WORKING GROUPS ON MONITORING AFTER BUSAN

Session on Aid and Development Effectiveness (Post-Busan) to be held in the First Interim Meeting of the Policy Forum on Development contains working groups on monitoring after Busan. The purpose of these working groups is to discuss the monitoring themes, potential indicators as well as issues related to country level monitoring.

Post-Busan Interim Group (PBIG) has identified seven priority themes from the Busan outcome document to be included in the Busan monitoring. These themes are results, inclusive ownership and partnership, transparency, predictability, accountability, gender and capacity development/use of country systems.

The following table shows the identified priority themes as well as a shortlist of commitments to be developed into detailed indicators:

Theme	**Shortlist of PD/AAA/Busan commitments to be worked up into detailed indicator proposals:**
Results focus	1. Use of country-led results frameworks as a common tool among all concerned actors (BPd§18b)
Inclusive ownership and partnership	2. Participation of all development co-operation actors in mutual assessment reviews (BPd§18d) 3. Enabling environment for CSOs that maximises their contribution to development (BPd§22a) 4. Partner to improve the legal, regulatory and administrative environment for private investment / private sector development (BPd§32a)
Transparency	5. Availability of information on publicly-funded development activities, including through transparent public financial management and aid information management systems (BPd§23a-b). 6. Implementation of a common, open standard for electronic publication (BPd§23c).
Predictability	7. Progress in providing available, regular, timely rolling three- to five-year indicative forward expenditure and/or implementation plans (BPd§24a) 8. Disburse aid in a timely and predictable fashion according to agreed schedule (PD§25)
Accountability	9. Efforts to ensure that mutual assessment reviews and in place in all countries (BPd§18d) / Agreement on frameworks for monitoring progress and promoting mutual accountability (BPd§35a)
Gender	10. Efforts to collect, disseminate, harmonise and make full use of data disaggregated by sex to inform policy decisions and guide investments (BPd§20a)
Capacity development / country systems	11. Use of country systems as the default approach for development co-operation in support of activities managed by the public sector (BPd§19a) 12. Transparency on the reasons for non-use of country systems (BPd§19b) 13. Accelerating efforts to untie aid (PD/AAA/BPd§18e)

Two working groups will be discussing the following themes for monitoring:

Group 1

- Inclusive Ownership and Partnership
- Results

Group 2

- Accountability
- Capacity development/country systems

Both working groups are also welcomed to address transparency/predictability as well as gender, if time allows.

The following questions will guide the work of the two working groups:

- Commitments in Paris Declaration, Accra Agenda for Action and Busan outcome document go beyond the identified shortlist. Is the shortlist of commitments extensive enough? Are there important commitments that are missing in the shortlist?
- What commitments should we prioritise? What are the particular issues of concern in that should be taken into account to ensure that the indicator captures the right issues in the theme?
- What could be the specific indicator for the theme?

Country level monitoring

It is likely that monitoring after Busan will rely to a large extent to existing country level monitoring processes. Partner countries have different results and accountability frameworks in place and global monitoring should be flexible enough to accommodate this diversity at the country level. At the same time it is important that the country level monitoring is able to produce good quality data for the political level discussions both at country and global levels.

The working group discussing country level implementation will concentrate on the following issues:

- What are the experiences from the country level monitoring – what are the opportunities and challenges for providing evidence to global level?
- What are the key capacity needs at the country level to strengthen monitoring?
- How to ensure that country level monitoring process is inclusive enough?