



PARLIAMENTARY NETWORK ON THE WORLD BANK

IDA16 Deputies Report Update

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The Parliamentary Network on the World Bank (PN oWB) on 23 February 2011 participated in an audio-conference with the Concessional Finance and Global Partnerships (CFP) team of the World Bank, responsible for the IDA 16 replenishment, to discuss the IDA16 Deputies Report and the feedback to inputs received from stakeholders back in November, 2010. The audio-conference included representatives from GOPAC, the Parliamentary Centre, the Bretton Woods Project, ONE Germany, and AWEPA.

The CFP team pointed out the report will be published by mid-March 2011 as developing countries still need to indicate if they will be buying additional shares in IDA.

The IDA 16 replenishment came after the global economic crisis and in an environment where developing countries are faced with additional hardships such as climate change, food and fuel crises. Despite this, the IDA 16 replenishment set a new record of \$49.3 billion for next three years (18% increase in dollar terms over IDA15). Most of the support will go to Sub-Saharan Africa. The replenishment came from 52 donor countries, of which 7 are new donors to IDA. Most of the commitments (68%) came from G7 countries.

IDA 16 will focus its work on four special themes:

- Crisis Response – IDA 16 will establish a Crisis Response Window (CRW), which will be the main tool for the Bank's crisis response in IDA countries, including both, economic crises and natural disasters.
- Gender – gender assessment will be included in all IDA Country Assistance Strategies.
- Climate Change - climate change vulnerabilities will be discussed in all IDA Country Assistance Strategies.
- Fragile and conflict-affected countries – the World Bank Group will consider how to adapt IDA to conflict countries and develop mid-term review proposals for IDA 16 to adjust activities to conflict and fragile states.

Comments on the IDA 16 report came mainly from the following organizations:

- Catholic Relief Services
- Global Organization of Parliamentarians against Corruption (GOPAC)
- Oxfam International
- World Vision US
- International CSO Working Group on the Reproductive Health Action Plan
- World Vision – Cambodia

These comments were discussed at the IDA Deputies' Brussels meeting, which took place from 14-15 December 2010. Two sets of changes were automatically included, namely concrete suggestions for a change to the report and comments that added to the clarity of the IDA16 Report. Changes that were

not included related either to issues not discussed during the replenishment or to features such as the non-earmarked nature of IDA funding and support for the country-driven model. There was much overlap between CSO comments and comments received from Participants, which changed the final version of the report quite a bit.

At this point, the IDA16 Resolution will be sent to IDA's Board of Governors for adoption by mid-March and is expected to be adopted by the end of April 2011. Thereafter, the IDA16 report will be published on IDA's external website.

During the discussion, John Williams, CEO of GOPAC, expressed his regret that the report does not include an obligation of IDA country governments to ensure that the funds benefit their people. This can lead to a deficit of good governance. Bodo Elmers, Eurodad, highlighted the lack of definition of what constitutes results, which makes monitoring a challenge. The CFP team responded that IDA is focused on economic issues and that it does not get involved in the political governance of countries. It does not comment on governmental arrangements but it does advise countries on budget allocation and transparency. Concerning indicators, it is indeed a challenging task to find indicators that track progress in all developing countries that measure effectiveness. IDA has chosen indicators that are representative as generally, it is difficult to find comparable data sets for all IDA countries.

PNoWB and IDA 16

The Parliamentary Network on the World Bank (PNoWB) throughout the IDA replenishment process has implemented an [IDA 16 and Aid Effectiveness advocacy campaign](#) calling on donor governments to fully replenish IDA funds by meeting or exceeding IDA15 funding levels. Simultaneously, PNoWB in the campaign also calls on the World Bank to deepen its commitment to aid effectiveness in four key areas and through increased engagement with both donor and partner country parliamentarians throughout IDA 16 implementation, monitoring and reporting. The four areas identified by PNoWB's members are:

- Increasing country ownership;
- Strengthening country statistical/results measurement systems;
- Adding of a peer-review dimension to Country Assistance Strategy progress reports;
- And leading by example in health, nutrition and population programs.

PNoWB's IDA 16 and Aid Effectiveness campaign will continue throughout IDA 16 implementation, monitoring and reporting. PNoWB encourages all its Members to use their oversight powers and mechanisms in order to ensure that the World Bank adheres to the aid-effectiveness principles outlined in the [Paris Declaration and the Accra Agenda for Action](#) throughout the next phase of IDA 16. In this context, PNoWB can provide a platform for parliamentarians from both donor and partner countries to engage in open discussions, exchange best practices and learn from other countries' successes and challenges as they seek to improve aid effectiveness.

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