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Notification

Subject: Development Cooperation Effectiveness Working Group

Pursuant to the notification No. 09.00.0000.225.46.001.19-189, dated 26 December 2021, the Economic Relations Division (ERD) has constituted the LCG-Working Group for '**Development Cooperation Effectiveness**' with the following composition and Terms of Reference (ToR):

S1	Officials	
1.	Additional Secretary (Wing Chief, DE Wing), ERD	Chair
2.	Resident Representative/Deputy Resident Representative, UNDP Bangladesh	Co-Chair
3.	Additional Secretary/Joint Secretary, Finance Division	Member
4.	Additional Secretary/Joint Secretary, Planning Division	Member
5.	Chief, General Economics Division (GED)	Member
6.	Joint Secretary (DE-1, DE-2, DE-3), DE Wing, ERD	Member
7.	Joint Secretary, UN Wing, ERD	Member
8.	Representative from UK	Member
9.	Representative from JICA/Japan	Member
10	Representative from EU	Member
11	Representative from USAID	Member
12	Representative from the World Bank	Member
13	Representative from Republic of Korea	Member



14	Representative from Germany	Member
15	Representative from UN Resident Coordinator's Office /LCG DP Secretariat	Member
16	Joint Secretary/Deputy Secretary, DE Wing, ERD	Member Secretary

* The Working Group can co-opt members if necessary

2. ToR of the LCG Working Group- Development Cooperation Effectiveness:

A. Background

i) Background

The Local Consultative Group (LCG) is a formal mechanism for dialogue to ensure the effectiveness of development endeavors. It comprises of Development Partners (DP) including the multilateral and bilateral agencies, international financial institutions, the UN agencies and the Government. Based on internationally agreed development effectiveness principles, the LCG discusses joint priorities of the national development plan, focuses on results, inclusive partnership, transparency and mutual accountability among partners. GoB and DPs agreed to ensure the effectiveness of development cooperation to improve the way GoB, DPs and other stakeholders work together. In this context, the LCG Development Cooperation Effectiveness Working Group (DCE WG) is established to provide support to other 13 Working Groups in ensuring development effectiveness in Bangladesh. The working group will also collect reports from other WGs and provide updates to the LCG Plenary periodically. It seeks ways of translating the commitments of Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (GPEDC) in the context of Bangladesh. DCE WG will also support implementation of SDG 17 to strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development, and assist in organizing Bangladesh Development Forum and national dialogues of GPEDC, coordinate the survey: UN Development Cooperation Forum (DCF), South-South and triangular cooperation etc.

ii) Objectives

The objectives of the Development Cooperation Effectiveness WG are to:

- Facilitate localizing the development effectiveness principles in Bangladesh and thereby ensuring effective development cooperation;
- Provide a dialogue platform for ensuring better coordination among the stakeholders and provide guidance and assistance to other working groups regarding development effectiveness;
- Progress the agenda of development effectiveness agreed in different international high-level forums including Paris Declaration 2005, the Accra Agenda for Action 2008, Busan



Partnership for GPEDC (2011), Nairobi Outcome Document (2016) and subsequent declarations/commitments;

- Support the government in applying and monitoring global development effectiveness principles at country level;
- Support implementation of SDG 17 to strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development.

iii) Scope of Work

- The Development Cooperation Effectiveness WG, with the assistance of the LCG Secretariat, will facilitate the functions of all the WGs towards ensuring effective development cooperation.
- Provide a forum for establishing consensus on development effectiveness priorities. The DCE WG will seek to fulfill the commitments of high-level forums including Paris, Accra, Busan and GPEDC in the context of Bangladesh. To that end, the group will also take into account relevant international experiences on effectiveness of development cooperation.
- Utilize the LCG Secretariat to provide support to the LCG mechanism in close collaboration with the Chair/Co-Chair for ensuring effective coordination among the Working Groups.
- Promote and facilitate common understanding and integration of development effectiveness policies, approaches and efforts of DPs and GoB. This will require exchange of information on development effectiveness related matters including a regularly updated inventory of GoB and DPs on budget and off budget activities in this area.
- Monitor and provide support for the implementation of the Action Plan, adopted in the LCG Plenary. DCE WG will support in carry out yearly evaluation of the progress made by all the WGs.
- Promote harmonization and alignment of activities as well as joint work/programmes, analysis to enhance development effectiveness, avoid duplication and overlapping and provide feedback to the government, concerned agencies, and the LCG Plenary.
- Promote participation of non-traditional, emerging or southern development partners, private sector and CSOs in effective development cooperation and thereby ensuing inclusive partnership.
- Provide regular feedback to the LCG Plenary and provide update biannually on progress and constraints of the functionalities of the 14 WGs.



- Prepare a consolidated Annual Progress Report for review by the LCG Plenary. The annual progress report will be based on the implementation reports of the other WGs.
- Prepare the subsequent action plans, with clear responsibilities, actions, milestones and timeline.
- Follow up the alignment and justification of the commitments of high-level forums including Paris, Accra, Busan and GPEDC in the context of national documents of Bangladesh.
- Support SDG 17 implementation, data collection and assist in organizing BDF and national dialogues of GPEDC, coordinate the survey: UN Development Cooperation Forum (DCF), South-South and triangular cooperation etc.

B. Institutional and Administrative Arrangements

i) Chairmanship

The DCE WG will be chaired by the Wing Chief of DE Wing, ERD, representing GoB and co-chaired representing DPs.

ii) Organizational Set-Up

The organizational and operational arrangements for the LCG DCE WG are as follows:

- a) The chair and co-chair will lead the DCE WG, representing GoB and the DPs respectively. The co-chair representing the DPs will be appointed by general consensus of the members of the working group for a recommended period of two years.
- b) The secretariat of the DCE WG is based within the DE Wing, ERD. The group is able to draw human and financial resources from the DE Wing as well as through other channels made available by the members.
- c) DE Wing, ERD with support of the LCG Secretariat, is responsible for organizing the meetings, preparing documentation, writing the minutes of DCE WG meetings, maintaining membership lists, supporting monitoring of the Action Plan, and any other tasks assigned by the Chair. They will be supported by the DP Co-Chair and other members of the WGs.
- d) The strategic priorities and outputs of the DCE WG are to be defined in annual work plans of the WG prepared in consultation with the WG members and approved by the Chair & Co-Chair.
- e) In consultation with the DCE WG members, the Chair may form task teams to perform specific actions within the mandate of the group.



iii) Membership

Members of the DCE WG are representatives of GoB and DPs with an interest to work towards improved development effectiveness in Bangladesh. ERD will include members of the GoB and DP side from the relevant Ministries/Divisions/DPs. In addition to the regular members, CSOs, NGOs, think tanks, and private sector representatives may be invited on an ad hoc basis.

iv) Meetings and Information Sharing

The DCE WG will strive to meet at least three times per-year and also on need basis/adhoc. All members of the WGs will support implementing meetings' decisions and carry out necessary follow-up actions. Meeting minutes will be co- signed by the chair and co-chair. The meeting minutes will be shared with other WGs. [as well posted in the LCG Website]

C. Functioning of the Working Group

i) Work plan

An annual work plan will be prepared incorporating key activities and timelines. It will be a living document; can be adjusted following the needs and requirements.

ii) Reporting Lines

Like other WGs, the DCE WG shall report to the LCG GoB-DP plenary.

iii) Monitoring Implementation

The operations and functionalities of the DCE WG will be monitored regularly by the Development Effectiveness Wing of ERD, and progress will be reported to LCG chair and co-chair. The LCG Secretariat will support monitor the functionalities of the WG and assist in carry out regular evaluation of the progress of the implementation of the work plan.

iv) Decision making

The DCE WG will work on the basis of reaching any decisions on a consensus basis.

3. This notification is issued with the approval of appropriate authority.



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