**Session 2 – EU Development and Cooperation Results Framework**

**BACKGROUND**

In the 2011 Agenda for Change Communication and the related Council Conclusions, the EU and its Member States committed to strengthen their capacity for monitoring and evaluating development results. In December 2013 the European Commission issued the Staff Working Document ‘Paving the way to an EU Development and Cooperation Results Framework’ *(2013) 503* which sets out the key approaches the EU will adopt to monitor and report results in an aggregated manner.

The key development will be the creation of an EU Results Framework. This will provide the basis for information on results that have been achieved with funding from EU external assistance programmes both for management purposes and to ensure accountability/transparency to external stakeholders.

Drawing on other donors’ experiences, the EU Development and Cooperation Results Framework will be split into four levels: level 1 includes indicators to monitor global development progress, level 2 indicators more specifically track results towards which EU funded operations contribute; and level 3 and 4 indicators focus on organisational effectiveness and efficiency.

**ISSUES AND CHALLENGES**

* Reporting on results: "Quality" of results and indicators needs to be improved and screened at programming, identification and formulation stage;
* Reporting on results: Specific provisions in legal agreements and follow-up by Delegations is pivotal to ensure adequate progress and final reporting by implementing partners;
* Reporting on results: Technical assistance to partners (especially partner Governments) on *monitoring for evaluation* should be stepped up. ROM to play a role in the next future;
* Results framework: Definition of a set of aggregatable indicators adequately covering EU development assistance priorities is a challenge. Close interaction Delegation-HQ is needed;
* Results framework: Data reporting on RF indicators from Delegations to HQ (end of year reports and/or completion reports) is a substantial change compared to *status quo*;
* Results framework: New IT tools need to be developed in order to reduce workload on monitoring and reporting.