

Development Coordination Council Tajikistan

2012 Work Program

Key Objectives

Linked to Busan High Level Forum outcomes and Joint Country Partnership Strategy (JCPS) commitments, DCC objectives for 2012 include:

- Further reinforcement of mutual accountability through thematic clusters and working groups;
- Improved operational coordination, *e.g.* joint visiting missions, joint analytical work, *etc.*; and
- Reducing transaction costs of development aid, *e.g.* decreasing parallel PIUs, sector-wide approaches, *etc.*

JCPS Shared Principles of Aid Effectiveness

The following recommendations from the JCPS progress report would enable the DCC to make significant progress against shared principles of aid effectiveness (annex 2 of JCPS):

- **Non-government organizations (NGOs)** – initiate regular (*e.g.* semi-annually) dialogue/round-table meetings with (*e.g.*) 15-20 representative national and international NGOs to exchange information of mutual interest, evolving later into exploration of potential for collaborative activities in specific sectors and/or geographical regions (*e.g.* DCC/USAID to lead).
- **Integration of joint project preparation and implementation management into ministerial structures** – *i.e.* reducing number of parallel PIUs over time (*e.g.* ADB/EBRD/WBG to lead).
- **Identification upcoming projects/programs that may be candidates in 2012-13 for:** (a) a **sector-wide approach** operation (*e.g.* an education SWAp based on NSED); (b) **scaling up** of a successful pilot/small-scale project for country-wide impact; (c) use of a **country public financial management (PFM) system** or process; or (d) a **joint country or sector analytical task** (*e.g.* DCC secretariat to lead).
- **Greater use of DCC website** – to exploit communications and information-sharing potential of the website, now up and running—*e.g.* visiting mission schedules, VIP visits, conferences, seminars and workshops, country and sector strategies, *etc.*
- **Medium-term (3-year) DCC secretariat staffing, budget and financing plan** – to ensure permanence, self-sustainability, and independence of DCC secretariat; to mobilize assured, unencumbered income of (*e.g.*) \$40-50,000 annually—*i.e.* enough to finance salaries of two (one senior, one junior) national staff members and related administrative operating/overhead expenses (communications, office supplies, *etc.*).

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DCC Monthly Meetings

To broaden and deepen dialogue of monthly meetings, the following agenda items are proposed:

- **Macroeconomic monitoring** – IMF Resident representative to provide quarterly briefings, *e.g.* March, June, September, and December, eventually supplemented by briefings from key GoT representatives (*e.g.* National Bank of Tajikistan and Ministry of Finance).
- **Sector strategy development** – DCC cluster coordinators to provide quarterly (10-minute) briefings, *e.g.* March, June, September, and December.
- **Thematic discussions** – brief presentation by DCC members/visiting representatives followed by discussion on current development issues or topics of general interest. Initial schedule as follows:
 - migration (January 2012, DFID/WB);
 - Tajikistan's medium-term development strategy 2013-15 (formerly known as PRS-4, April and September 2012);
 - results/impact measurement (June 2012, DFID); and
 - private sector investment (August 2012, Germany/IFC).
- **Non-traditional development partners** – invite (*e.g.*) Chinese, Iranian, Russian, IsDB, other non-DCC partners to make brief presentations of their programs in Tajikistan.
- **Visiting DCC VIPs/missions** – invite (*e.g.*) visiting ministers/senior officials (recent examples include DFID Secretary of International Development, ADB Vice President, and WB Regional Director) and missions of significant general interest to brief and/or exchange views with DCC members.

Joint Events with Government

- **2012 Development Forum and Investors' Forum, November 2012**
 - Preparatory meeting in May to review the balance of 2010 Development Forum Action Plan and initial preparation for November events.