



## Conclusions of the core group meeting Telephone conference, 25 June 2009

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### **1/ European Development Days**

#### Overarching issues

- In order to ensure visibility in a context where there won't be an event of the Network as such, a "save the date" message should be sent soon to all our contacts
- Visibility of the Network in the various events can be assured through
  - o Consultation with the Core Group for the preparation of the speaking points for the panellists
  - o Logo of the Practitioners' Network among those of the stakeholders of the Event
  - o Provision of leaflets in the room
  - o 1<sup>st</sup> row in the audience could be given to one or two practitioners who are not on the panel (their questions or remarks would be given the priority).

#### Events

- Aid Architecture : AFD and DFID are in lead and will make sure that the role of the Network is mentioned in the discussion
- Development education : AECID would in principle participate, but the level of representation of AECID at the EDD is not decided yet. InWent could in theory also be a candidate for this topic.
- Green Growth : KfW would represent the Network, plus AECID or EuropeAid if another seat on the panel is secured.
- Aid relevance : priority is given to Mr Severino. See with FoE if another practitioner can be represented on the panel. Otherwise "1<sup>st</sup> role in the audience" would be a good way to strengthen visibility of the Network.

#### Other issues

- The stand is secured. The layout would be : one big poster for the Network on the one wall, and smaller posters for the members on the other wall. Display cases will allow the presentation of the leaflet, as well as eg. annual reports of the Members.
- If an agreement on the secretariat and financial contributions was ready to be signed in October, according to plans, the format which will be given to the signature ceremony will be determined in due course. However it is too early now and a decision on this will be made in September.
- A lunch between directors of the member institutions could be organised on 22 October, depending on the level of attendance. The agendas of the directors have to be checked, as well as if that would not overlap an invitation by the Commission to more or less the same people.

### Costs

- The Institutions participating in a panel would pay their share of the carbon certificate for the event (which will be shared between the stakeholders of the event).
- AECID has already paid for the stand
- KfW is prepared to make a poster for the stand
- AFD would in principle be prepared to pay again for the leaflet
- Other costs (lunch, additional equipment...) would have to be borne by willing institutions on a case by case basis.

### 2/ Secretariat

- If a call for tender is organised, we should make sure that all candidates are non-profit organisations, otherwise we should respect European rules for tenders.
- Participation of ECDPM would not be against rules, since they have not participated to the elaboration of the ToRs and have not had more time to prepare their proposal.
- Next step is a comparison paper between the two options (own secretariat in the multi-stakeholder office or externalisation), which would be sent ideally by end of next week (3<sup>rd</sup> July).

### 3/ Website

Purpose was merely to remind core group members that the website is meant to inform about news or to propose Members' contributions to issues which are on the European agenda. Immediately identified news were:

- Upcoming publication of DFID's new White Book
- AECID new website on aid effectiveness