

**2007 Government of Rwanda and Development Partners Retreat
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Session 2 – Working Group 2a (EN) Agreeing on actions for strengthening mutual accountability
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Background

Whilst the discussion paper gives an overview of some of the issues surrounding mutual accountability, it is by no means comprehensive, and as such discussants are encouraged to introduce other topics and questions. Similarly, the paper sets out an initial proposal from MINECOFIN that sees existing systems linked with new ones, but there may be other options, which participants are encouraged to propose and discuss in the working groups.

Discussion Points

- 1) What are the perceived 'gaps' in mutual accountability between the GoR and its development partners at present?
- 2) Participants are encouraged to discuss the proposal from MINECOFIN contained in this document, and discuss to what extent this might meet the needs identified by the group.
- 3) Civil society organizations are not donors in the true sense (and they are not signatories to the Paris Declaration). Where do these important partners in Rwanda's development fit into discussions of mutual accountability? How might their views and responsibilities be incorporated?
- 4) Who could act as Secretariat for the peer review exercise? (perhaps the UNRCO in collaboration with MINECOFIN; or a small technical working group consisting of some donor and GoR representatives?)
- 5) What are the potential barriers to the success of these new tools? How might these be overcome?

Anticipated Outputs

Plenary and Working Group participants should discuss the proposal contained in this document. By the end of the retreat, it is hoped that consensus is reached on:

- 1) The nature of a mechanism / framework through which GoR and donor performance can be assessed, consistent with the provisions on mutual accountability contained in the Paris Declaration.
- 2) Roles and responsibilities are outlined.
- 3) Agreement is reached on the timing of any new mechanism / tool to be introduced.

Please give a maximum of 3 outputs which are to be recorded by the rapporteur and reported back to the plenary in the form of 1 or 2 PowerPoint slides.