

Report on Sector Level Consultations for the PEAP Revision.

Working Paper:

1) MONITORING AND EVALUATION

2) RESULTS MANAGEMENT AND INSTITUTIONAL COORDINATION

Meeting held at MFPEP 4th Floor Board Room on 30th October 2007.

A meeting to discuss 2 working papers on Monitoring and Evaluation and Results management and Institutional coordination in MFPEP on 4th Floor Board Room. The meeting was attended by representatives from MFPEP, OPM, JSC, NPA, Office of the President, Ministry of Public Service, Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development (MEMD), DFID, Uganda Bureau of Statistics (UBOS). The meeting was chaired by Mr. Richard Ssewakyiryanga from MFPEP also a coordinator for the PEAP Revision Process.

The Chair (PEAP Revision Coordinator) opened up the meeting with an introduction of PEAP Revision Process including:

- The PEAP is Uganda's National Development Framework and Medium-term Planning Tool which was first produced in 1997, revised in 2000 and 2004 will be expiring in July 2008. The process of revising it has started.
- The main Objective is to come out with a 5 year National Development Plan as guided by Cabinet. This will act as a precursor to the development of longer term plans as envisaged by the Comprehensive National Development Planning Framework.
- A PEAP Secretariat was put into place constituting of representatives from MFPEP, NPA, and OPM that meets up every week at MFPEP. It is a tripartite arrangement to which the three institutions nominated members. This Secretariat has done a lot of preparatory work for the PEAP Revision Process.
- The Chair informed the meeting that the PEAP Revision Process has four distinct stages including: Stage I: Preparatory activities; Stage II: PEAP Evaluation; Stage III: Consultations and design the National Development Plan; and Stage IV: Launch and Dissemination. This process should be finalized with a draft by April 2008.
- The Chair informed the meeting that these initial meetings are held to kick-start the process for each Working Paper that will be included in the National Development Plan. The purpose of these meetings is to have an idea on how different sector working papers will be developed. The process will include meetings with Sub-Sectors, collection of analytical work for evidence as well as further Consultations with Politicians, sector ministries, development partners, agencies, technical officers, private sector and the civil society. These Working Papers will be discussed so as to agree on the main issues and elements. Each Working Paper will constitute a team with the concerned institutions that will start work on the Paper.

- The Chair noted that the Evaluation Process should be completed next year using a twin track process where both consultation and analytical work will take place.
- The Chair took members through the documents that had been prepared by the Secretariat. These included;
 - (i) Revision of the PEAP and Developing the 5 Year National Development Plan
 - (ii) Concept Note on the Revision Process
 - (iii) Proposed Outline for the National Development Plan.
 - (iv) Proposed Development Objectives for the National Development Plan

Commenting on initial working papers drafted by secretariat members noted:

- On the on the first development objective on the improvement of households standard of living there is need to distinguish the improvement of social services and improving household production as different issues for improving household standards of living.
- On objective number six on strengthening governance and improving human security, a suggestion was made to replace human security with human rights if its is agreeable.
- Commenting of working paper Number 7 on Trade and trade facilitation, a suggestion was made to call it Trade policy practices and infrastructure. This is because focus should be put more on trade and production
- Commenting on the Evaluation of the PEAP since 1997, it was clarified that the tripartite arrangement i.e. MFPED, NPA and OPM, led by OPM will only be managing the process particularly the procurement process of securing the independent consultants and contracting them. They will not be the ones to conduct the evaluation of the PEAP. The National M & E working group will be the reference group for the independent consultants and in addition there will also be an international reference group for purposes of quality control of the final product.

Working Paper 12 on Results Management and Institutional coordination was presented. This was followed by a presentation of draft note on M & E for the National Plan. The papers emphasized building a comprehensive M & E system across government and articulating those issues that should underpin the M & E system. Among the issues that were highlight was accountability across government, separating the functions of monitoring from the evaluation function, linking budget allocation to results, provision of results in a timely manner, dealing with demand and supply of information among other issues. The meeting was also informed that a zero draft for working paper number 14 on National M & E has been work on and will be shared with the sector working group for their input.

Commenting on the 2 papers presented members noted the following:

- Implementation monitoring is the basic problem for this country. Strategies must be made in the new plan to address the issue of monitoring the implementation of government projects. It was also noted that hitherto sectors are not mandated by law to accept OPM as their monitoring body. We should have a national M & E system for the country in the new development plan.
- A proposal was made to add institutional coordination to M & E
- There is need to come out strongly on the coordination roles
- The meeting proposed that the two papers be left as separate. The rationale of keeping them separate was to ensure that we build a system where public managers should focus on delivering results
- A proposal was made to address issues of public administration in line with the theme of growth, employment and prosperity in the new national plan.

Finally the meeting nominated the following representatives to form part of the team that will lead the Sector Working Group and prepare an initial outline for the Working Paper.

1. OPM will take lead on the M & E working paper. In developing this working paper OPM will bring on board all stakeholders under M & E
2. The Ministry of Public Service will lead on the Results Management and Institutional coordination working paper. All stakeholders relevant to this paper will work under this ministry. Some of them include Office of the President (represented by Rashid Kibowa), OPM (represented by Erik Winther) and NPA.

The team also agreed to list institutions that will make contributions to this sector Working Paper.

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