



SIDE EVENT:

Pilot programme for strengthening Country Results Frameworks

11 July 2014, 1:15-2:45pm, Room C (Conference Building)

Objective

This side event will focus on how to support countries in further improving their country results framework, an important Busan commitments and area of attention for the Post-2015 agenda. The event is an opportunity to explore with partner countries the focus of a pilot programme proposed by the members of the Building Block on Results and Accountability (BB R&MA) and their interest to join the pilot programme.

Participants at the event are expected to contribute in three ways:

- Critically reflect on the presentations regarding national results frameworks
- Express political support to the pilot programme
- Suggest budget sources for the pilot

Event Format

The event will be organized as an interactive panel discussion, moderated by Ms Mereseini Bower, UNDP Asia-Pacific Regional Centre and Asia-Pacific Development Effectiveness Facility (AP-DEF) Secretariat.

1:15 – 1:20	Introduction of the Bangladesh and Switzerland Representative, panellists and discussion by Ms. Mereseini Bower
1:20 – 1:23	Welcoming Remarks by Mr. Mohammad Mejbahuddin, Secretary, ERD, Ministry of Finance, Bangladesh
1:23 – 1:26	Welcoming Remarks by Ms. Suzanne Mueller, Senior Policy Advisor, SDC, Swiss Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1:26 – 1:56	Three Panelists present (max. 10 minutes each)
1:56 – 2:15	First Round of Q&A moderated by Ms. Bower
2:15 – 2:18	Consolidation of questions and views from the floor
2:18 – 2:38	Second Round of Q&A
2:38 – 2:42	Wrap up by Ms. Mereseini Bower
2:42 – 2:45	Closing by the Bangladesh & Swiss Representative

The three panellists will make short presentations on their Country Results Frameworks, including the advantages and constraints and how inter-country exchanges may improve its functioning.

Speakers/Panelists

- Mr. Mohammad Mejbahuddin, Secretary, ERD, Ministry of Finance, Bangladesh
- Ms. Suzanne Mueller, Senior Policy Advisor, SDC, Swiss Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Mr. Thierry SOMAKPO, Economist, Monitoring Unit for Economic and Financial Programs, Ministry of Economy and Finances, BENIN
- Mr. Isaora Zefania ROMALAHY, Statistician-Economist, Head/Aid Coordination Permanent Secretariat, Office of the Prime Minister, Madagascar
- Mr. Monowar Ahmed, Additional Secretary and NPM, Aid Effectiveness Unit, Economic Relations Division, M/O Finance, Bangladesh

Further background on the Results Pilots

At the High Level Forum in Mexico (15-16 April 2014) the BB R&MA presented a paper with two key suggestions on how to continue with its agenda, one of which focuses on a pilot to strengthen Country Results Frameworks.

Pilot Programme

The BB R&MA is preparing a pilot programme that aims to promote the international commitment for development partners to use country systems and country results frameworks (CRF). The BB R&MA seeks to support partner countries in developing solid country results frameworks. In the current situation where both partner countries and development partners are developing results frameworks (one more elaborate than the other) a pilot among a number of countries may offer practical solutions that serve both recipients' and providers' needs.

Pilot outputs

The main results of the pilot will be contributions on:

- Good practice models for strengthening country results frameworks and aligning development partner results frameworks with national frameworks
- Practical recommendations on how to integrate accountability for results at the country level into the post-2015 development agenda.

Pilot - 3 Areas of Focus:

1. Developing and monitoring partner country results frameworks

CRF development is becoming more inclusive. Non-state actors are getting more involved in country priority setting. Parliaments and local government authorities are increasingly involved.

Questions for the pilot: *What are good practices in CRF development? What are adequate web-based applications? What is the role of the country's political leadership?*

2. Cross-country CRF comparisons.

The BB R&MA has expressed the need to organise mutual learning on CRFs, including which indicators to select. These comparisons are intended to take place at regional level. Existing regional support structures – such as the UN structure or the "Managing for Development Results –Communities of Practise" – can facilitate the cross-country exchanges.

Questions for the pilot: *Which topics would regional mutual learning be particularly beneficial (national results frameworks, sector results frameworks, monitoring practices, indicator development, accountability mechanisms for results, development partner alignment, online results monitoring through aid information management systems and/or other?)*

3. Aligning DP result frameworks with partner CRFs

In Busan, DPs committed to align with country results framework. In recent years, as a consequence of accountability pressures in DP countries, donor agencies are increasingly developing their own results frameworks, allowing them to aggregate information across partner countries. There is a risk that these results framework will become parallel systems putting more emphasis on donor priorities than partner country priorities.

Questions for the pilot: *How development partners align their results frameworks with country results frameworks? How can partner countries and development partners be held mutually accountable for development results?*

Related Links:

2014 DCF page (<http://www.un.org/en/ecosoc/newfunct/2014dcf0.shtml>).

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