



Working Better Together for the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda

ZIMBABWE – A roadmap for working better together

This road map proposes a set of concrete actions to strengthen European development partners' (EU, MS and Switzerland) working better together in Zimbabwe. The actions are based on the discussion among the European development partners and with other development stakeholders during the joint mission to Zimbabwe 17-19 September 2019.

1. Doing more of the following:

(i) Joint learning and joint analysis through:

- Promoting joint analytical work of common interest to provide more insight into scope for reforms, such as: joint country assessment, joint Political Economy Analysis, better understanding of sector-specific issues.
- Strengthen information sharing around the individual European partners' studies, and joint missions to the field and other joint actions to support the group learning and sharing.
- Sharing information on upcoming missions/studies/analysis to seek European partner's inputs in preparation, sharing of ToRs and discussion of deliverables to better identify any knowledge gaps.

(ii) Joint messages for HoMs to reinforce integration of political dimension into development cooperation work and having a common position through:

- Collective engagement with political counsellors to promote ongoing shared joint analysis and explore possibility of shared policy briefs in relevant areas/sectors.
- Strengthening the links between the technical, policy and political discussions by ensuring more regular exchanges between the HoC and HoM level: speaking with one voice and communicating the same common messages on the development and political side.

2. Take steps to:

(iii) Position ourselves as 'European partners' by communicating and raising the visibility of the collective European contribution to development in Zimbabwe.

- Identification of results for joint monitoring of progress on key reforms and ways to use data to demonstrate contribution/results to a range of stakeholders and partners
- Using our combined networks and expertise more proactively and strategically
- Using visual communication on joint efforts as a group to highlight contributions in supporting SDGs

(iv) Using Lead Country approach to coordination work will allow space to focus on promoting key issues by:

- Making best use of our combined technical resources at country level to focus on policy dialogue around a few key objectives (ex. resilience...)

- Identifying and utilising common terminology, explicitly grounded in the SDGs as a basis for dialogue with the Government, multilaterals and other stakeholders.
- Definition of sectors, mapping of our respective contributions, writing up key messages on how we support the SDGs, regular meetings in some sectors where coordination is weak

(v) **Moving common advocacy forward by:**

- Providing spaces for dialogue by using our convening capacities / contacts / relationships more strategically
- Supporting data and evidence collection/analysis to monitor policy implementation/impact in key areas of collective engagement
- Identifying together opportunities for engagement and dialogue as a group and preparing common messages for political dialogues

(vi) Identifying **joint strategic ambitions** e.g.:

- Demand-side of governance (e.g. transparency, CSO/citizens engagement and dialogue, elections, women's participation/representation, media, human rights defenders, LGBTI)
- Supply-side of governance (e.g. PFM, justice reform, Public Service Reform, constitutional reform, support to Local Authorities, independent commissions)
- Resilience and Social cohesion
- Engagement with the private sector
- Regulatory and institutional reforms

(vii) **Joint messages at development effectiveness level:**

- Investing in key technical coordination groups, drawing on experience of what works well (health) and encouraging Government ownership and inclusiveness
- Explore the possibility to harmonise per diems/allowances
- Discussion on how to keep flexibility in the combination of our instruments

(viii) Use the next **EU programming cycle** to:

- Build on the existing country assessment
- Think jointly about our cooperation (joint programming): work towards a common 'chapeau' / umbrella framework that keeps us moving forward in a coherent way

Next steps:

1. Sharing results of mission with HoMs – mandate to start work
2. Need to find some human resources to support the process – secretariat/mapping
3. Specific HoC meeting dedicated to a 'plan of action' for the coming months

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