

MANAGEMENT OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS WITHIN THE PARIS21 SECRETARIAT

Funding is required to support PARIS21 activities over the four-year Programme of Work and Budget (PWB) 2011–14, if we are to achieve the Partnership’s Goal, Purpose and Outcomes as set out in the revised logical framework. The PARIS21 Board has to ensure that the appropriate funding for all Partnership activities will be mobilised. In particular, this will include the funding of the PARIS21 Secretariat and special programmes such as IHSN/ADP. The PARIS21 Secretariat therefore will construct a system — while remaining compatible with OECD requirements — to improve the provision and management of voluntary contributions which:

- i. Increases management efficiency within the Secretariat.
- ii. Has a high degree of predictability, transparency and flexibility.
- iii. Funds agreed outputs and activities.
- iv. Emphasises the need for, and facilitates, harmonisation of donor procedures.
- v. Maximises engagement of members.
- vi. Minimises transaction costs for all actors.
- vii. Offers a greater measure of job security to Secretariat staff.

Such a system would be in accordance with the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness, in particular the principle of harmonisation of donor practices in implementing common arrangements and simplifying procedures.

The community of PARIS21 donors is therefore asked to endorse the following:

1. Donors will endeavor to improve the process related to the provision and management of voluntary contributions for the Secretariat’s Programme of Work and Budget (PWB) 2011–14 and agree to:
 - i. Provide their voluntary contributions in support of the overall priorities agreed by the Board.
 - ii. Pledge their voluntary contributions for implementation of the agreed PWB as early as possible, preferably before the starting date of the PWB.
 - iii. Use the agreed standard OECD contract (at least for DAC donors) to provide voluntary contributions to the Secretariat.
 - iv. Acknowledge OECD’s Financial Rules and Regulations, as well as other policies and procedures including those on internal and external audit.
 - v. Refrain from requesting information above and beyond that provided for in the agreed standard substantive and financial reports that will be prepared by the Secretariat.
2. Donors understand that the Secretariat will:
 - i. Strengthen the link between the PWB process and the mobilisation of voluntary contributions.
 - ii. Report on progress in the funding and implementation of the PWB at the annual Board meetings, thereby providing pledging windows for donors to officially communicate their intentions to provide voluntary contributions.
 - iii. Provide a single, consolidated financial report on all income and expenditure, on an annual basis.
3. These provisions will become applicable as of 1 January 2011 for the quadriennium 2011–14. The Secretariat will review the status of implementation at least once a year.