

## NOTE TO THE FILE

### Pillar Working Group 2: Promoting Pro-Poor Sustainable Growth and Job Creation

Date: 28<sup>th</sup> June 2006

#### In Attendance

NAME	INSTITUTION	NAME	INSTITUTION
Joseph W.A Jackson	MoTI	I. S. Kamra	UNDP
Dr. Foday Bangura	NaCSA	Morag Baird	DfID
Rashid Sesay	DACO	R. Erlebach	DfID
Beatrice Dove- Edwin	MoTI	Andreas Laggis	ECD
Chris Parsons	MoTI		
Mohammed Lebbie	MODEP		
Hawa A. Musa	MODEP	Ferenc Nagy	EU
Bernarrd Y. Kamara	MAFS	Dauda Kamara	EU
Mohamed B.D. Seisay	MFMR	Micheal Priddy	EU
Anthony A Koroma	MYS	Grainne O'Neill	Irish Aid
Joyce Johnson	MYS	Joseph Koroma	UNIDO
Sheka Bangura	DACO	Salua Nour	GTZ
Aloysius C. Lahai	FAO	Julie Greene	GTZ
Sophie Conteh	DACO	Steven Bonzu	DACO
Graham Chipande	UNDP	Eugene Sawyer	DACO

#### Agenda

- Prayers
- Opening Remarks
- Review of Minutes
- Review and adoption of draft reporting format
- Consideration of PWG Concept note
- Sector Updates
- AOB

**Summary of Proceedings:** In his opening, the Chairman thanked and welcomed everyone present to the second meeting of the Pillar 2 Working Group: Promoting Pro-Poor Sustainable growth for Food Security and Job Creation. He intimated that

the group follows the Agenda but if there is any addition, it would be warmly welcomed.

- Sector Update was included as an agenda item

### **Reading & Correction of Minutes**

- In relation to the sector updates on trade the Phrase "Private Sector policy" should be changed to "private sector development programme"
- The sentence "Food Security working group held a meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> June 2006, but was postponed to the 13<sup>th</sup> due to poor attendance" should be rephrased to "Food security committee convened a meeting but was postponed due to poor attendance'.

### **Matters Arising From the Minutes**

- The meeting was informed by Mr. Rashid Sesay that the TOR of the chair as suggested in the last minutes has been done and sent to the various email addresses of members.
- Mr. Anthony Koroma of MYS informed the meeting that the Youth Development Working Group has met twice with donors and both meetings were chaired by the Vice President.
- Dr. Lahai of FAO also informed the meeting that the Food Security working group held a meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> June 2006, and Mr. Aidara Sheriff gave out instructions as to the responsibility and expected outcome desired of subsequent meetings and that update on the Food Security sector will be given by Mr. B. Y. Bangura of MAFS
- It was realised that representative of the Infrastructure Working Group was not present in the meeting

### **Draft Reporting Format**

- Mr Rashid Sesay of DACO presented the Draft Reporting Format Prepared by DACO and informed the meeting that is subject to amendment form the group.
- It was suggested that baselines to be indicated on the format for ease of following up on progress.
- It was suggested that the format be presented in a matrix and was agreed by the group
- It was also suggested that the format be adopted as a working instrument and will be amended on a need basis but however put to test for now to see what comes out of it.
- It was requested that DACO send out the Matrix after the meeting for the attention of all as suggested in the PWG 1 meeting earlier held.

- Mr. Rashid Sesay of DACO informed the meeting that each PWG is expected to present a report, so sectors are to look at the RFM and provide update that will be collated and presented at DEPAC
- Mr Chipande of UNDP reminded members that reports should be thematic rather than sectoral as was discussed in the CG. He also intimated that some indicators are dynamic, so members should take note of that.
- But it was agreed that once these updates are given by sectors they will be presented in themes as agreed.
- Tentative date of DEPAC is said to be on the 27<sup>th</sup> July 2006
- Mr. I.S. Kamara of the UNDP suggested that the Draft Reporting Format should make provision for the alignment of Progress with the MDGs and also include baseline figures/dates so that progress can be easily tracked.
- It was also suggested by Mr Kamara of the UNDP that the format should include resources used to implement activities in order to identify gaps to implementation. This raised many schools of thought.
- It was suggested by Mrs Dove-Edwin of MOTI that this not be made mandatory as not all sectors have access to such information especially theirs.
- There were many schools of thought surrounding the Activity Matrix whether it was a long-term dream or it is been implemented at the moment as reiterated by Rick Erlebach of DFiD. It was then asked to be clarified whether the Activity matrix is to be looked into at this meeting. However it was suggested that it be circulated to members of the group for future discussions.
- DACO to prepare a timetable for reporting of subcommittee (sector updates).

#### **Consideration of PWG Concept note**

Sector working groups were required to prepare a concept note that will be collated and presented in DEPAC. With regards to this

- All sector working groups should send their updates using the format presented by Mr. Sesay to DACO on the 7<sup>th</sup> July 2006
- DACO to liaise with the Infrastructure working group to inform them about the deadline for updates

#### **Sector Updates**

- MAFS circulated a report of its activities but was in a narrative form. It was suggested that the draft reporting format be used in line with the RFM so that it could be presented in the next meeting
- The meeting was reminded by Mr. Koroma of UNIDO that it was earlier said that reports are to be circulated for comments to the PWG 1 members before been presented as an update to the group.

- MYS apologized for not been able to prepare updates for this meeting as he was out of the country but however could give an update of the subcommittee meetings held earlier.
- It was suggested that 4 groups are to present in the next meeting. **DACO to inform sectors/subcommittees**
- It was suggested by Dr. Bangura of NaCSA that members should assess themselves in terms of representation and punctuality in meetings, because if a sector is represented by a different person at each meeting, then the effectiveness of participation will be questioned. The meeting was admonished to look at this critically.

**AOB**

- Next PWG meeting with be on the 12<sup>th</sup> July 2006 at 2:00 pm at DACO