

Title of session: PFD Review: Taking stock and moving forward

Objectives:

- Hear the key conclusions and recommendations from the first review of the PFD
- Clarify next steps

Background: The PFD Charter states that a review of the PFD and its ways of working would take place after an initial two-year period:

"After an initial phase of two-years, on the basis of feedback received from stakeholders and the follow-up and monitoring work by the Task Team, revision and improvements of the working modalities shall be considered, as well as the composition and membership of the PFD."

The terms of reference describe the objectives of the review:

The global objective of the review is to take stock of 2 years of working of the PFD platform and to formulate, where necessary, recommendations for improvement.

The specific objective of the review is to assess the progress achieved so far, identify strengths, weaknesses and constraints encountered, and draw key lessons and recommendations that will inform decisions to improve the ways of working and efficiency of the PFD in the future in order to reach its objectives, within its defined scope, and confirm the extension of the PFD.¹

A distinction will be made between short term recommendations that could be put into practice during the new phase of the PFD (as of 2016) and longer-term recommendations to be addressed in future dialogue with civil society and local authority stakeholders.

The review will be based on an analysis of all documents and reports produced by the PFD, on the original charter and the way it has been implemented, and on the feedback received from the Task Team and all other stakeholders involved.

Two reviewers carried out the work over the period October 2015 to date, and will present their findings and recommendations in this session.

Expected Results:

- PFD members will hear and comment on the review findings
- PFD members will begin to discuss next steps regarding the PFD based on the findings presented.

¹ This review will not look at the defined scope or the allocation of seats amongst PFD members, but will focus on the objectives of the PFD and the representation of members.

Methodology: 3 hour, 15 minute session with a presentation of findings, working groups and plenary discussion (coffee break as needed during break out groups).

I. Presentation of findings and recommendations (45 minutes)

Chair: Rosario Bento Pais, Head of Unit, Civil Society and Local Authorities, DG DEVCO

Introductory remarks by a high level panel (10 minutes each). Followed by brief comments from PFD constituencies (from the floor) and responses from the panel.

Review consultants: Patricia Reynoso and Menno Oostra

II. Break out into groups by areas of follow up discussion needed, to be determined by the Task Team based on review findings. (1 hour)

Coffee break

III. Plenary feedback and discussion (1 hour, moderated)