

**Session 4 – Working Group 2  
DPCG and Technical Working Groups**

**ISSUES PAPER**

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**Brief Background:**

The DPCG is the highest level coordination structure in Rwanda. It is made up of GOR Ministry's Secretaries General, Heads of bilateral and multilateral donor agencies, as well as representatives of civil society and the private sector.

According to the Terms of Reference (TOR) approved by the DPCG in mid-2005, the primary objectives of the Group are:

- ✓ To serve as a forum for dialogue in the coordination of development aid to Rwanda;
- ✓ To harmonise the Development Partners' programmes, projects, and budget support with the GOR;
- ✓ To monitor and assist authorities in the implementation of the PRSP;
- ✓ To foster alignment of Partners' interventions with GOR sector strategic and action plans;
- ✓ And, to review progress-made in the fulfillment of commitments undertaken by Development Partners in the 2003 Rome Declaration on Harmonization and the 2005 Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness.

The Budget Support Harmonization Group, a technical working group of the DPCG was formed in 2003 under the Partnership Framework for Harmonization and Alignment of Budget Support. It monitors the implementation of the framework. The partnership framework outlines commitments in three overarching areas: macroeconomic stability and the establishment of an economic environment conducive to growth and employment generation; comprehensive and effective public financial management; and a strong policy formulation informed by monitoring and evaluation.

The HARPP Group is a TWG of the DPCG established in 2004 with the objective of focusing on translating global commitments from the 2003 Rome Declaration on Harmonization and the 2005 Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness into actions by programme and project support donors.

**Discussion Points:**

***DPCG***

- ✓ How can the DPCG be more effective in facilitating policy dialogue (i.e. The EDPRS process)?

- ✓ Should the DPCG play a larger role in steering the overall harmonization and alignment process in Rwanda? If yes, what type of role (i.e. facilitate inclusion of project support donors in discussions on budget preparation and execution)?
- ✓ How can the DPCG contribute to ensuring the effective functioning of the existing coordination mechanisms (i.e. clusters)?
- ✓ What role should the DPCG play in monitoring progress in the implementation of the Paris commitments and the APD?

### ***BSHG***

- ✓ To what extent have the Joint BS and PFM reviews reduced transaction costs on the GoR?
- ✓ To what extent has the Group built the capacity on the GoR in planning, budgeting, monitoring and PFM?
- ✓ What role should Sector Budget Support donors play in the Partnership Framework?

### ***HARPP***

- ✓ The HARPP Group has found it difficult to define its role and place within the aid coordination architecture. Aren't/couldn't its functions be taken care of by the clusters when sector specific and by the DPCG when dealing with overarching issues and processes?
- ✓ If the HARPP does have a key role to play in the H&A process, what should the Group's ToR/objectives be?
- ✓ Could we do without the HARPP Group?

### **Anticipated Output:**

Plan / recommendations on modalities to further improve effectiveness of the DPCG and Technical Working Groups.