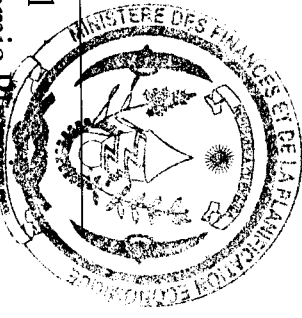


XVIII Development Partners Coordination Group Meeting
Meeting Minutes and List of Attendees
held on 2 December 2004, at 10:00
at the United Nations Development Programme
Kigali, Rwanda

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Introductions	<p>Mr. Lars Engstrom, new IMF Resident Representative – Starts officially in January, and is looking forward to working with the donors and the Government.</p> <p>Mr. Masayoshi Ono, new JICA Advisor assigned to MINAFPET – Here to coordinate Japanese assistance that has not been in Rwanda since 1994.</p> <p>Directors of Transport, Energy, and Water from MININFRA representing the Secretary General Mrs. Doreca Musenga, new Aid Coordination Assistant, UNRCCO – Helping a tremendous deal behind the scenes [this introduction was made at the end of the meeting]</p>	UNDP	
Agenda Item #1: Review and Adoption of Minutes			
UNDP	Asked for comments on November Minutes and List of Attendees page by page	UNDP	
GOR	<p>On page 3: (1) add “and good political governance” to “Democracy” under four areas focused on by the APR National Commission; (2) add “and management” to “Economic Governance” under same bullets</p>	MinEcoFin	
Donors	<p>Questions was raised as to the need for associating names to comments in the minutes</p> <p>Agreed that names should not be used, but need to find balance between associating names and providing detail, which is useful to many donors.</p> <p>Associating names hinders members from speaking freely.</p>	DPCG Secretariat	Minutes to capture main points and no longer associate names to comments.
GOR	Agreed to principle of amending minutes from now by finding the balance mentioned above.		
Agenda Item #2: Report Backs			
NEPAD APR Panel Meeting (Algeria)	<p>The NEPAD APR Panel Meeting in Algiers was a workshop on discussing progress in countries involved. Three GOR officials attended the meeting, supported by two UNDP officials. They presented Rwanda’s case, and attendees believed the model of Rwanda was most favorable. Other countries are consulting to duplicate the process that has occurred in Rwanda.</p> <p>The next meeting should take place in Egypt on April 17th and 18th 2005 for first review of 4 countries (all co’s should have completed their work, and panel should have finished its work)</p> <p>Important agreement was highlighted: Heads of State themselves should be financing the process to be able to own it. Specifically, they should finance the Panel and APR Secretariat (others can help</p>	MinEcoFin	Next APR Panel Meeting in Egypt: 17-18 Apr 2005

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	<p>in terms of programs).</p> <p>Implementation of various programs have been hindered by the long time it takes for projects to come to fruition. Chairman should sit with the AfDB and NEPAD secretariat to fast track progress.</p> <p>Various commitments were reviewed, yet they have not been realized on the ground. 3-year review and Africa Partnership Forum that was held in Washington, DC, were discussed; all appreciated that donors have started taking action during the Africa Partnership Forum, especially the US. Social sector was highlighted as the most important issue to donors; agriculture is highlighted as often a more important issue to African countries. Between 500-570 Million US\$ has been committed by the AfDB and other donors.</p>		
Q&A	<p>QUESTION: How far has APR progress come, how about the national commission?</p> <p>ANSWER: Commission involves 50 people from all sectors and supported by technical review team. A nation-wide consultation is proposed for December 17th 2004. This consultation should ensure that all four areas are covered in the whole document. Should be ready before external reviewers come in (supposed to be finished by the end of this month).</p> <p>More emphasis to be placed on fiber-optic cable. Wish to organize conference to sensitize the private sector on this project (World Bank is interested in financing this). Pipeline project is being reviewed so that AfDB includes Rwanda in its report along with countries like Kenya and Uganda. Fifteen countries to be pilot cases for Centers of Excellence. Each country is to choose six schools to turn into these Centers of Excellence; Rwanda has fulfilled these requirements.</p>		
PRR Progress Report	<p>GOR stated that the PRR Progress Report may be distributed. The GOR was waiting to distribute until the paper had received Cabinet approval. UNDP to follow-up with Ernest Rwamucyo to obtain report and distribute to DPCG members.</p>	MinEcoFin	PRR Progress Report available for distribution
Second Africa Regional Workshop (Tanzania)	<p>World Bank emphasized three messages concerning this workshop: (1) reaffirmed Monterrey and Rome commitment to provide increased resources; (2) stressed importance of Government & Donor alignment; and (3) outlined clear agenda on action by building on country systems. Requested was made to annex to the minutes a document entitled "Africa Regional Workshop – Progress and Key Messages for Paris" which expands on the three messages. <i>[Document has been annexed to the minutes]</i></p> <p>UNRCCO attended the meeting and gave a brief mission report via PowerPoint presentation. <i>[Please reference mission report and PowerPoint presentation made by Lisa Smirl, UNRCCO]</i></p>	World Bank / UNRCCO	

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	<p>GOR commented on lack of GOR participation at the Workshop. From now on, a request for travel authorization requires 15 days notice. Unfortunately, could not meet this requirement for this meeting and therefore no GOR officials attended the meeting. Nevertheless, the GOR has all the documents from the workshop. A MinEcoFin team was sent to Ghana want to learn more about that country case. The GOR is interested in experiences of other countries, and wants to share experience of Rwanda with other countries (notably the joint system between GOR and Donors).</p> <p>Question was raised as to how Rwanda can be more involved in the process, specifically in regards to Paris HLF. World Bank responded that Rwanda has already been invited to SPA meeting, and is already very implicated.</p> <p>Comment was agreed by many donors and government: there exists a need for more coordination between Ministerial work and Technical work on these issues.</p>		<p>Need for Rwanda to be involved in Paris High-Level Forum</p>
Agenda Item #3: Update on Energy/Water Conference and GOR-Development Partners Meeting			
<p>Agenda (GOR)</p>	<p>As was stated at the last meeting, agenda items were added (e.g. Great Lakes; Donor Coordination, Harmonization and Alignment). Everyone should have the latest agenda with these new items reflected in the agenda.</p>	MinEcoFin	
<p>Document Preparation (GOR)</p>	<p>All documents almost completely finished. Cluster inputs had to be participatory, and therefore took longer to be finalized than expected. All documents will be sent to Cabinet for clearance today (December 2nd 2004). Will distribute the documents as soon as clearance is granted. Documents that have been finalized and those that need work were summarized by MinEcoFin. MinEcoFin is attempting to compile three to four page summaries of each document, especially for headquarters attendees that will not have the time to read through each and every document. Plan to finish these summaries by the weekend.</p> <p>Once documents have clearance and are distributed, the donors should print the documents themselves. Documents should be posted on the website <i>[MinEcoFin Website not yet active, but will be next week]</i>. Documents will include the PRS Progress Report. Want to post all documents tomorrow.</p>	MinEcoFin	<p>DPM Documents going to Cabinet for approval 2 Dec 2004</p>
<p>Logistics (GOR)</p>	<p>All logistics are falling into place. Team is working very hard.</p> <p>VIP Lounge has been arranged at the airport for arriving headquarters officials. All hotels have been contacted and transportation arranged. Tomorrow morning (December 3rd 2004) is the final consultative meeting regarding logistics.</p>	MinEcoFin	

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<p>Cluster Updates for DPM (Donors)</p>	<p>SOCIAL SECTOR: The original paper left out Gender, Children's Issues, etc... A meeting has been convened tomorrow morning (December 3rd 2004) to run through all the separate parts (Health, Education, etc...). Concern was expressed regarding documents going to Cabinet for clearance today since meeting is convened for tomorrow morning. MinEcoFin responded that there is flexibility, and the timeline for the social sector document will be accommodated. UNRSCO stated that the DPCG Secretariat is here to facilitate any last minute technical requirements that are required to finalize documents.</p> <p>PRIVATE SECTOR: Well organized and consultative process for document preparation. The draft document was prepared well in advance by MINICOM and donors had time to provide their input. GOR also commended the timeliness of the inputs.</p> <p>GOVERNANCE: Three highlights regarding Governance Cluster: (1) capacity building at the district level is the real crucial thing and needs to be in the summaries prepared; (2) justice sector believes that formal structures are underfinanced, there is too much emphasis on Gacaca but formal structures are not focused on; and (3) anti-corruption is a key aspect Rwanda should be proud of, the opportunity to highlight this should not be missed. UNDP expanded on comments by stating that the paper is comprehensive and goes into detail, but the presentation gives the opportunity to highlight these specific areas. A technical working group in MINALOC has agreed to call another meeting to discuss the presentation.</p> <p>GOR followed up on these cluster updates by stating that the best option would be to have the same technical working groups, that drafted the documents, write the 3-4 page summaries. Maybe it is too late now, but if this is the wish of the cluster, they should start right away and complete the summaries, preferably in both English and French, by Saturday (December 4th 2004) in the next 48 hours.</p>	<p>MINEDUC / DFID</p> <p>MINICOM / USAID</p> <p>MINALOC / UNDP</p>	<p>3-4 page summaries on Cluster papers are due Sat, 4 Dec 2004</p>
<p>Q&A</p>	<p>QUESTION (DONOR): The world is now watching Rwanda in regards to the possibility of troops in Congo, representatives from capitals will have this on their mind. Maybe GOR should take the opportunity to address this; otherwise the discussions will focus on political discussions rather than discussing the agenda items. Can we change the agenda slightly to address the political context more towards the beginning?</p> <p>ANSWER (GOR): When we changed the date of meeting, we were not very comfortable. When the program was discussed and changes from your suggestions were implemented, it was not an easy decision. We are dealing with bilateral, multilateral, and other technical agencies. We communicated and discussed the timing of donor statements. Bilaterals wanted to make statements towards the beginning, whereas technical agencies wanted to make statement towards the end; so there are different opinions. We want to leave this aspect flexible, statement can be made</p>	<p>How the GOR will address recent developments with the DRC</p>	

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	<p>whenever you wish to make one. In regards to the recent developments, the guest of honor, H.E. the President, will address it clearly at the beginning. Consult with the Minister of Foreign Affairs, actually a press conference is possible this Friday on this issue. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs agenda item is geared to deal with more general issues. So, possible press conference will address the issue, and the Guest of Honor will address the issue. We don't want to change the agenda again, and cause you more problems.</p> <p>QUESTION (DONOR): Need some indications on donor statements (time allotted for statements); any interest from donors on having small groups parallel to discussion items? Need some specificity on the program, does a detailed program exist? Can we have it?</p> <p>ANSWER (GOR): The detail program is in the progress of being finalized, already working on it. We had not thought of small group parallel discussion sessions, good idea, will look into it. In regards to the specific format of clusters, has already been discussed: Minister from lead ministry will make a statement; Representative from lead donor will make a statement; technical-level (e.g. Secretary General) cluster member will make the presentation. For example, Social Sector: Minister of Education can make the GOR statement, DFID Rep can make the donor statement, and the SG from MINISANTE can make the presentation. These presentations are representative of the consultation that went into the paper, so the presenter is not presenting his/her own views, but the ideas that were agreed upon during the consultative process. Will arrange a meeting early next week to further clarify all details and questions you may have.</p> <p>QUESTION to all: Since the GOR has discussed the status of many papers and the clusters, we can go to the next agenda item unless anyone would like to expand on or discuss another cluster. [Nobody responded]</p>		<p>Meeting to be convened early next week to clarify details</p>
<p>DPCG Secretariat</p>	<p>Agenda Item #4: Brief Presentation on proposed Rwanda Development Partners Website</p> <p>Clarifications needed to be made on the website: (1) this presentation is for a website that has not been launched, but needs the support of the DPCG; and (2) documents for DPM mentioned by GOR will not be posted on this website, but rather on a MinEcoFin website that will be devoted to this DPM (Secretariat to forward Website Address as soon as MinEcoFin informs the Secretariat). Website is a work in progress and content should be reviewed by appropriate agencies or clusters. Brief PowerPoint presentation was made on the Purpose, Vision, and Structure of the website. [Please refer to the PowerPoint presentation annexed to the minutes]</p>	<p>UNRCCO</p>	
<p>Agenda Item #5: Announcements</p>			

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IMF	<p>IMF Team is here for a review of PRSC Integration and help develop the Government program for 2005. The team will also help finalize work on the HIPC completion points, as well as discuss the PRSP II Progress (following up on commitments made looks quite good, will address the revised budget for 2004). Completion point for team looks to be February 2005. The tricky part will be the topping up: since interest rates are going down; want to discuss a good programme for 2005. The IMF is working together with the World Bank as part of the same team. The current team will be here until December 15th 2004.</p>	IMF / World Bank	
Decentralization Cluster	<p>Due to the DPM postponement, the CDF/Decentralization Cluster meeting has been postponed to Tuesday, December 14th 2004.</p>	MINALOC / Netherlands Emb	Decentralization cluster date change
UNRCO	<p>Thank you to all that have committed to the Aid Coordination, Harmonization, and Alignment basket fund. Our latest contribution was from Swedish Sida.</p> <p>All agreed to schedule next DPCG meeting after a planned GOR & Donors Retreat to discuss aid coordination, harmonization, and alignment at the end of January. DPCG Meeting will be scheduled for the beginning of February.</p>	UNRCO	Next Meeting

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