

## **TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR) FOR THE NATIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE (NTC)**

The Terms of Reference (TOR) for the NTC will be primarily to provide technical and professional guidance during the implementation of the Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (PRSP) and will inform the Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC) about progress and problems encountered. Specifically, the Committee will perform the following:

1. Conduct country readiness assessment for the implementation of the PRSP, which will include an assessment of organizational capacity, political commitment, level of accountability, evaluation of goals and objectives, reflect recommendations of the Joint Staff Assessment Note (JSAN) prepared by the World Bank and IMF on the PRSP, sensitization on the implementation of the PRSP, etc.
2. Identify and prioritise key activities within key MDAs and align those activities with the Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) and PRS.
3. Discuss and agree with the various sectors on the implementation plan, the expected outcomes/triggers and results based indicators for the PRSP and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).
4. Support the collection and compilation of baseline data on the various sectors, which could be used for assessing progress during the implementation of the PRSP.
5. Facilitate decentralization of the PRSP i.e fiscal, functional, staffing etc.
6. Validate and review PRS costing.
7. Review district reports and annual plans.
8. Promote civil society/NGO participation in the PRS Implementation.
9. Develop a communication strategy to facilitate greater dissemination of the activities of the PRS to the public.