

**Pillar Working Group-2**  
**Promoting Pro-Poor Sustainable Growth, Food Security and Job creation**

**Date: 17<sup>th</sup> November 2006**

**In attendance:**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>INSTITUTION</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>INSTITUTION</b>
Mr. Syl Fannah/ Chairman	NaCSA	Morag Baird	DFID
Rashid Sesay	DACO	Kiyomi H. Koroma	JICA
Beatrice Dove-Edwin	MTI	Andrew E. Tucker	NAO
Ishmail K Yillah	MTI	Mohamed Abu Sesay	NCP
Amasu Bah	MODEP	David K. Fonnio	SLRA
Anthony Koroma	MYS	Stephen B. Kargbo	UNDP-SL
Alepius C Lahai	FAO	Sophie Conteh	DACO
Foday S Kanu	FAO	Steven Bonzu	DACO
Michael A Conteh	MEP	Naomi Jefferies	DACO
Sigvard Bjorck	EC	Lamin Tarawally	DACO
	Matthias Reusing	EC	

**Agenda**

- Opening Remarks
- Reading & correction of minutes
- CG meeting update
- Presentation and discussion of PWG 2's CG presentation
- A.O.B

**Summary of Proceedings:** Mr. Syl Fannah chaired the meeting. There was extensive discussion on the presentation and then followed by recommendations for its improvement. New members of the group were welcomed and all members of the group were asked to state their name and institution.

**Opening statement:**

Mr. Rashid Sesay of DACO opened the meeting, noting that the aim of the meeting was to improve the draft presentation in line with the views of all members of the group so that it would fairly represent all members of the group at the CG meeting

**Reading and correction of Minutes**

- On page 1 and 3, 'Mrs Dove-Edwin' should be changed to 'Mr. J Koroma' as the named person to get back to DACO on the formation of the National Enterprise Association. However, Mr Koroma was not at this meeting, therefore this needs further discussion.

**Matters arising from the minutes**

- On page 3 it was noted that people are yet to get back to DACO regarding the necessary information.
- MYS informed the meeting that their committee met only yesterday so progress on their sector will be updated once they get a copy of the presentation

- NaCSA indicated that they have not started the 500km feeder roads yet but the funds are available from the IDB
- Regarding the productive areas where feeder roads are to be constructed, the MAFS representative was not present to indicate the productive areas for roads to be constructed or rehabilitated
- The minutes need to reflect the lack of progress made on feeder roads
- DACO had invited Transport and Communications to be part of the PWG 2 meetings but they had not turned up to the 10<sup>th</sup> PWG 2 meeting.
- It was suggested that EC and NAO should meet on Monday, along with other essential parties (such as Agriculture) to update all information. This is to be facilitated and organized by Mr Andrew Tucker of the NAO.

**ACTION POINT: Mr Andrew Tucker to facilitate this meeting on Monday and contact all essential parties regarding this meeting.**

### **CG Meeting update**

- Rashid Sesay of DACO circulated the provisional agenda, noting that it had been agreed between the government and donors. He confirmed that the date would be the 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> November 2006 but that the venue is to be finalised, otherwise it should be at the Bank of Sierra Leone complex.
- Mr Sesay mentioned those undertaking the presentations and the institutions that would be chairing each session. For the Pillar Working Groups the chair(s) of each group would do this and the relevant ministers would undertake sub-pillar in-depth presentations.
- Mr Sesay emphasised that this was not a pledging CG but that the CG meeting was taking place to review progress so far on the PRSP.
- FAO raised a concern on why the focus of PWG 2 is on Health rather than WATSAN as the focus of the HDR is on WATSAN.
- FAO suggested that it would be useful to have an extra presentation on Food Security to complement those on the DTIS, Transport and Power and also that pillar 3 needed a greater focus on water.
- DACO noted that water is already included in the work on health and is tightly tied to the health sector. The reason for the focus on the DTIS, Transport and Power was because more progress has been made with regard to food security and these other areas are those in which progress has been lacking recently. DACO also noted the importance of enhancing private sector development.
- MTI stated that the DTIS is highly focused on food security.
- DACO encouraged group members to attend the PWG 2 session as part of the CG meeting since this would also assist the chair if any technical questions arise.

## **Mock presentation of PWG 2 CG presentation**

- Mr Syl Fannah undertook a comprehensive and interesting presentation that lasted for about 25mins, although this excluded discussion on priority areas for 2007 (since these had not been given to the presenter before the presentation) and exact recommendations for combating the challenges for each sector.

### **Comments**

- The FAO thanked the chair for the presentation and agreed for the need to include food security priorities for 2007. The FAO stated that the main priorities according to the Minister for MAFS, is to increase mechanisation of food production and to increase the processing of food products. Challenges should include the low investment in the sector and the subsistence of primitive technology.
- MTI informed the meeting that from the DTIS workshop the Agriculture priority was focussed on getting grade 1 cocoa for export
- Another FAO representative stated that some of the donors who participated in the sub-committee were not mentioned on the slide. Also, extra challenges should include the poor accessibility of rural markets and the lack of structured market information in the system.
- MTI stated that priorities of MAFS in the DTIS were focused on improving the quality and quantity of cocoa production and that the Minister of MAFS had endorsed this when validating the DTIS.
- UNDP asked whether progress was being made against predefined targets, because if so then whether these targets had been met or not should be included in the presentation. UNDP also asked whether it would be possible to look at draft animal power as an intermediary to mechanisation, or whether the MAFS wanted to leap straight to full mechanisation?
- DACO noted that there was a need to match progress against the targets outlined in the Results Framework Matrix that had been agreed between government and donors and also to say whether progress was above, below or on target.
- The EC added that in the DTIS, cash crops are also shown as a priority by the MAFS and added a general comment that all donors to a scheme should be mentioned even if they had not played an active role in the sub-committees e.g. IFAD should be invited to sub-committee meetings in the future and should be noted on the sub-committee slide.
- DACO stated that the targets, baseline, results framework matrix were being included in the handouts to be given to attendees, so it would make the presentation too cumbersome to include this information there as well.

- DFID said that the presentation needed headline targets to report progress and gaps overall for the pillar. This would help show why donors needed to continue funding Sierra Leone.
- MTI assisted the chair in inserting some comments and making changes to the Private Sector Development section of the presentation. These changes were made during the meeting and added to the slides
- DACO suggested that similar to the other pillar presentations, it would be useful to have a slide detailing the exact recommendations and activities that each sub-committee would be undertaking to deal with the challenges mentioned in the presentation.
- MEP noted that recommendations had been made as part of the presentation under the progress for each sector and therefore there was no need for a separate slide detailing this information.
- The Chair requested that the presentation be e-mailed to all members of the group and comments and changes (in track) were to be sent to the Chair by close of play on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November.
- Priorities for 2007 for the infrastructure sector to be provided

**A.O.B.**

- DACO closed the meeting by promising that the finalised presentation would be sent to all group members.

**ACTION POINTS:**

- **DACO to e-mail the presentation to all group members**
- **All group members to send any necessary track changes to the Chair by cop Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Nov**
- **DACO to send finalised presentation to all group members**