

**COTONOU WORKING GROUP 2006
WORK PROGRAMME ON « PARTICIPATION AND AID»¹**

1. GENERAL OBJECTIVE:

"IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE MILLENIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS, ENCOURAGE POLICY MAKERS TO WORK TOWARDS

- MORE EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION
- AN IMPROVED QUALITY AND QUANTITY OF EU AID"

2. SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

THE SPECIFIC AREAS OF FOCUS OF THIS PROGRAM ARE:

1. ENSURE AND SUPPORT EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION OF CIVIL SOCIETY ACTORS IN NORTH AND SOUTH
2. TO MAINTAIN AND STRENGTHEN THE POVERTY FOCUS IN THE PROGRAMMING EXERCISE
3. TO DISCUSS THE QUALITY AND QUANTITY OF EU AID
4. TO BUILD CAPACITY WITHIN THE CONCORD MEMBERSHIP ON THE COTONOU AGREEMENT

¹ The present work programme is submitted by the Cotonou subgroup on participation and aid part of the Cotonou Working Group (CWG). The CWG brings together European NGDOs that take an active part on issues related to the Cotonou Agreement. This working program suggests general and specific objectives and specific activities to be undertaken by its members in 2006

3. CONCRETE ACTIVITIES IN 2006

ACTIVITY	ORGANISATIONS INVOLVED	TIMEFRAME
A. MONITOR THE PROGRAMMING PROCESS	EUROSTEP, 11.11.11, CNCD, COORDINATION SUD, POLLEN, EURAC, APRODEV, VENRO, ZIMBABWE WATCH, FERN, CBM, HELPAGE, AUSTRIAN PLATFORM	FEBRUARY UNTIL END DECEMBER 2006
– DEVELOP A BRIEFING PAPER FOR MEMBERS AND PARTNERS ON THE PROGRAMMING PROCESS AND THE CRITERIA FOR ALLOCATION	EUROSTEP, 11.11.11 (TRANSLATION INTO FRENCH ?)	END OF FEBRUARY
– SEND A LETTER TO THE DIFFERENT INSTITUTIONS ON THE TRANSPARANCY DEFICIT	EUROSTEP, 11.11.11 + OTHER INTERESTED MEMBERS	DRAFT (1ST MARCH) AGREEMENT (10TH MARCH)
– PRESENT AN ANALYSIS OF THE DIFFERENT THEMATIC GUIDELINES	EUROSTEP, CBM, HELPAGE	MAY
– MAKE A LIST OF POSSIBLE PARTNERS IN DIFFERENT COUNTRIES	CNCD + OTHER MEMBERS	MAY
– SEND A QUESTIONNAIRE TO PARTNERS ON THE ABOVE ISSUES	COORDINATION SUD, 11.11.11, CNCD, ...	MAY – (RESPONSES BY NOVEMBER)
– COMPILE INFORMATION IN A BRIEFING PAPER/KEYPOINTS STATEMENTS AND CONFRONT THE INSTITUTIONS WITH IT	ALL	NOVEMBER – DECEMBER 2006
B. ROLE OF NGDO'S AND OWNERSHIP DEBATE – DEVELOP INTERNAL THINKING ON THAT.	VENRO (INTEREST OF THE REST OF THE GROUP, KEP A)	SEPTEMBER MEETING
C. PREPARE SOME BACKGROUND NOTES WITH KEY ISSUES FOR THE APRIL AND JUNE AFRICA SEMINARS	CNCD, AUSTRIAN PLATFORM, EUROSTEP, WEED, EURAC, ZIMBABWE WATCH,	2ND HALF OF MARCH
D. LINK UP WITH THE NON AID – REAL DEBATE AND SEMINAR AND DEVELOP/IDENTIFY A SET OF COUNTRIES TO MONITOR	11.11.11, EUROSTEP, COORDINATION SUD, CNCD, ETC...	APRIL - MAY
E. MONITOR THE REGIONAL PROGRAMMING PROCESS	LOW PRIORITY - VERIFY INTERNALLY WITHIN DIFFERENT ORGANISATIONS (FERN, DUTCH PLATFORM, 11.11.11)	ANSWER MAY
F. UNDERSTAND THE PROCESSES BEHIND SOME OF THE ALL – ACP FACILITIES THAT WERE CREATED (INVITE OFFICIALS TO PRESENT TO THE GROUP)	ALL (UNDERSTANDING)	MAY
G. PREPARE FOR THE GERMAN PRESIDENCY (AFRICA FOCUS)	VENRO	SEPTEMBER