

## NOTE TO THE FILE

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

Date: 25<sup>th</sup> July 2006

#### In Attendance

NAME	INSTITUTION	NAME	INSTITUTION
Mr. Syl Fannah/ Chair	NaCSA	Dr. A Lahai	FAO
Joseph W.A Jackson	MoTI	Terry Lawrence	DfID
Anthony A Koroma	MYS	Morag Baird	DfID
Chris Parsons	MoTI	Ferenc Nagy	EC
Michael Conteh	MEP	Georges Dehoux	EC
Mohamed Abu Sesay	NCP	Lea Vuori	EC
Sheka Bangura	DACO	Andreas Laggis	ECD
Sophie Conteh	DACO	Dr. Koroma	UNIDO
Eugene Sawyer	DACO	Salua Nour	GTZ
Lamin Tarawally	DACO	Andrew Lavalie	ENCISS

#### Absent

NAME	Institution
Aidara Sheriff	MAFS
Edward Benya	USAID
Dorance Cooper	USAID
Mr. Seisay	MFMR
Beatrice Dove- Edwin	MTI
Graham Chipande	UNDP
Mohamed K. Lebbie	MoDEP
Akia Odake	JICA

#### Agenda

- Prayers
- Opening Remarks
- Review of Minutes
- Sector Updates
- NTC/DEPAC
- AOB

**Summary of Proceedings:** In his opening, the Chairman thanked and welcomed everyone present to the fifth meeting of the Pillar 2 Working Group. The chair emphasized the timely production of sector reports that will feed into DEPAC

- During the introductions new members were introduced - Mr. Terry Lawrence from DfID, and Mr. N. Sankar from the UNDP.

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

- No corrections were made to the minutes

#### **Matters arising from minutes**

- The subcommittee on Youth Employment met and revised update as proposed. Food Security did not meet and Infrastructure called a meeting but members did not attend so Michael Conteh had to meet them individually for update.
- The Chair, Alternate Chair and heads of subcommittees met on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> instead of Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm to collate report. There was 50% turnout. MAFS and MYS were absent.

## **Sector Updates**

#### **Private Sector Development** (Chris Parsons of MOTI led the discussion)

- Regarding outcome 4 indicator, (Implementing the regional standards and quality programme), Chris to liaise with Dr. Koroma of UNIDO for more information on this indicator.
- More work on this indicator was suggested to properly reflect progress.

#### **Youth Employment** (Anthony Koroma of MYS led the discussions)

- 3 more indicators were added
- Micro and Macro farms to be defined and was agreed that the focus should be on the number (or projected number) of jobs being provided in such farms and if possible to be disaggregated by gender.
- "Youth Employment" as well as "marginalized Youth" to be defined.
- The need for statistics was emphasised and it was suggested that- baseline studies be included as an indicator in the report.
- The meeting was informed that GTZ in collaboration with GoSL is conducting a National Employment Survey with the view to identify the nationwide employment potentials for youths.

#### **Agriculture & Food Security**

- This sector was not represented in the meeting but update submitted was discussed by the PWG 2 members present.

- Indicators need to be revised and baseline figures validated
- Processing indicators to be included
- MFMR & MAFS to work as a team and consolidate report for early submission

**Infrastructure** (Michael Conteh of MEP led the discussion)

- Group cooperation to produce PRS update was reported limited therefore reports could not be generated in time.
- Michael Conteh to Liaise with Anthony Koroma to get realistic figures on the road sector.
- It was agreed that technical people should be involved in the task Force to get reliable data and projections on the infrastructure indicators.

**Action Points**

- The Chair of PWG 2 in collaboration with DACO to send letters to Ministers of MAFS and MEP concerning their responsibilities to the PWG
- DACO to set a firm deadline for NTC and DEPAC
- Deadline for updates is Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2006.

**AOB**

- Meeting on DFID/EC joint programming at Mamba Point on the 26<sup>th</sup> July 2006
- Next meeting will be on the 15<sup>th</sup> August 2006 at 2:00pm.