



EIGHTH ANNUAL GOVERNMENT OF RWANDA AND DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS MEETING (DPM)

CONCEPT NOTE

WHERE

Kigali, Rwanda – Serena Hotel

WHEN

27th to 28th November 2008

WHO

The DPM will be attended by approximately 400 senior level delegates, including:

- ✓ High Level Representatives of the Government of Rwanda from the Presidency, the Primature, Ministries, Local Governments, Parliament, the Supreme Court, and Parastatal Organizations;
- ✓ In- and out-of-country Senior Representatives from Multilateral and Bilateral Donor Agencies;
- ✓ Representatives from the Rwanda Private Sector, International and National NGOs, and Faith-Based Organizations.

WHAT

The DPM is a high-level strategic forum for dialogue between the Government of Rwanda and its Development Partners. The main objectives of the DPM are to provide a forum for:

- ✓ Policy dialogue between the GoR and its Development Partners. The Government openly engages in dialogue with donors on major policy issues and the strategic orientation of their partnerships.
- ✓ The Government to showcase its major achievements and constraints in implementing its development programmes.
- ✓ The Government to present its policies and strategic priorities for national development.
- ✓ Open discussion with regard to the management of external aid.

The 2008 DPM will provide a chance for all stakeholders in Rwanda's development to review the year's progress in economic performance and policy development for poverty reduction. The proposed theme for this year's DPM is "**Beyond Aid: innovation mechanism for financing the EDPRS**". The purpose of this year's theme, and objective of the 2008 DPM, is to provide a framework for predictable funding to successfully implement the EDPRS while promoting good governance as the overall context in which the EDPRS is implemented. Presentations and discussions will aim for specific outputs based on that theme.

The 2008 DPM areas of focus are:

1. **Partnership for Good Governance in Rwanda:** Presentation of key findings of the Joint Governance Assessment and follow-up actions
2. **Performance Overview:** Presentation on Rwanda's macroeconomic performance in 2008, and emerging challenges and opportunities for 2009;
3. **Implementing the EDPRS to attain the MDGs:** Presentation on progress and challenges in the implementation and monitoring of the MDGs in Rwanda, in the context of progress to date in implementation of the EDPRS: Managing and mobilising financing for development in Rwanda: Emerging sources of development finance, opportunities and challenges for Rwanda, Public-Private partnerships as an emerging model for financing development.
4. **Progress against Monterrey and Paris:** A donor perspective - Presentation by donor on

progress and challenges in the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus and Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness at the country level

WHY

Since January 1995, Rwanda has organized several conferences grouping its Development Partners (Multilateral and Bilateral Donors, International and National NGO's, members of the diplomatic community, etc). These conferences have provided all parties with an excellent opportunity for productive discussions on issues of development in Rwanda.

The conferences have been held within and outside of the country and covered two distinct periods. The first of these was the Emergency Period (1995-1999), where the main concern was the mobilization of financial resources for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of the country after the war and genocide of 1994. Since 2000, Rwanda's development programme has been based on sustainable development; the annual meetings have subsequently been focused on dialogue between the Government and its Development Partners on policies, strategies, and development programmes for which necessary funds could be mobilized.

The 7th Annual DPM was held in Kigali on 26 and 27 November 2007. The proceedings were opened by His Excellency, the President of the Republic of Rwanda. Discussions centred on the following:

- ✓ EDPRS: The Final EDPRS, EDPRS Implementation; Monitoring and Risk Management; Resource Mobilization and Predictable Funding; Sector – Level Implementation Strategies
- ✓ Performance Overview: Macroeconomic Performance; Key Achievements; Financial Sector Development; PFM
- ✓ Governance: Regional Integration; Decentralization; Public Service Delivery, Justice and Reconciliation

The majority of invited participants from Rwanda and abroad were able to attend. All agreed that discussions were fruitful and provided an excellent opportunity to review Rwanda's development.

HOW

The DPM will feature plenary sessions based on the main objectives of the theme of the Meeting. Background documentation will be provided to all participants. The Meeting will include simultaneous interpretation in English and French. Selected documents will be translated ahead of time.

Participants will have at their disposal a Conference Room for the plenary sessions and a Participant's Lounge for bilateral meetings. Access to PCs, internet, copying, and printing will be available in a separate Delegates Area. A Conference Secretariat will provide assistance for speakers and participants. Technical equipment for presentations is provided. Written statements to be presented at the DPM, or other materials, may be submitted in advance for circulation.