

Session IV: Conclusions and Next Steps for Promoting Predictable Scaling Up at Country Level, Linked to Results

16:30 – 18:00

A panel discussion of how to accelerate the pace of scaling up of aid in countries, how to improve its predictability, how to use the results of the new survey on forward spending plans to achieve a better division of labour between donors, how to link existing and increased aid to results in line with the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness.

Dr Debapriya Bhattacharya, *Bangladesh*, on taking ownership of their development agenda with a focus on results achieved with the assistance of their development partners – messages for the High Level Forum in Accra.

Mr Bernard Petit, Deputy Director General, *European Commission*, on work with its members, which account for the majority of the announced increases in future aid, to monitor those commitments, improve predictability through MDG Contracts and other tools, and implement a greater division of labour.

Mr Andrey Bokarev, Deputy Director, Department for International Financial Affairs Ministry of Finance, *Russian Federation* on their policies on results and predictability as they scale up their development co-operation.

Mr Brett House, Policy Advisor, MDG Support Team, *UNDP*, on the MDG Africa Initiative to improve the predictability of aid as part of accelerating progress towards achievement of the MDGs.

Mr Carlos Braga, Senior Advisor, International Policy and Partnerships Group, *World Bank*, on the World Bank's experience on scaling up predictable aid at the country level.
