

Joint Governance Assessment (JGA)- a brief discussion

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Outline

JGA: Background & objectives

JGA Review: progress & lessons

**JGA:
Policy Impact & prospects**

Origin & Objectives of the JGA:

A GoR- DP Joint Initiative for Common Understanding, Paris Declaration, Forward Looking

- JGA was born at DPM of 2006; as a response to plethora of assessments, most of which without grounded evidence nor objective analysis
- The fundamental objectives of the JGA are threefold:
 1. To develop a common (government and donors) understanding of governance issues in Rwanda;
 2. To reduce transaction costs by consolidating different donor governance assessment activities, also in conformity with the aspirations of the Paris Declaration; and
 3. To provide an objective, evidence-based assessment that reflects Rwanda's specific governance history, its current context and realities that provides indications for future programs and actions.

JGA INDICATORS

RULING JUSTLY

6 indicators

21 sub- indicators

GOVERNMENT EFFECTIVENESS

5 indicators

15 sub-indicators

INVESTMENT CLIMATE & CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

4 indicators

9 sub-indicators

JGA Review:

The process and lessons

- the Current JGA Review started in July 2009;
- The review process has been open, interactive and consultative;
- **JGA is a challenging but useful process.** Stakeholders may have different expectations which amplifies its complexity;
- The review is based on 2 key issues:
 - a. ***The Monitoring Framework*** adopted in the first JGA and agreed upon as the key instrument for evaluating the progress;
 - b. ***Assessment of the Progress*** made since the first JGA taking also into account, data and the recommendations made then ;
- Its nature of being basically “***back looking***” (assessment) for “***forward looking***” actions poses a critical question to the process: where, when and how do we look at the “**present**”? **The JGA-Dialogue** may address this dilemma....

Sustaining JGA and strengthening its Relevance

Challenge	Way forward
Strengthening the JGA process and follow up on implementation of Recommendations	Establish & strengthen a dedicated JGA Secretariat
Reliability of JGA funding	Establish a JGA Basket Fund
<p>Relevance of JGA as a dialogue forum Some governance issues are not easily capturable in numbers (“quantifiable”);</p> <p>Consensus is sometimes difficult to reach</p> <p>Stakeholders Expectations are dynamic, but also change from one to another</p>	<p>In addition to the usual JGA report and its data capturing progress from previous year(s), ensure continuous discussions on governance issues at the level of the JGA Steering Committee :</p> <p>Institutionalize JGA – Dialog Forum.</p>
Aid delivery and how it influences governance	In future JGA reviews, to consider the relationship between how is aid delivered and its impact on governance

JGA Policy Impact : for discussion

- **Internally:**

- ✓ *It is recognized as a mechanism meant to drive policy reforms;*
- ✓ How does JGA perform against its objectives? Does it impact on policies and policy implementation? How can its impact be deepened further?

- **Externally:**

- ✓ *JGA is recognized as a worldwide novelty.* If replicated, it would yield lessons for Rwanda
- ✓ Is JGA externally attractive? Can it be an inspiration to others?