

**Note to the File**  
**Pillar Working Group 1**  
**Promoting Good Governance, Peace and Security**

**Date: 26<sup>th</sup> September 2006**

**In attendance:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Institution</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Institution</b>
A.S. Sheku	MPPA/Chairman	Mohamed T. Kutubu	MODEP
Mr. E Gaima	DECSEC/Co Chair	I.S Dabor	N.E.C
Rashid Sesay	DACO	Christophe Rampe	ONS
Obai Taylor-Kamara	Office of the President	Rtd. Brg. Kellie H. Conteh	ONS
Anthony Acheampong	NAO	Ahmed Sannoh	ONS
Mrs. Neneh Dabo	ACC	Charlotte Duncan	DfID
Justice Adeliza Showers	Judiciary	Markus Handke	EC
Winston Cole	PFMRU, Finance	Mathias Reusing	EC
Brinsley Johnson	PFMRU, Finance	Kwame Anno-Kumi	UNIOSIL
Ms. Jeannette Eno	ENCISS	Jonathan Sandy	UNDP
Mr. Osho Coker	GRS	Sophie Conteh	DACO
Mrs. A. Cummings	Establishment	Steven Bonzu	DACO

**Agenda**

- Prayers
- Opening Remarks
- Reading & correction of minutes
- Presentations:
  - ✓ Justice Sector Technical Working Group
  - ✓ PFM Oversight Committee
  - ✓ Committee on Decentralization
  - ✓ National Security Council Coordinating Group
- A.O.B

**Summary of opening:** In his opening, the chairman, Mr. A. S. Sheku thanked and welcomed every one to the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the PWG 1. He implored members who will be making contributions to be as brief as possible as four sectors will be making presentations.

**Reading and correction of minutes**

Few corrections were made to the minutes before adoption

## **Matters arising from minutes**

- Meeting that was scheduled with the Establishment Secretary was to discuss the way forward for some of the constraints limiting the implementation of the Governance related outcomes that were raised in the previous PWG 1 meeting. A subsequent meeting was later scheduled with the Minister of Presidential Affairs for the 26<sup>th</sup> September 2006 at 3:30pm to further discuss these issues raised in the Governance Sector Report.

## **Sector Presentations:**

### **Justice sector (Matrix was presented by Justice Adeliza Showers)**

- The meeting was informed that a Legal drafts man has be been employed to carry out some of the activities that have been lacking in the Justice sector
- The Justice Sector will be Part of the MTEF process by 2007 as communicated by MoF.
- Members of the Justice Sector Technical Working Group are presently in Uganda on a study tour

### **Some recommendations by the Justice Sector includes:**

- Develop an overview of best practice procedures in Local courts
- Establish accountability mechanisms involving civil society to monitor performance of justice sector institutions
- Provide training at all levels within SLP in community policing practices

### **Comments/suggestions:**

- The sector to look at ways of monitoring case management.
- It was suggested that this sector should look at some of the laws for review, as support is ongoing on law reform initiatives.
- The link between the Justice Sector and the Security Sector needs to be recognised and efforts should be made to align and harmonise their activities. However the meeting was informed that the NSCCG has a committee that looks at areas where there are overlaps. It was proposed that the Justice and Security Sectors to hold a workshop to properly address this issue.
- Concern was raised on how the handbook on best practices will benefit the people at the provincial level considering the high illiteracy rate in the country. Justice sector to find ways of communicating this in the simplest terms as possible
- In terms of the capacity of the local courts to properly discharge their duties, concern was raised on how they are being monitored. It was

pointed out that unless these courts are under the judiciary it would be difficult to monitor their activities.

- Proper coordination of methodologies used in surveys was underscored because it reflects the credibility of the country's system
- Justice sector to incorporate some of the research already done especially under Voices of the Poor
- The inadequacy of staff in the Judiciary was raised and efforts should be made to address this issue.

#### **Public Financial Management (Matrix was presented by Mr. Winston Cole of PFMRU)**

- The Progress update as of September 2006 was circulated to members while he highlighted targets not yet achieved over the reporting period. These include:
  - Publication of quarterly allocations, revenue & expenditure of MDAs
  - Timely preparation & submission of Public Accounts
  - Internal control established in Local Councils
  - Quarterly publication of all awards in accordance with NPPA 2005

#### **Some recommendations by the PFMRU includes:**

- DACO/DecSec/LGFD/BB should conduct more training for budgeting agencies to link their activities with the PRSP activities. This will ensure that all budgets are directly linked to the PRSP.
- Align MDA activities with PRSP activities
- The Governance Reform Secretariat could be the conduit to implement the Public Sector Reform Strategy (PSR).
- Other structures such as Decentralisation Secretariat, Public Financial Management Reform Unit, ESO should be given clearly communicated mandate and integrated into the PSR institutional arrangements.

#### **Comments/suggestions:**

- Based on the deliberations, the meeting was informed that, Records Management has been piloted in four MDAs (MEST, MAFS, ESO and MoH). However, concern was raised on how the Records management programme will tie up with the civil service reform.
- The meeting was informed that the delay in gazetting of quarterly reports was mainly due to the Government Printing Department. It was agreed that the ESO and Government Printer should look into this issue and work out modalities on the way forward.

- The meeting was also informed about the Public Sector Reform Strategy - the roadmap for Civil Service Reform should be completed in October 2006.
- The transformation of the ESO to HRMO was raised by the meeting
- Concern was raised also on the delay in cleaning the Payroll system. A survey was carried out last year by the Office of the President but the outcome of the exercise is still pending.

**Action Point**

- DACO to inform VP about the deliberation and comments of the PWG 1 meetings.

**Committee on Decentralization** (Presentation was led by Mr. Gaima of DECSEC)

- This presentation was postponed to next meeting, as the technical team did not meet to validate the draft report before presentation at PWG 1.

**Security Sector** (Presentation was led by Rtd. Brigadier Kellie Conteh of ONS)

- An overview of the activities of the ONS in relation to the PRS was presented which includes
  - Enhancing effective coordination and oversight
  - Participation of non state and state actors in the security sector
  - Capacity building for both primary and secondary forces e.g. Prisons and Fire force
- It was agreed that a proper presentation should be done at the next meeting using the format adopted by the PWG.

**AOB**

Next meeting will be on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2006 at 10:00