

INTERIM WORK PROCESS OF THE WP-EFF JANUARY-JUNE 2012

Arrangements for consultation and decision making in shaping the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation and its associated monitoring framework

Meeting of the Post-Busan Interim Group
13-14 February 2012, OECD, Paris

This paper is presented for DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL. It provides information on the process through which working arrangements for the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation and the post-Busan monitoring framework will be finalised by June 2012.

This paper draws on the feedback received from WP-EFF participants by means of a written procedure and is presented to the PBIG for discussion and approval. In addition to deciding on the overall WP-EFF interim work process, the PBIG is invited to consider whether specific working arrangements will need to be put in place to develop a detailed proposal for the post-Busan monitoring framework.

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Background and process to date

1. The *Busan Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation* (outcome document of HLF4) sets out elements of a roadmap through which efforts to implement principles and commitments will be supported. Specifically, the Busan Partnership document (BPd) commits governments and organisations endorsing it to:

- “Agree, by June 2012, on a selective and relevant set of indicators and targets through which [they] will monitor progress on a rolling basis, supporting international and regional accountability for the implementation of [their] commitments.” (§35b).
- “Establish a new, inclusive and representative Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation to support and ensure accountability for the implementation of commitments at the political level”, and “agree, by June 2012, on light working arrangements for this Global Partnership, including its membership and opportunities for regular ministerial-level engagement that complements, and is undertaken in conjunction with, other fora.” (§36a-b).
- To carry out these tasks, the BPd “call[s] on the Working Party on Aid Effectiveness (WP-EFF) to convene representatives of all countries and stakeholders endorsing this document with a view to reaching agreement on the working arrangements for the Global Partnership – and the indicators and channels through which global monitoring and accountability will be supported – in preparation for the phasing out of the WP-EFF and its associated structures in June 2012.” (§36c).
- Furthermore, the Busan Partnership document invites the OECD and the UNDP to support the effective functioning of the Global Partnership, building on their collaboration to date and their respective mandates and areas of comparative advantage. (§36d).

2. The mandate of the WP-EFF has been extended until June 2012 to enable it to carry out the tasks assigned to it over this interim period. WP-EFF members have also agreed that Talaat Abdel-Malek should continue to serve as Chair of the WP-EFF for this transition period, with representatives of the Republic of Korea and the World Bank continuing as Vice-Chairs. UNDP has also joined the WP-EFF Bureau as a full member for the interim period, reflecting the role that it will play in supporting the Global Partnership. The WP-EFF also agreed that Brian Atwood, DAC Chair, joins as a full member of the Bureau for the interim period.

3. The membership of the WP-EFF has, through a written process initiated by the Chair, agreed to form an interim group of negotiators, the Post-Busan Interim Group (PBIG), that will lead efforts to develop the post-Busan working arrangements and monitoring framework by June 2012. This approach aims to build on the momentum and trust forged through the consultative process prior to HLF4, enabling the timely initiation of substantive work. The vast majority of WP-EFF members have indicated their support for this approach. A limited number of concerns were raised relating to the composition of the group, and the Chair has addressed these in consultation with the members concerned, resulting in slight revisions to the composition of the PBIG initially proposed on 10 January 2012. A list of representatives serving on the PBIG is provided in Annex A.

4. The first meeting of the PBIG will be organised in Paris on 13-14 February 2012. This meeting will allow the group to agree on a timeline and consultation process for the interim period to June 2012, and will also provide a first opportunity for discussions on the key features of the working arrangements for the future Global Partnership as well as the nature of the post-Busan monitoring process.

Role of the Post-Busan Interim Group

5. The Post-Busan Interim Group (PBIG) will work under the chairmanship of the WP-EFF Chair and with the support of the WP-EFF Bureau and Secretariat to finalise proposals on the working arrangements of the Global Partnership and the framework through which progress in implementing the BPd will be monitored. A full meeting of the Working Party on Aid Effectiveness will be convened in June 2012 to agree on the final working arrangements and monitoring framework.

6. Members of the group have agreed to represent other governments or organisations in the discussions and it is expected that they will take appropriate measures to communicate and consult with these constituencies in advance of meetings in order to ensure the effective representation of positions of the stakeholders that intend to endorse the final monitoring framework and working arrangements.

7. The limited size of the group supports an efficient work process, while at the same time providing a basis for broad ownership and reconciliation of diverging views. By ensuring regular consultation and the articulation of common positions on behalf of relevant constituencies, the PBIG should aim to develop the final proposals in a way that mobilises support and secures political consensus to deliver final agreement within the WP-EFF in June 2012.

8. The group remains a temporary structure to enable efficient consultation and help build consensus. It does not set a precedent for the future structure or governance of the Global Partnership itself. While the PBIG plays a role in finalising proposals, the ultimate decisions on the future working arrangements and monitoring framework will be taken by the WP-EFF as a whole.

Consultation arrangements: ensuring a transparent and inclusive work process

9. The PBIG will work in a transparent and consultative manner, maintaining dialogue with the WP-EFF membership at large throughout the process. To enable all interested stakeholders to follow the PBIG discussions, arrangements will be made to allow access to meetings via telephone or internet link. All substantive materials will be distributed to the full membership of the WP-EFF ahead of discussions to enable sufficient consultations within all constituencies. Summaries of PBIG discussions, including the positions and stated arguments of individual members, will be produced and shared with the WP-EFF in a timely manner after meetings.

10. All stakeholders will be able to provide inputs to the process. Broad consultations will be ensured by arranging on-line consultations on the Working Party web-based Community Space (<https://community.oecd.org/community/aideffectiveness>). The WP-EFF Chair will ensure that all stakeholders and bodies that can play an important role in implementing the commitments made in Busan are engaged in the process. Key actors such as the private sector, regional development banks and the UN Development Cooperation Forum will be considered as an important contact group with which ongoing dialogue will be maintained. Those members of the WP-EFF that have regional mandates or are federative in nature are particularly encouraged to stimulate discussions within their own constituencies and to provide joint inputs to the consultation process.

11. Consultation is key to the success of this process. Timing of meetings and distribution of documents will be managed carefully to allow members of the PBIG to consult with their respective constituencies and to allow time for reactions from the broad WP-EFF membership. All inputs received will be visible to the broad membership of the WP-EFF. The Community Space offers a cost-effective tool for discussions, information-sharing and consultation throughout the interim work process.

Proposal for WP-EFF interim work process February – June 2012

2012	PROPOSAL FOR WP-EFF INTERIM WORK PROCESS LEADING TO JUNE 2012	
	Post-Busan Interim Group	Broad Working Party on Aid Effectiveness
FEBRUARY	13-14 Feb First Post-Busan Interim Group (PBIG), Meeting, <u>Paris</u>	
MARCH		<p>Early March: WP-EFF online consultation</p> <p>- Building on PBIG meeting discussions, Working Party participants will be invited to provide written comments to revisited consultation papers on future the working arrangements and monitoring framework</p> <p>Mid-late March: Alternative option to online consultations, WP-EFF plenary meeting</p>
APRIL	<p>Mid-April Second PBIG meeting</p> <p>- [Consideration will be given to possibilities to organise back-to-back with other meetings]</p>	<p>Early April: Building on WP-EFF online consultation, revisited drafts of consultation papers provided to WP-EFF participants.</p> <p>WP-EFF participants to provide feedback and inputs to second PBIG meeting documents and discussion questions.</p>
MAY	<p>2nd half of May Third PBIG meeting</p> <p>- [Consideration will be given to possibilities to organise back-to-back with other meetings]</p>	<p>Early May: Building on second PBIG meeting, revisited drafts of consultation papers provided to WP-EFF participants.</p> <p>WP-EFF participants to provide feedback and inputs to third PBIG meeting documents and discussion questions.</p>
JUNE	<p>WP-EFF Plenary</p> <p>- Final endorsement of post-Busan monitoring framework and working arrangements for Global Partnership</p>	<p>Mid-June: Building on third PBIG meeting, final drafts on the working arrangements and monitoring framework will be provided to WP-EFF participants.</p> <p>WP-EFF participants to provide final comments to PBIG proposals in order to finalise proposals and reach agreement.</p>

Annex A: Composition of the PBIG

As a result of the Working Party consultations carried out in January 2012, the following individuals have confirmed their participation in the group, which will be chaired by Mr. Talaat Abdel-Malek (WP-EFF Chair):

- Mr. Iqbal Mahmood, Senior Secretary, Economic Relations Division, Ministry of Finance, BANGLADESH.
- Mr. Antonio Tujan, International Director, IBON / BETTERAID.
- *Mr. Brian Atwood, Chair, DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE.
- Mr. Gustavo Martin-Prada, Director, DG DEVCO, EUROPEAN COMMISSION.
- Ms. Lidia Fromm Cea, Director General for Co-operation, Ministry of Planning and Co-operation, HONDURAS.
- Mr. Martin Chungong, Parliamentarian Representative, Director of Program Division, INTER-PARLIAMETARY UNION.
- Mr. Mitsuhiro Wada, Deputy Director General, International Co-operation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, JAPAN.
- *Ms. Enna Park, Director General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, KOREA.
- Mr. Modibo Makalou, Coordinator, Development and Cooperation Initiative, MALI.
- Mr. Ronald Nkusi, Director of External Finance, Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, RWANDA.
- Ms. Noumea Simi, Pacific Islands Representative, Assistant CEO, Ministry of Finance, SAMOA.
- Ms. Mmakgoshi Phetla-Lekhethe, Director-General, National Treasury, SOUTH AFRICA.
- Mr. Johan Borgstam, Director General for International Development cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, SWEDEN.
- Mr. Helder da Costa, National Coordinator, Ministry of Finance, TIMOR-LESTE.
- Mr. Richard Calvert, Director General, Finance and Corporate Performance, Department for International Development, UNITED KINGDOM.
- *Ms. Sigrid Kaag, Assistant Secretary-General and Assistant Administrator, UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.
- Mr. Steven Pierce, Special Coordinator for Development Effectiveness, Bureau for Policy, Planning and Learning, USAID, UNITED STATES.
- *Ms. Barbara Lee, Manager, Aid Effectiveness Unit, WORLD BANK.

* Member of the WP-EFF Bureau

In addition to the list of confirmed members above, the governments of Brazil, China, Germany, India and Mexico have each been invited to nominate a representative, as have the CANZ group of countries (one representative) and the African Union (one additional representative). The Chair is currently awaiting responses from these countries and organisations.

Membership of the Group calls for the continued personal participation of members in its meetings. In view of the need to ensure continuity, it is not appropriate for alternate representatives to participate in meetings. One additional seat will be allocated in the PBIG meeting room for one note-taker per participant.

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