

DAC Network on Governance (GOVNET)

Draft Agenda

The 22nd DAC Network on Governance Plenary Meeting

OECD Conference Centre, 2 rue Andre Pascal, 75016, Paris

14-16 December 2016

Day 1: Wednesday, 14th December 2016 - ROOM E

9.30-10.45

Opening and Welcome

Kirsten Bishop, Director, Governance Section, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australia and **Meghan Watkinson**, Deputy Director, Governance, Global Affairs Canada (Co-Chairs of the Governance Network)

Moderator: Meghan Watkinson, GovNet Co-Chair

- **Strategic Direction of the OECD Development Co-operation Directorate, the Development Cluster: Where GovNet Fits**, Jorge Moreira da Silva, Director, Development Co-operation Directorate, OECD and Nadine Gbossa, Head, Global Partnerships and Policies
- **Proposed priorities for the Governance for Development Agenda**, Georg Huber-Grabenwarter, DAC GovNet Facilitator (Austria) and Pieter Vaermerke, GovNet and Environet (Belgium)

Questions and Answers

10.45-11.00

COFFEE BREAK

11.00-13.00

SDG16 Implementation: The Landscape and Addressing Gaps

Moderator: Kirsten Bishop, GovNet Co-Chair

Presentations:

- **Partnerships for Peaceful, Just, Inclusive Societies and Effective, Accountable Institutions**, Joe Powell, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Open Government Partnership
- **Where do we see initiatives/gaps in SDG16 implementation today?** Sarah Lister, Director, UNDP Oslo Governance Centre.
- **SDG16: Toward better communications, learning and exchange**, Laura Leyser, Deputy Head, Governance, Open Societies and Anti-Corruption Department, Policy Division, Department for International Development, UK.
- **Civil Society Engagement on SDG16, the Range of Fora: Measurement Issues and More**, Thomas Wheeler, Saferworld (by video link)
- **How Different Organisations Address SDG16 implementation?** EU Integration of SDG16, Jean-Louis Ville, Head of Unit for Governance, Unit for Governance, Democracy, Gender and Human Rights, European Union (DEVCO)

Questions and Answers

13.00-14.00

LUNCH BREAK

(Afternoon Session in ROOM CC10)

What Gaps should GovNet Address to Support SGD16 Targets for more Effective, Accountable and Inclusive Institutions?

Working toward open, accountable and responsive governments for effective citizen-state relations is becoming better understood as an important entry point for collaboration for improved development outcomes. The GovNet advanced work on domestic accountability via case study-based learning led to a recognition that taking holistic approaches to programming and factoring in political economy concerns can lead to better outcomes.

Speaker: Key Trends in Governance, Politics and Accountability for Development, Thomas Carothers, Vice President of Studies, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (by video link)

Moderator: Meghan Watkinson, GovNet Co-Chair

Presentations:

- **Accountability Systems Support, Power and Politics (SDG Target 16.6)**, Per Nordlund, Lead Policy Specialist Democracy and Human Rights, Sida, Sweden
- **Developing Independent Media in the Governance Agenda (SDG Target 16.10)**, Mark Nelson, Director, Center for International Media Assistance at the National Endowment for Democracy/James Deane, Director of Policy and Learning, BBC Media Action
- **Development Cluster and other OECD Work on SDG 16 on Effective and Accountable Institutions:** *International Network on Conflict and Fragility (INCAF) Collaboration on SDG 16; Development Cluster, e.g. Development Center, African Economic Outlook; and Governance, Openness and Integrity, OECD Governance Directorate.*

Future GovNet work on Implementing SDG16

Moderator: Alexander Widmer, Swiss Development Co-operation

In order to fulfil the mandate by the DAC **on implementing SDG16**, the GovNet needs to effectively scope out its role in Governance for Development as areas under consideration, include:

- a) SDGs 16.6 and 16.7 to develop effective, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels; and to ensure responsive, inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making at all levels.
- b) SDG 16.10 to ensure public access to information and protect fundamental freedoms in accordance with national legislation and international agreements.
- c) Work on governance in sectors which is not being covered explicitly at this stage, e.g. on climate change and governance or other areas.

Tour de table on needs and gaps

How Can We Unblock Results and Accelerate SDG16 Progress: Integrating Politics?

Moderator and Wrap Up of Day 1: Kirsten Bishop, GovNet Co-Chair

Presentations:

- **Heather Marquette, Development Leadership Program**, University of Birmingham
- **The World Development Report, 2017 and Follow Up Plans: How to Build Collaboration?** *Luis-Felipe Lopez-Calva* , Co-Director of the 2017 World Development Report (WDR) Governance and the Law, World Bank.
- **Building an Evidence Base: UK Stock Take on Politics in Development Programmes**

Today, demand is growing among partner country counterparts, experts in governance, and development professionals across the board for examples to help build the evidence on how donors can work more politically to support reform processes in partner countries.

Exploring the evidence and planning: *The GovNet – in collaboration with EIP - could provide examples of reform efforts and demonstrate how they may have been supported by donors in ways that take account of politics more effectively. This could include considering how thinking and working politically fits with the results agenda and promote greater sharing around options for adaptive programming going forward. Looking at how we work as development policy makers and practitioners is fundamental to the achievement of the SDGs, and this group would also benefit from bringing together emerging knowledge – and reinforcing it – with the Communities of Practice engaged in TWP and in “Doing Development Differently”, key concerns for development effectiveness overall. See www.dlproq.org/research/thinking-and-working-politically-community-of-practice.php*

Collaboration and scoping: *This work, following scoping with lead members, could explore civil society and media development challenges – with a link to EIP experiences and learning within the Open Government Partnership, including donor learning/practice on integrating governance and accountability across sectors and on thinking and working politically for best-fit programs.*

Day 2: Thursday, 15th December - ROOM CC10

Key Agency Priorities: Toward a Strategic, Collective Learning Agenda

Moderator: Meghan Watkinson, GovNet Co-Chair

Presentations: Overview of Learning Agendas and Resource Allocations on Governance What priorities for research and learning for Agencies and Organisations, with examples from BMZ/GIZ, Germany, DFID, USAID.

- **USAID on Democracy, Rights and Governance**, Keith Schulz (USAID), Deputy Lead, Governance and Rule of Law, Democracy, Rights and Governance Center

Tour de table and questions for discussion

- What are your top priorities for learning and research to improve policy and programming?
- Are you already collaborating with other donors/research institutes on learning in certain areas that could contribute to GovNet's work? How can we share learning and develop collective action where many are focusing resources on the same area?

11.00-11.15

COFFEE BREAK

11.15-13.00

Addressing 'global bads': collective action to curb corruption and illicit financial flows

Moderator: Kirsten Bishop, GovNet Co-Chair

Presentation: Phil Mason ((Head, Anti-Corruption policy, Department for International Development, UK), Anti-Corruption Task Team Co-Chair

- **DAC Donor Behavior Change and Collective Action: What Difference it Makes in Anti-Corruption and on Development Finance Issues**, Charlotte Petri Gornitzka, DAC Chair (timing TBC)

Current status and deliverables underway: *On the internal integrity of development agencies, the OECD Council Recommendation for Development Co-operation Actors on Managing the Risk of Corruption was just approved by the OECD Council. It replaces the 1996 DAC Recommendation on Anti-Corruption Proposals for Bilateral Aid Procurement [DCD/DAC(96)11/FINAL]. The new recommendation is wider in scope and reflects a changed development environment and involvement of new partners and channels for aid disbursement, not least through the cross-committee cooperation and joint submission to the OECD Council together with the Working Group on Bribery in International Business Transactions. The ACTT is currently working on a report that will provide examples of implementation and serve as an implementation guide for the Adherents.*

Curbing corruption and illicit flows continue to be deep challenges for partner countries and for donors in their support. The OECD-DAC Anti-Corruption Task Team will release a report on corruption and illicit financial flows in West Africa in early 2017 which will address the situation in that region with an emphasis on qualitative aspects and ways to ensure holistic support strategies. Furthermore, the UK initiative for OECD-wide work on Anti-Corruption is seeking partner country views and will reach out to include the Effective Institutions Platform as a venue for dialogue on anti-corruption and development challenges.

The future: *The ACTT, that will meeting in early 2017 to discuss and decide on concrete deliverables for 2017-2018, in accordance with the DAC PWB. The GovNet is invited to provide input to this conversation, and the aim of this session is to spark the discussion on how the work of the ACTT fits with the broader Governance agenda, in order to achieve a comprehensive approach to anti-corruption work within GovNet.*

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LUNCH

14.00-17.00

Emerging issues and opportunities for collaboration and partnership

Moderator: Keith Schulz, USAID

Presentation: Mark Robinson, Governance Director, World Resources Institute

Every policy area covered in the OECD Development Co-operation Directorate and the wider Development Cluster should respond to the needs of partner countries and DAC members alike, which requires wide consultation on future work. The following are three key areas which could be of interest to partner countries and donors and developed over time:

1. **Addressing the multi-faceted nature of development challenges: integrating governance across social sectors** within partners countries foremost and accordingly in the work of donor agencies concurrently, (e.g. climate change/environment, food security, health, youth empowerment issues). Arguments for this include most importantly the need for countries to sustain development progress beyond aid, build trust in societies for this and mitigate risk.
 - **Environment, Climate Change and Governance:** Given the Climate Change Agreement in Paris in 2015, the OECD-DAC Network on Environment wants to partner on future work.
 - **Youth and Governance:** GovNet could investigate policy work on Youth and Governance, or work with other OECD partners following proper scoping.

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2. **Creating an enabling environment to attract private sector: the governance accelerator.** This may be an issue that would mature through discussions on the broader definition of development finance and looking at evidence-based policy advice on how things work. Partner: Team in OECD working on TOSSD. (Governance as an accelerator for catalytic development finance.)
3. **Bolstering horizontal accountability, taking more holistic approaches:** Some GovNet members signalled the need for better coordination and collaboration with other partners in order to maximise the effectiveness of approaches across various SDG 16 targets, particularly those relating to access to justice and rule of law or potentially to anti-corruption. To that end, GovNet members are keen to work more collaboratively with INCAF, GenderNet and other partners to ensure a more holistic approach to SDG 16, including our respective work programs and events.

17:00–17:30

Wrap up Day 2 – Meghan Watkinson, GovNet Co-Chair

Day 3: Friday, 16th December - ROOM CC10

9.30-10.45

Global Learning, Dialogue and Partnership Opportunities on Development Effectiveness, Accountable and Effective Institutions: Sparking a New Kind of Conversation

Moderator: Kirsten Bishop, GovNet Co-Chair

The Global Partnership on Effective Development Co-operation, Nairobi Outcome and Governance and Effective Institutions Engagement, DAC Delegate/Hanna-Mari Kilpelainen, Team Lead, OECD, OECD-UNDP Joint Secretariat Team (JST)

The Effective Institutions Platform (Joint OECD-UNDP Secretariat)
www.effectiveinstitutions.org, Co-Chairs Margaret Kobia, Chairperson, Public Service Commission, Kenya and Director, Neil Levine Democracy, Rights and Governance (US)

The GovNet could benefit from EIP peer learning experiences on reform challenges that countries face by drawing out important learning for better donor policies and practice. This may provide information to work on the 'how' of SDG16 implementation - e.g., on political approaches to development interventions by many agencies - by providing live engagement for a range of stakeholders. Potential Partners: The Global Partnership on Effective Development Co-operation (GPEDC), the OECD Governance Directorate, Open Government Partnership (OGP). EIP has a comparative advantage here with its Joint Secretariat, UNDP Centre for Public Sector Excellence is supporting peer learning with a EIP Peer Learning Guide – available at: https://www.effectiveinstitutions.org/media/PeerLearning_FlyerFigure.pdf.

10.45-12.00

Advancing the Practice: Stocktaking on 2015-16 Work

Moderator: Meghan Watkinson, GovNet Co-Chair

Presentations of the findings from studies by GovNet:

- **Governance Practitioners Notebook:** Launches Completed/Further Learning
- **Innovations in Governance,** Department for International Development (DFID)
- **Results-based Financing,** Angela Christie, IMC Worldwide

12.00-13.00

Collective Conclusions and The Way Forward

Moderators: Meghan Watkinson and Kirsten Bishop, GovNet Co-Chairs

This session will involve a summary of the discussion and potential themes for future work and look to a process for ensuring that what we can deliver together on work that levers the greatest potential evidence for better policy or reform, intensified mutual learning and collective action. In plenary, participants will discuss priorities identified in each group and discuss developing one central deliverable. The way forward will involve a deeply consultative process with members of the Effective Institutions Platform, the GovNet and the Anti-corruption Task Team through the first quarter of 2017. As we embark on the Programme of Work and Budget for 2017-18, now agreed by the Committee, and based on the discussions held during the previous days, members will identify, in groups, the potential future working areas for the network and which areas they wish to lead on. It will be important to consider follow on from the World Development Report and how to develop one regular report that would assist donors, as well as partners, in building capacity around governance, based on the need to accelerate the evidence base, learning and knowledge sharing to advance on SDG16, along with other groups, INCAF the International Dialogue on Peacebuilding and Statebuilding and the Gender Network.

Wrap up and Any Other Business