

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

**Date: 14<sup>th</sup> March 2007**

**In attendance:**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>INSTITUTION</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>INSTITUTION</b>
Mr. Syl Fannah/ Chairman	NaCSA	Morag Baird	DFID
Mr. Kawusu Kebbay	DACO	Grainne O'Neill	Irish Aid
Ishmail K Yillah	MTI	Katsuya Kuge	JICA
Edison Barber	MTI	Andrew E. Tucker	NAO
Frederick Alipui	MTI	Graham Chipande	UNDP
Dr. M.B.D Seisay	MFMR	Stephen B. Kargbo	UNDP-SL
Mohamed Abu Sesay	NCP	Peter Donelan	UNDP
Mohamed Kutubu	MODEP	Claudi Ferrer	ECD
Anthony Koroma	MYS	Micheal Priddy	ECD
Yusuf Kamara	MYS	Dauda A Kamara	EU
Yusuf Bob Foday	MYS	Andreas Laggis	ECD
Daniel J Wiseman	SLRA	Sophie Conteh	DACO
Osama Toema	NCP	Sheka Bangura	DACO
Miranda Taylor	USAID	Lamin Tarawally	DACO
David Lahai	GTZ	Eugene Sawyerr	DACO

**Agenda**

- Opening remarks
- Reading and correction of minutes
- Matters arising from the minutes
- DEPAC
  - Agenda
  - Results Framework
  - Presentations
- Next steps
- AOB`

**Summary of Proceedings:** Mr. Syl Fannah chaired the meeting and the Director of DACO gave the welcome address. There was extensive discussion on DEPAC and the RFM followed by recommendations and suggestions on the way forward for the group.

**Opening statement:**

The chair Mr. Syl Fannah welcomed everyone present to the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of PWG 2 for 2007, and urged members to keep the meeting focused on issues in the agenda. As usual, self-introductions were made and new members from the UNDP, JICA and USAID were attending the meeting for the first time. These include:

Peter Donelan - UNV UNDP

Katsuya Kuge - JICA  
Miranda Taylor - USAID  
Osama Toema - NCP Adviser

### **Reading and correction of Minutes**

It was suggested that abbreviations be spelt out in subsequent minutes for new arrivals to meetings.

- Page 4, 3<sup>rd</sup> bullet was corrected to be read as the energy sector policy would be completed during the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter while the deadline for the draft water sector policy should be in May.

### **Matter arising from the minutes**

- The absence of a representative from MAFS to this and previous meetings was a concern to members. It was suggested that the Chair contact the Minister of Agriculture for the second time and put in an appeal for MAFS representation to the meetings. DACO should also write to the minister requesting MAFS presence in subsequent meetings.
- The MOTI indicated that the IMF is supporting them to have some technical training in data collection, analyses and processing. Within the period 20<sup>th</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> February 2006, they intimated that the ICT gave the assurance to provide the training, and at the moment, has subscribed to the ICT and Commonwealth websites. They also said that remaining exercise now is to do a project document which will complete the training at both national and international levels. However, they clarified that the first phase will be a training of trainers involving issues around data processing.
- Regarding the gap in coordinating NGO activities in the country, ECD responded that efforts are going and the World Bank is also key especially in the area agriculture.
- With reference to the previous meeting, the Director of SLRA and the NAO were to be contacted to revive the infrastructure sub group but it was mentioned that they still have not been meeting.
- It was mentioned by the NCP advisor that Energy/power subcommittee do meet regularly over the past few weeks on energy generation issues. When the policy matter was raised as outlined in the JSAN, he responded that the NCP is supporting the initiatives of MEP and are currently working with them with regards to the draft policy for which an outline has been developed.

### **Development Partnership Committee (DEPAC) (Mr. Kebbay led the discussion)**

- The provisional agenda of the DEPAC was shared to all participant
- Mr. Kebbay told the meeting that DEPAC will be on the 29<sup>th</sup> March 2007 and that four key presentations will be made.

- After the opening, there will be an update on the PRSP and that will include update from the Results Framework Matrix. Figures will be given for resource inflows for 2006 and then steps to be taken in terms of developing the next PRSP will also be highlighted.
- Mr. Kebbay informed the meeting that DACO will make the 1<sup>st</sup> presentation which is an update on the PRS implementation which is basically updates from the PWGs. He reminded members of the RFM that was circulated and that DACO still awaits update on these indicators. He emphasised that these updates will form the basis of the first presentation.
- He also said that the MOTC and the MEP would do the other two presentations, and these sectors will look at priorities and strategies for the way forward of their sectors. He mentioned that both presentations are currently being done and drafts have been produced. He said that by the end of the week these presentations will be circulated to all DEPAC members.
- He also added that an Aid Policy will not be presented at DEPAC but a roadmap that will guide the process in developing an aid policy for Sierra Leone together with the table of contents that will highlight the items in the aid policy will be presented instead.
- He then asked that members go through the RFM indicators by sector or later send their updates to DACO on an agreed timeframe.
- MFMR and SLRA agreed to send updates tomorrow 14<sup>th</sup> March 2007. MYS told the meeting that updates have already been prepared and will be available by COB 14<sup>th</sup> March 2007.

**Energy Sector Presentation outline for DEPAC (Discussion was led by Mr. Osama Toema of NCP)**

A draft outline of the presentation was circulated. He told the meeting that the presentation will be in four sections and will basically show the road map of the Energy Sector.

- The general structure will give background information of the sector, priorities as well as current problems of generation and transmission. It will also focus on the immediate actions that will be taken to remedy some of the problems as well as the necessary interventions.
- It will highlight the direction of the energy sector in the short, medium and long term, rather than using the traditional method of crisis management. He further went on to say that timelines may however change for certain interventions.
- The presentation will also picture a summary of potential areas for donor support.

**COMMENTS**

- With regards to the immediate actions, Mr. Kebbay commented that at the Steering Committee level it has been agreed that Service or Works Contract be used instead of Enhanced Management contract and there is no way the contract by

the Moroccans affects that of the World Bank and the timing is such that activities don't overlap.

- The UNDP representative intimated that the completion of Bumbuna is highlighted in the report but distribution network was not captured.
- The MFMR representative also mentioned that environmental issues such as evacuation and resettlement were not shown in the presentation
- The NCP adviser responded that the presentation will be comprehensive as possible and these concerns are subsumed under headings in the document. He further stated that the summary will be eight pages long but will be translated into slides to ease presentation.
- On the immediate corrective actions to support the commercial viability of NPA, the NCP presenter stated that a full review and tariff study has been undertaken and the outcome is that revenues will be collected but the current structure cannot support that at the moment.
- The JICA representative informed the meeting that their commitment of a 10MW generator still awaits the Japanese Government approval and intervention will also include installation of distribution lines effective 2009.
- DACO was asked to circulate the Transport Sector presentation when it is done.
- The NCP presenter also informed the meeting that BADEA will install a 15MW generator.

#### **Next Steps**

- The Director of DACO Mr. Kebbay urged members of the PWG to send in their updates for compilation for DEPAC because if not sent on time there will not be any fruitful discussion as participants would not have been privy to it before DEPAC and therefore key decisions on pertinent issues would not be taken.
- A special reference was made to Agriculture and the Chair asked DACO to contact the ministry to send in their updates on indicators outlined in the PRS Results Framework Matrix.

#### **AOB**

#### **Status of the MDG Needs Assessment (discussion led by Mr. Graham Chipande of the UNDP)**

- Mr. Chipande told the meeting that the process of MDG Needs Assessment started in 2006. Training was conducted for Government officials in line ministries on how to use the host nation tools that have now been identified.
- The key sectors for which activities will be focused on up to 2015 have been identified
- He said the MDG Taskforce have gone further to identify activities that needed attention which are then costed. He went on to say the costing exercise is ongoing

and once this is done it will be collated and a 10years Action Plan will be developed that will form the basis of the medium term plan and the next PRSP.

- He intimated that there is a link between what is done now to the activities of the PWG. He therefore urged members to start identifying whether the right priorities are been identified in those sectors.
- NCP solicited a slot within the DEPAC agenda for a five minutes presentation to talk about their role especially with reference to sector level support in the Water, Transport and Energy sectors as there has been a shift in its traditional role.
- However DACO responded that this will be discussed during the pre DEPAC meeting since it is the only forum where proposals can be reviewed but he emphasized the need for this to be done in line with their additional role in providing technical assistance to the sector.
- The Chair informed the meeting that together with the other PWG chairs had a dialogue with the Aid Policy Consultant and reflected their views on behalf of the groups on how they thought the policy should look like with focus on major concerns and bottlenecks.
- The chair then thanked everyone for coming and reminded sectors to send in their updates for DEPAC which is due on the 29<sup>th</sup> March 2007.