

Pillar Working Group-2
Promoting Pro-Poor Sustainable Growth, Food Security and Job creation

Date: 5th October 2006

In attendance:

NAME	INSTITUTION	NAME	INSTITUTION
Mr. Syl Fannah/ Chairman	NaCSA	Micheal Priddy	EC
Rashid Sesay	DACO	Ferenc Naggy	EC
Anthony Koroma	MYS	Graine O'niell	Irish Aid
D. J Wisman	SLRA	N. Sankar	UNDP
Amara Idara sherrif	MAFS	Joseph Cummings Lewis	JICA
Sumaila Bangura	MAFS	Sophie Conteh	DACO
Beatrice Dove-Edwin	MTI	Steven Bonzu	DACO
Manso Kabba Conteh	MTI		
Foday Kanu	FAO	Sheka Bangura	DACO
Andreas Laggis	EC	Mariama Yilla	DACO

Agenda

- Prayers
- Opening Remarks
- Reading & correction of minutes
- Presentations:
 - ✓ Infrastructure Development
- A.O.B

Summary of Proceedings: In his opening, the chairman thanked and welcomed everyone in attendance. He applauded everyone on the turnout of the meeting.

The tradition of introduction was followed so as to identify new members. New members include - Manso Kabba Conteh of MTI, Joseph Cummings Lewis of JICA and Mariama Yilla of DACO.

Reading and correction of Minutes

Few corrections were done to the minutes before it was adopted.

- First bullet under comments on the MAFS Presentation - the sentence should read "A major concern was raised on the availability of up to date data to determine the extent of progress made in achieving the expected outcomes"

Matters arising from the minutes

- Mrs. Dove-Edwin to get back to DACO on the formation of National Enterprise Association, which was deemed as forming a parallel institution to the Camber of

Commerce. It was suggested that the Chamber of Commerce be strengthened to carry out the suggested role.

- MYS informed the meeting that they had a fruitful committee meeting but however suggested another meeting to improve on their update before it can be presented.
- MAFS informed the meeting that they have updated their progress matrix and incorporated the corrections. DACO was asked to circulate this to all members of PWG 2.

Sector presentation

The Infrastructure Development working group focal point person Mr. Michael Conteh of MEP was absent, so Mr. Wisman was asked to do the presentation on his behalf.

Infrastructure Development (Matrix on progress was presented by Mr. Daniel Wisman of SLRA)

His presentation focused on the road sector with emphasis on maintenance of the roads.

- The meeting was informed that the percentage of feeder roads in good condition is 50.6. However it was agreed this SWG to liaise with other MDAs especially NaCSA who are at present doing a 500km access road with funds from the Islamic Development Bank. It was suggested that the updated data on feeder roads be presented in the next meeting.
- Concern was raised on the criteria used to select road for maintenance in 2006, since there are other productive areas in the country as the presentation only focused on the Bo district. However the meeting was informed that the LCs prioritized the roads. It was suggested that this sector liaise with other MDAs like MAFS to identify roads for maintenance.
- It was also suggested that the roads statistics should be disaggregated into constructed and maintained for clarity so as to avoid double counting. It was deemed appropriate again to disaggregate by region were possible.
- Concern was also raised on how the data was validated, as it was obvious that some MDAs were not consulted. It was suggested that this sector liaise with other MDAs for proper coordination
- It was also suggested that a map could be drawn to indicate these roads for clarity and to identify gaps.
- It was agreed the right vocabulary or terminology be clarified in describing roads as to whether they are trunk roads or secondary etc.
- It was also suggested by the EC that soft copies of this presentation to be made available to members to make their input
- Concern was raised as to what ministry is responsible for the water routes. That is the MTC or SLRA

Action points

- Mrs. Dove-Edwin to get back to the PWG on Chamber of Commerce
- DACO to invite Transport and communication to PWG 2 meetings
- DACO to circulate MAFS & Infrastructure progress matrix to all PWG 2 members

- It was recommended that the SLRA collaborate with key stakeholders e.g. MTI, MAFS etc to reprioritize the 'productive' roads and also come up with suitable recommendations on the way forward. A meeting was suggested in this regard.

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