



**XLII DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS COORDINATION GROUP MEETING  
held on Friday, 17 October 2008, at 9h00  
at the Ex-MINIPLAN Conference Room  
in Kigali, Rwanda**

MEETING MINUTES  
ANNEX I: LIST OF ATTENDEES

**1. Review and Adoption of the October 2008 Agenda**

- 1.1. **The Chair, Permanent Secretary and Secretary to the Treasury, MINECOFIN**, called the meeting to order and welcomed members to the DPCG. He also officially introduced his Co-Chair, the UNICEF Representative and acting United Nations Resident Coordinator, Dr. Joseph Foubi. Dr. Foubi conveyed apologies on behalf of Mr. Aurelien Agbenonci, the UN RC, who could not attend due to a family matter. Dr. Foubi expressed his pleasure in co-chairing the DPCG on Mr. Agbenonci's behalf.
- 1.2. The Chair opened the floor for any new members to introduce themselves.
- 1.2.1. **World Health Organization:** Dr. Jack Abdoulie introduced himself as the Representative of the WHO in Rwanda.
- 1.2.2. **Sweden:** Mr. Karl Backeus introduced himself as the new country economist for SIDA.
- 1.2.3. **Netherlands:** Mr. Jolke Oppewal introduced himself as the Head of Cooperation for the Dutch embassy.
- 1.2.4. **Belgium:** Mr. Tom Neijens introduced himself as the First Secretary of the Belgian Embassy.
- 1.2.5. **UNICEF:** Dr. Jane Muita introduced herself as the Deputy Representative of UNICEF.



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- 1.2.6. **INGO Network:** Mr. Philip Christensen introduced himself as the Chair of the International NGO Network and Country Director of Care International.
- 1.2.7. **Concern Worldwide:** Mr. Tilaye Nigussie introduced himself as the Country Director for Concern Worldwide Rwanda.
- 1.2.8. **UNRCO:** Ms. Hillevi Ekberg introduced herself as the Communications Advisor for the UN Resident Coordinator's Office.
- 1.2.9. **UNIFEM:** Ms. Irene Zirimwabagabo introduced herself as the Communications Officer with UNIFEM.
- 1.2.10. **Trocaire:** Ms. Léa Valentini introduced herself as a representative from Trócaire.
- 1.2.11. **The Chair** welcomed all the newcomers.
- 1.3. **The Chair** then reviewed the agenda which was adopted with the following change:
  - 1.3.1. **The Co-Chair** proposed moving item number 7 ("Stand up and take action against poverty campaign") to top of the agenda as it would be a symbolic way to begin the meeting.
2. **"Stand up and take action against poverty campaign" (brief remarks on the occasion of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty)**
  - 2.1 **The Co-Chair** noted that this day had been specially designated in 1993 by the UN General Assembly to provide space in the calendar to raise awareness of the need to eradicate poverty. He suggested it was fitting to mention the campaign in this meeting of like-minded Development Partners who are working to achieve the same objectives. The Co-Chair indicated that although half the world's population live in poverty, they have the power to change this. To that end, the Co-Chair noted that universities across Rwanda were going to join the 1% of the world that was expected to stand up for poverty.



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2.2 **The Co-Chair** asked all members to stand up to make their commitment to the campaign clear.

2.3 **The Chair** thanked all members for standing and reminded them that they need to remain standing up in terms of taking action. He then extended a particular thanks to those members of civil society present, expressing his hope that they would continue to participate in this process as Development Partners.

**3. Review and Adoption of the July 2008 DPCG Minutes and the July 2008 DPCG Agenda.**

3.1. **The Chair** reviewed the July DPCG Meeting minutes and list of attendees which were adopted without changes.

3.2. **The World Bank** expressed interest in the mapping exercise of different donors' activities and asked if EFU would send around the matrix.

3.2.1. **The Acting Director of EFU** said that it only received three responses from donors and that it is an ongoing process. He offered to resend the matrix immediately following the Meeting to get responses from donors as soon as possible.

3.2.2. **The Chair** suggested that EFU meet with ACU to draft a proposal and move forward.

3.2.3. **The Acting Director of EFU** agreed, and said it will circulate a draft before the next DPCG.

**4. Feedback from Accra High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness**

4.1. **The Chair** introduced the Acting Director of EFU (MINECOFIN) and Head of Aid Coordination (UNRCO) and asked them to provide a briefing of what came out of the Accra HLF and how all Development Partners can work together to obtain the agreed upon commitments from Accra.



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4.2. **The Acting Director of EFU** gave an overview of the outcomes of Accra:

- i. **Review of Paris Declaration indicators and progress towards them** – he noted that there were many interesting sessions held towards this, where he had the opportunity to discuss Rwanda's new aid coordination architecture and how new emerging donors, such as India and China, are being integrated into the aid dialogue.
- ii. **The integration of vertical funds into the health sector** - The Minister of Finance and Economic Planning made a presentation on aid in the health sector and vertical funds, specifically the challenges associated with emerging funds. It was noted that the Minister received several good questions relating to Rwanda's integration of vertical funds into the health sector and the health SWAp.
- iii. **Launch of the International Aid Transparency Initiative** – The Minister co-launched the International Aid Transparency Initiative and discussed its main objectives.
- iv. **Meetings with select Development Partners** – The Rwanda delegation held several side meetings with Development Partners, including the World Bank and China, during which three main issues were raised:
  - a. **Predictability** – Rwanda needs to ensure it receives its commitments in a predictable manner from donors on a 3-5 year basis. He noted that this issue was included in the Agenda Accra for Action.
  - b. **Use of Country Systems** – Rwanda needs to ensure donors use its country systems as a first option.
  - c. **Capacity Development** – Rwanda needs to see aid management in a holistic manner, focusing more on designing stronger institutions, and strengthening local expertise and systems.

4.3. **The Acting Director of EFU** said that expectations for Accra were very high, and that the results could have been more ambitious with firmer commitments from Development Partners.



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4.4. **The Head of Aid Coordination (UNRCO)** noted that Accra was primarily a stocktaking meeting, the main result of which was to show that progress is not happening against Paris. He provided the following overview:

- i. **A global challenge** – the Accra HLF mirrored discussions held earlier in the year between the Government of Rwanda and Development Partners at the Development Partners Retreat. He suggested that this indicates the global nature of the aid challenge, rather than being limited to Rwanda.
- ii. **Agenda for Action** – he indicated that the Accra Agenda for Action in fact goes beyond Accra, and pushes donors to action. For instance, donors are strongly encouraged to use country systems and where they do not, they need to state clearly why, as well as prepare immediate action plans on how they intend to meet their commitments. The Agenda also includes a strong section on civil society, setting out how it fits into the global trajectory of this work.
- iii. **Division of Labour** – he indicated that the OECD-DAC Working Party on Aid Effectiveness has been tasked with this issue and is to develop a set of best practices.
- iv. **From Accra to Doha** – he noted that the aid effectiveness theme is now being linked more explicitly to the broader Financing for Development agenda.

4.5. **The Chair** thanked the Acting Director of EFU and Head of Aid Coordination for their comments. He said Rwanda needs to now focus on how to translate global commitments into national commitments, and into a national action plan.

4.6. **Discussions:**

4.6.1. **The World Bank** indicated it is starting its own review of national procurement systems, and testing whether they meet the World Bank's standards. Depending on the outcome, the World Bank will move to using country systems for procurement outside of budget support. The World Bank



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will make the results open to other donors in order to make them more comfortable with using country systems.

- 4.6.2. **Germany** thanked the Acting Director of EFU and Head of Aid Coordination for their presentations. It agreed that all Development Partners have to work together to go forward, and that progress has been slow in Rwanda. Coming out of Accra, Germany asked what the Government's priorities were, and how it will proceed with putting this process in place.
- 4.6.3. **The Acting Director of EFU** asked all Development Partners to provide policy actions against the Paris indicators, which are specific to individual donors and would be tracked in the DPAF. He suggested that would be a good way to localize the Paris agenda. He also suggested the importance of monitoring this at the individual donor level so that each donor can measure progress against its own performance.
- 4.6.4. **Sweden** suggested that this is not a one-way process, and that progress depends on working together. To that end, it noted that many of its reforms depend on the performance and capacity of Government institutions.
- 4.6.5. **Germany** reiterated that while there is a need to work together, it is difficult for some partners to implement the agenda without clear priorities from the Government. To that end, it suggested the Government put pressure on partners by providing them with more ambitious objectives and clear timeframes.
- 4.6.6. **The Chair** noted that the Government's orientation is clearly set out in the Aid Policy. While he agreed that the Government needs to take the lead, he said it is a dual process. He said that great progress has been made in areas such as public financial management, but donors are still reluctant to use country systems. He then asked what else the Government needs to do. The Chair suggested these are issues that need to be discussed together,



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but that the World Bank's review is a positive step in the right to give others confidence in using national systems.

- 4.6.7. **The Netherlands** suggested that the strong presence of civil society was a positive sign, but wondered how that would be followed up.
- 4.6.8. **The National Civil Society Platform** agreed that civil society needs to get more involved than it has been in the past. It indicated that it is working together with international civil society to create a stronger voice in Rwanda.
- 4.6.9. **The Chair** highlighted the importance of civil society understanding the exact role it needs to play in achieving the Accra Agenda for Action, and the role of Government in working with them to achieve that understanding. He suggested that their strong presence at the DPCG is a good first step.
- 4.6.10. **The INGO Network** agreed, saying that civil society needs to work more on understanding its own role, and that this has been happening in a more collaborative manner in the past few months. It suggested the importance of being seen as more than just service providers and that there is much room for Government and civil society to work together.
- 4.6.11. **The Chair** said he is glad to see civil society getting more involved and agreed that Government will take the lead in working with civil society to make their involvement more effective.

**5. Feedback from the Joint Budget Sector Review (JBSR) Meeting held 23-25 September 2008**

- 5.1. **The Chair** requested the European Commission, Co-Chair of the JBSR, to give a briefing of the Meeting.



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5.2. **The European Commission, represented by Mr Vincent de Boer**, thanked the Chair for the floor. He provided the following update:

- i. **MOU Direct Budget Support** – The EC reported that a new MOU (revised partnership framework) for general budget support was signed following the agreement of a previous partnership framework a few years back. The signing ceremony was held at MINECOFIN. The MOU sets out mutual expectations and conditionalities for the Government and budget support donors, and outlines agreed indicators.
- ii. **Metadata** - The JBSR looked at issues surrounding metadata, such as a timeframe and parties responsible for collecting data. The EC reported that it is almost final, but there are still minor changes to be made.
- iii. **Budget** – The EC reported that the Government shared its concerns of potentially damaging secondary effects from high inflation, and energy and food prices, and that the Government responded with a second draft budget, which has gone to Parliament. The EC noted appreciation for the reduced level of detail in the budget framework paper making it more accessible, but missed the detailed information that allowed judgment on budget policy choices to be made. The EC urges the Government to put more information in the framework paper to reflect the long consultation process that went into it.
- iv. **Public Investment Program** – The EC appreciated the work of the Government thus far but urged it to more systematically make use of cost-benefit analysis and economic rate of returns to select between projects. BS donors acknowledge, however, that this requires significant capacity building.

5.3. **The EC** said that this year's JBSR was different from other years in that it was more focused as a result of sector issues being dealt with at the sector level. The EC reported that only one day was spent with SGs from the ministries, which highlighted the need to further strengthen discussion at sector level. The EC also urged all sectors to respect the detailed calendar of sector reviews so that the





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information required to operationalize the CPAF could be discussed first before the general forum. Overall, it felt the Government was working hard on the budget and supports the budget the Government has put forward. It also noted that all documents are available on the Development Partners website for those who are interested.

5.4. **The Chair** noted that this budget was being discussed differently this year due to Rwanda's adoption of the East African financial calendar. He agreed with donors to leave detailed sector discussions to the sector working groups, and encouraged all partners to review the documents on the website.

**6. Report back from Aid on Budget Workshop held 6-7 October, 2008**

6.1. **The Chair** invited Mr. Elias Baingana, Director of National Budget, to give a briefing on the Aid on Budget Workshop held on 6-7 October in Rubavu-Western province.

6.2. **The Director of National Budget** began by introducing the background to the Workshop, stating that it was the result of collaboration between CABRI and MINECOFIN to identify the problem of poor reporting of project aid. He noted that research leading up to the workshop identified gaps between ODA reported by donors, ODA on the consolidated financial statements, and ODA in the finance law. This research was then followed with more in-depth research of eight projects/programmes to track the reporting process and analyze where the gaps were coming from. He noted that the objective of the workshop was thus to agree on criteria for aid to be included in the finance law, on budget but not in the finance law, or excluded from both. He noted that the workshop was also to improve processes of budget preparation, execution, and reporting. He gave an overview of the proposals discussed:

- i. **Ensure a systematic assessment of pipeline projects' alignment and quality before project signature;**



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- ii. Increase participatory budget preparation process to ensure quality check;
- iii. Streamline data collection processes to avoid inconsistencies and duplication;
- iv. Align project execution and reporting with national processes.

**6.21 The Director of National Budget** continued to discuss more specific proposals, including:

- i. **Project Signature** - involve SWGs in assessment of quality and alignment to national priorities; include budget in national chart of accounts format all signed project documents to; MINECOFIN to be the signatory to agreement; each project to have a unique identification number; and, EFU to be a single entry point for all ODA;
- ii. **Budget Preparation Processes for MINECOFIN** – EFU to provide inputs to BCC before issuance; cross-checking budget requests submitted by agencies; and, transparency of cuttings on externally financed projects;
- iii. **Budget Preparation Processes for Donors** – information on project disbursements needs to be available on time and in the required format; direct payments abroad and technical assistance should be included in project budgets; and, one agency per donor coordinates information exchange with MINECOFIN;
- iv. **Execution and Reporting** – Public Books to be the unique tool for collecting financial information; Chief Budget Manager of recipient entity to approve all project expenditures; and, projects are to submit all account reports in the required format to the recipient agency.

**6.22 The Director of National Budget** outlined the agreed upon criteria for what can be on budget (depending on the timeliness and format of submission), what should be on budget (if aid is to the Government, reliable, and under the control of Government).



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6.23 The Director of National Budget concluded with the following agenda for action:

- i. Devise measures to enhance transparency and coordination with regards to ODA;
- ii. MINECOFIN Senior Management to approve and schedule implementation roadmap;
- iii. Discussions to be carried out with implementing agencies to seek non-objection;
- iv. Conclusions of the workshop to feed into the Aid Management Manual and Budget Processes Manual.

6.3. Discussions:

6.3.1. **Germany** thanked the Director of National Budget for the clear presentation, but asked for clarification on whether contracts it signs with a ministry will now be put on budget, and if it is also up to donors to inform MINECOFIN of the process.

6.3.2. **Belgium** clarified that while participants had agreed on the principles, criteria and details of implementation still remained to be worked out.

6.3.3. **The EC**, speaking on behalf of budget support donors, raised concerns back in April of so much aid being off budget. While it noted that there is still much work that remains, it was happy with the outcome. It also suggested that a good step forward would be to appoint EFU as a single entry point, and appoint a single entry point on the donor side. The EC looks forward to receiving further details on implementing the agreed upon principles.

6.3.4. **Sweden** asked if all external flows channelled through EFU also referred to the flows from China and other non-traditional donors, much of which are provided in-kind.



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- 6.3.5. **The Netherlands** asked for clarification on whether the flows included those to civil society organization as well, or if they were limited to government.
- 6.3.6. **The Director of National Budget** replied to a number of the questions. Firstly, where a Development Partner signs an agreement with a ministry, it is the Government's responsibility to share that information with MINECOFIN rather than the partner's. He said that all flows should have one channel to avoid duplication or inconsistencies, and that all forms should pass through EFU. Regarding NGO flows, he said the Government currently does not capture this information and that improvements are required. Flows to NGOs do not need to be on budget, but the information is nonetheless required for analysis.
- 6.3.7. **The Chair** noted that the Aid Policy clearly states that all aid is to be coordinated by MINECOFIN. He suggested the importance for issues of proper management that EFU be the main focal point for aid, even where it will not go on budget. He added that all the information is required for reporting in Rwanda's official ODA numbers.
- 6.3.8. **The Acting Director of EFU** highlighted the need to clarify definitions, such as "on budget" and "on parliament," showing a clear decision tree, and that this documentation should be sent to all Development Partners.
- 6.3.9. **Belgium** stressed the importance for the Government to take a lead role in describing their internal processes and how they fit with donors.
- 6.3.10. **DFID** raised a question as to whether or not money to districts and autonomous entities were going to be accounted for.
- 6.3.11. **The Head of Aid Coordination (UNDP)** spoke regarding the International Aid Transparency Initiative, a high-level international commitment to share information in a timely manner and useful format, and an agreement to develop technical standards which would see donor commitments being



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published by donors' own systems, automatically coordinating with country systems. He said that Government needs to take a lead in this process, but that it should make the process more efficient for everyone involved. He also noted that, in line with the broad principles agreed at Accra, to the GoR should continue to put as much aid as possible in an annex, even if not approved by Parliament in law, in the interest of transparency and parliamentary ownership of ODA.

6.3.12. **The World Bank** suggested it might be useful to have a process whereby the larger donor group can validate what was agreed by the smaller workshop group without taking up too much time. It also suggested circulating the workshop report to members who were not at the workshop.

6.3.13. **The Director of National Budget** replied to DFID saying that flows to decentralised entities will be captured in the central government finance law if the recipient entity is an autonomous agency. If it is a district, the flows will be reflected in the district finance law instead. He also promised to send out all documents to members of the DPCG regarding what reforms can be done and what are outstanding.

6.3.14. **The Chair** said the Government will take a lead on this process and will report back to DPCG members by the end of the year.

**7. DPCG New Terms of Reference**

7.1. **The Chair** said EFU had prepared new Terms of Reference for the DPCG and requested **Aid Management Officer** Mr. Zephy Muhirwa to present them.

7.2. **The Aid Management Officer** said it was necessary to revise the ToRs to fit new coordination structures and the EDPRS policy context, and to reflect the changing context in which the Government interacts with Development Partners. He then provided an overview of the changes made, including:



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- i. **Terminology** – PRSP has been replaced by EDPRS;
- ii. **Ways of doing business** – SWGs/IWGs have been introduced, as have the CPAF and DPAF;
- iii. **Mission** – “to provide a forum for review and monitoring of activities of IWGs and SWGs”;
- iv. **Schedule** – DPCG meetings will be held every two months instead of one;
- v. **Secretariat** – the DPCG Secretariat has moved from the UNRCO to EFU/MINECOFIN.

7.2.1. **The Aid Management Officer** asked for feedback from Development Partners no later than 31 October. He promised a revised draft would be circulated by the end of November, with any further minor changes to be sent to EFU by the end of December. The new ToRs would be adopted by the DPCG in January 2009.

**7.3. Discussions:**

7.3.1. **DFID** raised a concern about the missing element around policy dialogue in the ToRs. It emphasized that the DPCG is not just about aid coordination, but is also the highest forum for policy dialogue for those donors permanently in-country. DFID also raised concerns about its own capacity to engage in each level of the EDPRS. It suggested the need for a working group of EFU/ACU/DP to create the full architecture that all parties feel comfortable with managing.

7.3.2. **The World Bank** echoed DFID’s concerns and said policy issues are glaringly missing from the ToRs. It also said that despite the discussions around strengthening sector groups, certain issues still need to be discussed at the DPCG level. It suggested looking at the whole architecture to make sure it is manageable.



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7.3.3. **The Aid Management Officer** thanked DFID and the World Bank for their comments and said EFU will try to integrate their concerns into the ToRs and come back with a revised version.

7.3.4. **The Chair** reminded participants about the previous group that was established to see how the DPCG can be made more effective, but said that the group had yet to make complete recommendations. Comprised of representatives from EFU/EC/UN, the Chair suggested giving the group one month to reconvene, gather comments from all Development Partners and revise the document.

7.3.5. **DFID** wondered whether the team would revise just the DPCG or the entire architecture.

7.3.6. **The Acting Director of EFU** said the group should be tasked to find the link between IWGs/SWGs and the DPCG. He noted that the architecture was approved at the DPR and wondered whether DFID was suggesting redesigning the entire structure.

7.3.7. **The Chair** clarified that DFID was concerned with the institutional framework being too heavy. He emphasized the need to make sure there is no duplication between dialogue mechanisms. He said the team will retain its original members – Economic Advisor to the EC Mr. Vincent de Boer, a member from DPU, the Head of Aid Coordination Mr. Robin Ogilvy, and Acting Director of External Finance Mr. Christian Shingiro – and will look at the entire framework. Mr. Shingiro is to remain the group's Chair.

**8. Briefing and discussions on plans for 2008 GoR and Development Partners Meeting (to be held 27-28 November 2008)**

8.1. **The Chair** confirmed the DPM dates for 27-28 November and said a provisional agenda had been circulated to all DPCG members, which needed to be finalized within the week. While last year's DPM focused on the EDPRS and



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reviewing the MDGs, the Chair said this year's DPM focuses on innovative ways of financing the EDPRS.

8.2. **The Acting Director of EFU** said the DPM task force, comprised of members of MINECOFIN, MINAFFET and other key stakeholders are holding weekly meetings and planning is moving forward. Donors will be expected to participate as co-chairs in some cases, and by issuing statements in others. He indicated that the agenda should be finalized once feedback is given from Development Partners and the Minister.

8.3. **The Chair** confirmed that the Dutch Minister for Development Cooperation will be attending the DPM. He also said that any comments from Development Partners had to be received by Tuesday, 21 October at the latest, so that invitations could be sent by the following day.

8.4. **Discussions:**

8.4.1. **Sweden** asked whether the target of the DPM were current or potential Development Partners. It said that if current partners are the target, then the proposed theme misses the point. Sweden also said that there was a presentation on the MDGs at the last DPM and suggested it might not be relevant having a similar presentation this year. Finally, Sweden questioned whether financing was the major hindrance to implementing the EDPRS or if that was a minor issue compared to capacity. It offered to come back with more specific suggestions if need be.

8.4.2. **The World Bank** said there was an agreement at the DPR to discuss the objective of the DPM, but that this has yet to happen. It also agreed with Sweden that the situation with MDGs has not changed drastically enough for it to merit another presentation. On the other hand, the World Bank said that the agenda is not as loaded as last year which is good as it leaves more room for discussion.

8.4.3. **Sweden** said that at least year's DPM, presentations went on for too long, leaving little room for discussion.





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- 8.4.4. **The Chair** said presentations will be kept short this year to allow for more discussion. He said that current Development Partners are the target of the DPM first and foremost, but that it is also for a wide range of stakeholders involved in financing for development. He pointed to the continued importance of the MDGs as a global commitment. The Chair also said the Government will internalize the question of whether financing is the only issue of the EDPRS and report back.
- 8.4.5. **The Acting Director of EFU** said that the DPM is looking at funding beyond traditional ODA and said many Development Partners have good, innovative initiatives to finance development, such as PPPs and vertical funding, which are worth exploring. With respect to the MDGs, he emphasized Rwanda's role as one of eight pilot countries of the One UN project and thus the importance of giving progress against key indicators from the previous year.
- 8.4.6. **The Head of Aid Coordination** suggested the way forward could be to look at how the MDGs can be mapped more closely to the EDPRS. He also noted that the day following the DPM is the International Conference on Financing for Development in Doha, which could be interesting in terms of linking the DPM to broader issues. He also suggested the Government send the final DPM communiqué to Doha.
- 8.4.7. **The African Development Bank** suggested revising the format of the proposed sessions to present the 2008 overview before breaking out into sector issues in order to set the broader stage for discussions. It also suggested presenting the Public Investment Policy at the DPM if it is ready by then.
- 8.4.8. **Sweden** suggested moving some of the core financing sessions to the first day when higher-level participants are present. It also asked who will facilitate the financing sessions to animate the issue.
- 8.4.9. **The INGO Network** suggested adding a session on the world economic crisis and its potential impact on donor flows to Rwanda. It also suggested showing the progress towards the MDGs and impact of the EDPRS in



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Rwanda – e.g. by bringing in rural women to speak of their own experiences at the DPM.

8.4.10. **The Chair** responded saying that many community-based organizations are invited to the DPM to represent civil society. He suggested the Investment Policy can be included under a broader session rather than having it on its own. He said the current economic crisis might add an interesting dimension to the DPM and the Government will review the schedule to see where it can fit. He also said the Government will review the comments regarding the MDGs and financing sessions and see how the agenda can be revised.

8.4.11. **The UNDP Country Director** suggested that in this time of crisis, there is more than ever a need to put the focus back on achieving the MDGs.

8.4.12. **DFID** asked who the presenters were going to be.

8.4.13. **The Chair** said presenters have not yet been finalized.

8.4.14. **The World Bank** suggested that the global financial crisis can come under discussions of 2008 performance overview rather than having its own dedicated session.

8.4.15. **Belgium** said it would be difficult to present on the impact of the economic crisis since nobody knows what that impact will be.

8.4.16. **The Chair** confirmed that the Government will take into account all the comments and revise the agenda by Wednesday 22 October.

8.4.17. **The World Bank** asked what the Dutch Minister for Cooperation will speak on.

8.4.18. **The Netherlands** replied that the Minister is very engaged in governance, and was also very active in Accra, so will touch on both of those issues.

**9. Any other business**

**9.1. Final DPCG**



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9.1.1. **Sweden's Head of Development Cooperation** Mr. Arne Ström announced that this would be his last DPCG. He said that while the meetings were not always conclusive, they were always engaging.

9.1.2. **Belgium's Head of Cooperation** Mr. Theofiel Baert also announced this would be his last DPCG. He said the cooperation he has seen in Rwanda has been one of the most rewarding things about taking part in the DPCG process.

9.1.3. **The Chair** thanked both individuals for their contribution on behalf of the DPCG.

**9.2. Civil Society Participation**

9.2.1. **The National Civil Society Platform** thanked the DPCG organizers for inviting civil society to the Meeting. It said that its contribution thus far has been minimal because it had little information on aid-related issues. However, it indicated that it was in the process of holding a workshop to strengthen its awareness and engagement on aid-related issues and its role therein.

9.2.2. **DFID** said the UNRCO was asked at last year's Meeting to facilitate such a workshop but it has not happened yet.

9.2.3. **The Head of Aid Coordination** said a pre-DPM meeting was held with civil society last year. Since then, civil society has taken the lead in setting the parameters of its participation with the full support of the UNRCO. He also said a core group of civil society organizations has come together recently to work on these issues, and that a bigger event would take place in subsequent weeks.

9.2.4. **DFID** reissued its request for capacity building for civil society within the umbrella of the One UN program.

9.2.5. **The UNDP Country Director** confirmed that his agency would continue to support activities in this area.

9.3. **The Chair** concluded the meeting and thanked all participants for their contributions.



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