

NOTE TO THE FILE

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

Date: 12th July 2006

In Attendance

NAME	INSTITUTION	NAME	INSTITUTION
Mr. A.S. Sheku/ chairman	Presidential Affairs	Mr. Ahmed Sannoh	ONS
		Mr. Eric M'briwa	ONS
Mr. Emmanuel Gaima/Alternate Charman	DECSEC	Mark White	DFiD
Justice Adeliza Showers	Judiciary	Grainne O'niel	Irish Aid
Mr. Rashid Sesay	DACO	Andeas Laggis	EC
Mr. E.B. Osho Coker	GRS	Jeannettee Eno	ENCISS
Mr. Winston Cole	PFMRU/MOF	Kwame Anno Kumi	UNIOSIL
Mr. J. P. Sandy	UNDP	Eugene Sawyerr	DACO
Sophie Conteh	DACO	Steven Bonzu	DACO
Sheka Bangura	DACO	Lamin Tarawally	DACO

Agenda

- Prayers
- Opening Remarks
- Review of Minutes
- Sector Updates
- AOB
- **Summary of Proceedings:** In his opening, the Chairman, Mr. A. S. Sheku thanked and welcomed everyone present to the fourth meeting of the Pillar 1 Working Group. He suggested c - Mr. Kwame Anno-Kumi from UNIOSIL, Mr. J.P Sandy from the UNDP and Mr. Eric M'briwa from the ONS.

Reading and Correction of minutes

- On page 3 under sector updates bullet one under PFM updates, it should read " Mr Cole presented the draft GOSL National Action Plan"
- On page 3 under sector updates bullet six under Justice Sector updates, MOFA should be MOPPA

Matters arising from the minutes

- It was asked whether the Justice Sector could be broadened to accommodate new members as suggested in the last PWG 1 meeting. Justice Adeliza Showers replied that the committee was formed out of an existing broad committee so will have to go back to this committee to get an approval.

- Mr Rashid Sesay of DACO told the meeting that he invited Mr. Obai from the Office of the President but did not show up. He promised to contact him again
- He also informed the meeting of those sectors that have sent their updates before the 7th July as agreed in the last meeting; this include the Steering Committee on Good Governance. However updates from PFM Oversight committee, CS Monitoring Group on PRS and Decentralization later sent theirs.
- For the sake of clarity on which committee to relate to with regards to the responsibilities of the Joint Task Force on Capacity Building and the Steering Committee on Good Governance to the PWG, Mr Osho Coker informed the meeting that the Steering Committee on Good Governance will provide the information needed at the PWG.
- The meeting agreed that the Joint Task Force on Capacity Building be subsumed under the Steering Committee on Good Governance.
- In the previous meeting Mr. A. S. Sheku recommended that MOPPA consider the responsibility of coordinating all institutions engaged in the Public Service Reform programme, with regard to this, he informed the meeting that a decision could not be reached because the Minister was away but however has prepared a concept note for him to look at on his return so that appropriate decisions could be made
- Justice Showers informed the meeting that the Justice Sector Technical Working Group (JSTWG) is still working on the statistics of the draft Justice RFM to get the baseline figures and targets, which she hinted would be available within a fortnight. She then circulated the TOR for the JSTWG.
- Mark White of DfID confirmed that the SOS Hilary Ben will be here on the 17th & 18th July.
- Mr. Rashid Sesay informed the meeting that he spoke to Rtd. Brig. Kellie Conteh of the ONS about the non attendance of meetings by ONS raised by PWG and it was resolved that Mr. Eric T M'briwa will now attend the PWG henceforth.
- Mr. Gaima raised a concern with regards to how PWG 1 will get feed back from PWG 2 & 3. Mr Sesay replied that there is a provision under DEPAC in which issues are taken to NTC, discussed and fed back to the PWGs.

Sector Updates

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

- The Progress update as of June 2006 was circulated to members while he highlighted their activities and achievements over the reporting period
- With regards to the Government Budgeting & Accountability Act 2005, a workshop was held to update the existing regulation to bring it in line with the new Act. He indicated that draft has been circulated to financial management practitioners locally before it will be circulated to our Development Partners before it could be finalised
- He informed the meeting that government will prepare strategic plans which may be replicated at the local government level
- He informed the meeting that governments' account has been drafted for 2002 and 2003 and it is expected that 2004 will be available by November.

- Mr Sandy informed the meeting that UNDP is supporting NEC to prepare a draft operational plan for elections in line with the MTEF and Mr. Cole to contact the Budget bureau to see how best they can link the two.
- He also informed the meeting that a training manual on Procurement from modules 1 to 12 has been developed.
- It was agreed that progress should be made more explicit for e.g. if people are trained the number trained against those untrained should be indicated
- With regards to training, the meeting was informed that sectors should make provision for training in their budget since lack of financial management capability is the major challenge facing PFM reform
- It was agreed that colours be used to define those targets that have been achieved.
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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 the study revealed statutory overlaps, and that there are too many laws that needed to be consolidated
- With regards to records management he emphasised the need to have a separate law as it has not been given its due prominence
- The question of who will be responsible 4 reforms being coordinated and not just seen as another exercise. The meeting was however informed that initially the National coordination on governance earlier oversee the process but its role have been eroded over the years and government has not yet taken a decision on what coordination structure to use or set up.
- With regards to the update presented it was intimated that it basically outlined what the PIU is doing. It was emphasised that GRS need to give an update in line with the progress of the PRS
- Its was mentioned that progress will not supposedly be seen as MOPPA has long overdue reforms to look at that should have been implemented and it was requested that the VP to look at the outcomes of these meetings so that strategic decisions could be made
- It was agreed that the chair Mr. Sheku to report on these issues during the next meeting
- Questions regarding the consideration of councils in the training components were asked, and how critical are some of these trainings, and what indicators to look at in order to progressively move the SES
- The meeting was informed that there is a draft private sector reform programme, which looks at key government functions.
- It was asked that the minutes of this meeting be shared with key stakeholders to they know of progress that has been made
- The PWG 1 group was commended for the quality of work being done.

Civil Society Monitoring Group on PRS and Decentralization (discussion led by Jeannette Eno of ENCISS)

- After the presentation, it was suggested that ENCISS work at engaging the professional CSOs within this committee e.g. the Bar Association
- It was resolved that indicators to be revised. It was agreed that both perception and participation indicators be used
- The need for more reliable and credible baselines was emphasised
- It was agreed that CSOs be sectorally mapped in terms of specialty and effectiveness

Next steps

- ONS and Justice Sector to send in their reports on Monday 17th July 2006.
- The Steering Committee on Good Governance to revisit report and send revised update to DACO latest 17th July
- DECSEC to fill in gaps in the report presented by PFM and send it to DACO latest 17th July 2006.
- A group comprising the Chair, Alternate Chairs and Sector heads to meet on Monday 17th July 2006 at 10:00am at DACO to discuss progress and make recommendations to the NTC meeting that will be held on Friday 21st July 2006.