

**Pillar Working Group 1:
Promoting Good Governance, Peace and Security Meeting**

Date: 6th June 2006

In Attendance

NAME	INSTITUTION	NAME	INSTITUTION
Mr. A.S. Sheku/chairman	Presidential Affairs	Mr. Winston Cole	PFMRU/MOF
Mr. Emmanuel Gaima	DECSEC	Mr. Mohamed K. Koroma	SSL
Mr. Kawusu Kebbay	DACO	Mr. Richard Hogg	DfID
Mr. Rashid Sesay	DACO	Caroline Mukahy	UNIOSIL
Mr. Mohamed S. Jalloh	Presidential Affairs	Sophie Conteh	DACO
Mr. E.B. Osho Coker	GRS	Sheka Bangura	DACO
Dr. Hindowa Momoh	NEC	Eugene Sawyer	DACO
Mr. Ahmed A. Sannoh	ONS	Steven Bonzu	DACO

Agenda

- Prayers
- Opening Remarks
- Review of Minutes
- Sector Updates
- Next Steps
- AOB

Summary of Proceedings: In his opening, the Chairman, Mr. A. S Sheku thanked and welcomed everyone present to the second meeting of the Pillar 1 Working Group: Promoting Good Governance, Peace & Security.

The provisional Agenda was amended as follows

- It was asked that the introduction of new members be added to the Agenda but it was suggested by the chairman that it would instead be an addendum to the opening.
- It was also agreed that the 4th item on the Agenda should be updates from the various sectors within the Pillar.

Opening Discussions

- Mr. Kawusu Kebbay of DACO informed the meeting that the new members present in the meeting were those identified as Chairpersons of Existing Committees identified in the previous PWG 1 meeting.
- The list of various chair persons/representatives and committees was reviewed and adopted.

Review of Minutes

- Correction on bullet 1 of TOR was made to read, "Data from Sectoral Ministries should be submitted to the PWG through DACO"
- The Steering Committee on Governance should read, Steering Committee on Good Governance

Matters Arising from the Minutes

- It was clarified by Mr. Emmanuel Gaima of DECSEC that the Sub committee on decentralization has not been formed but the issue will be taken up at the next IMC meeting, which will be on the 13th June 2006.
- The need for the PWG to feed into the NTC was strongly emphasized but how it was to be effectively done was an issue to be deliberated upon. It was agreed that updates on where -we -are in terms of achieving the benchmarks were to be discussed at sectoral/ committee meetings, which then feeds to the PWG meeting and in turn feeds to the NTC. It was resolved that the PWG meets fortnightly and updates from committees should be an agenda item.
- Mr Osho Coker of the Governance Reform Secretariat informed the meeting that the Civil Service Reform Task Force does not exist.

Review of the TOR

- The new members of the PWG which apparently are the chairs/representatives of existing committees asked to be given time to look at the draft TOR and make input if necessary. Their comments/suggestions will be sent to DACO.

Updates from Sectors

NEC (discussion was Led by Dr. Hindowa Momoh)

- NEC to revisit the indicators in the Results Framework Matrix (RFM) and then prepare updates for DACO
- The Executive Secretary of NEC, Dr. Hindowa Momoh intimated that NEC has held meetings with the education sector to introduce Electoral Management Course in the school curriculum; this will increase local capacity to deal with election issues on a sustainable basis.

- Dr. Hindowa Momoh said that NEC is making sure that electoral processes are regularised and cease to be a one off activity.
- Dr. Hindowa Momoh informed the meeting that the GOSL has met all its obligations for the elections and encouraged donors to do the same
- Dr. Hogg of DfiD proposed that NEC should have a clear Timetable for both Parliamentary and Presidential election as it will enhance proper planning

Good Governance (Discussion was led by Mr. Osho Williams of the Governance Reform Secretariat)

- Mr. Osho Coker highlighted that the RFM only emphasized the 90-day review as the key outcome for governance reform. He further stated that 6 reports based on these have been submitted to Cabinet and has been approved. However implementation is slow.
- Strengthening inter-linkages among the various structures associated with the ongoing Public Service Reform Programme was emphasized to ensure proper coordination and reporting on civil service reform related PRS benchmarks.

Security

Mr Ahmed Sannoh of ONS gave the following updates

- Security Sector already has its implementation plan and they continue to fine-tune this. This was questioned with regards to its alignment with the PRSP.
- SSG regularly looks at and reviews the priorities to ensure NSCCG is clearly informed
- DfiD is trying to help open a central funding system for the SSR - IP.
- Security Sector looking forward to its own share from the main PRSP support
- Suggests key areas be done centrally; because if meetings are held centrally everybody becomes aware of what is happening at any given time
- The key issues/tangible efforts not provided for in the budget are what the SSR-IP should take care of.

Public Financial Management (discussion was led by Mr. Winston Cole of PFMRU)

- Mr. Cole reported that the PAF report is still pending but in the interim has held a PEFA workshop on the annual review of PFM reform.
- Since the Ministry of Presidential Affairs is directly involved with the activities of converting ESO into HRMO etc. MOPA should be part of the MDAs in the RFM.

Next Steps

- Sectoral updates of indicators, challenges and the way forward to be presented at next meeting.
- Sub Committees to invite DACO to their meetings so that issues that needed clarification can be addressed.
- Indicators of the Justice Sector should be incorporated in the RFM
- Sector Representatives should make suggestions for the review of the RFM and should give suggestions for new indicators where there is the need
- DACO to send out letters to the different Working Groups so they know the specific tasks they are to perform as agreed in the PWG1. RFM update to be requested in the letter.
- The RFM is subject to amendment following recommendations from the PWG to DEPAC.

AOB

- Next meeting will be on the 20th June 2006 at DACO