

Annex 3

TEMPLATE FOR THE ANALYSIS OF NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS (MAX. 11 PAGES)

A concise analysis and assessment of the partner country's NDP(s) ¹ is the starting point of the programming process. This analysis should take into account relevant existing analyses by national/regional stakeholders, the EU Delegation and other donors, in particular EU Member States and International Financing Institutions (IFIs). ² The EU Delegation should review these documents, discuss with national stakeholders and other donors on the ground and make recommendations to the EEAS and DEVCO, stating to what extent the existing NDPs could be used for the programming of EU aid, or duly justify why it could not be used to that end. The EU Delegation should also indicate whether, and to what extent, other donors base their programming on the NDPs.

The analysis of the NDP should be shared with the EU Member States present in the country. In the case of joint programming, the analysis should be jointly prepared. The analysis should follow the format below, while, in the case of joint programming, it may guide the analysis.

1. Reference documents (max. 1/2 page)

Mention the documents (NDP or equivalents) that have been assessed by the EU Delegation (title, author, date, status).

2. Country constraints, challenges and perspectives (max. 3 pages)

1. Does the NDP contain a relevant analysis of the constraints and perspectives of the country/region?
2. Are there any major constraints, challenges and perspectives not taken into account in the analysis contained in or underlying the NDP? If yes, please explain.

In answering the above questions the following issues could be addressed:

- Political situation (state and trends in human rights, democracy, rule of law, governance, pace of reforms, conflict risk assessment, security, etc.)
- Economic vulnerability³ and potential (macroeconomic trends; likely outlook in terms of sustainable growth, and investment climate, productive capacities, employment and trade potential and related binding constraints (including sustainable access to energy) and migrants' remittances)
- Sustainable agricultural (including livestock and fisheries) and food security situation: (level of food insecurity, weight of agriculture in the economy and in employment, child malnutrition, capacity to address food crisis including through social transfers).

¹ National Development Plans (NDPs), is here defined as a set of public documents endorsed by the partner country government, and/or parliament in which procedures, regulations and funding allocation mechanisms are laid down to provide the basis for public programmes and services.

² If the NDP has been in place for a number of years, consult mid-term reviews or annual reports.

³ Vulnerability is understood as containing two components: risk and capacity (institutions, civil society and private sector) to respond, including likelihood that an event will have negative consequences.

- Regional integration and cooperation
- Social vulnerability (poverty and inequality situation, taking into account employment, social protection schemes and access to social services, and in this connection, regional labour mobility and migratory flows)
- Environmental situation, including natural resources and pollution effects on public health and environmental vulnerability, in particular due to climate change, natural and man-made disasters, land degradation or biodiversity loss
- Country capacity (institutions; importance and role of civil society and private sector)
- Other important elements the EU Delegation may wish to underline.

3. Country Development Priorities and Objectives (max. 1 page)

1. Are the priorities of the NDP consistent with the constraints, challenges and perspectives of the country/region?

2. In the choice of priorities/objectives in the NDP are there any major constraints, challenges and perspectives that have not been taken into account?

3. Are the priorities/objectives supported by an inclusive country/regional process to ensure broad ownership?

4. Consistency with EU development policy (max. 1 page)

To what degree are the priorities of the NDP consistent with the proposed priorities outlined in the *Agenda for Change* Communication, including the EU's fundamental values?

This section should address issues of coherence with EU development policy (as proposed in the *Agenda for Change* Communication) with respect to (i) human rights, democracy and key elements of governance; and with respect to (ii) inclusive and sustainable growth for human development.

The section should also look at how the following additional cross-cutting issues have been addressed in the NDP: gender equality, children's rights, persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples, environmental sustainability, climate change, and combating HIV/AIDS.

It should also include concise information on the state of play of the aid effectiveness agenda in the country.

5. Performance Assessment and Monitoring (max. 1-2 pages)

To what extent does the NDP provide a monitoring or performance assessment framework?

This section should provide information on the country's/region's capacity, through its public financial and sectoral management systems, to oversee the implementation of its policies and measure their results. The section should analyse how key policy objectives compare with the country's/region's track record (last three years). Lessons learned and conclusions of recent country/regional evaluations or mid- or end term reviews (when available) should be quoted. The section should also indicate to what extent key data (including key development indicators and corresponding baselines) are available as defined in the NDP, and assess their quality and usability.

6. Conclusion and proposal for the overall lines of the EU response (max. 4 pages)

This section should set out the conclusions of the above analysis. It should clearly indicate to what extent the existing NDP can be used for programming EU aid or duly justify why it could not be used to that end.

It should also indicate possible sectors not reflected in the NDP that should nevertheless be considered for EU support (see Section 3.1 of the Programming Instructions).

This section should include the EU Delegation's proposal for the overall lines for the EU response, following the format of Sections 1.1 and 1.2 of the template for the MIP, as contained in Annex 5 of the Programming Instructions.

This proposal should take into account and explain the capacity of the EU Delegation to implement the proposed response and set out the coherence between the two.

Finally, the EU Delegation should identify the local stakeholders consulted and the meetings that took place.

Attachments (max. 3 pages)

1. Country at a glance (i.e. macro economic indicators and indicators derived from the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), as well as possible other indicators relevant for the country, including risk indicators for disaster prone countries) (max. 2 pages)
2. Donor Matrix showing the indicative allocations per sector (max. 1 page)
3. Annexes on thematic issues when these are relevant for the programming (for example the executive summary of a Country Environment Profile or similar studies, where interventions in one or more of the proposed sectors may have an environmental impact, or where climate change might affect such interventions).