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“IPS IMPLEMENTATION & DONOR COORDINATION”

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GOVERNMENT-DONOR ROUNDTABLE

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Progress during 2009
Improved strategy and policy framework

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- **NSDI Monitoring**
2008 NSDI Progress Report – finalised
- **Completion of the strategic framework**
16 sectoral and 14 crosscutting strategies adopted by GoA, all overarched under the NSDI 2007-2013.
- **2009 Ministry Integrated Plans (MIP)**
Highlighting the key MTBP & EU integration commitments, public investment and external assistance
- **A comprehensive monitoring system for sector Strategies**
First piloted during the first half of 2009 for social inclusion and social protection strategies.
- **IPS Communication Strategy** – under preparation

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Donor coordination/ External Assistance management

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- **2008 Report on External Assistance Management**
- **Harmonization Action Plan to implement Paris Declaration**
- **Fast Tracking Initiative of Division of Labour**
 - Italy as the facilitator
 - A joint group donors–DSDC (GoA ownership in the process)
 - Donor mapping is prepared
 - Next steps being identified

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- **Improved donor programming**
 - IPA programming in time, with **increased GoA leadership**, and harmonised with other EU/non EU donors funds
 - New Donors Strategies and Cooperation agreement concluded in close consultation with GoA, reflecting NSDI priorities **and focused in a few sectors** (Sweden, Italy, Switzerland, Austria, Denmark etc.)
- **Improved donor reporting on External Assistance**
 - More accurate data on disbursement rates for the current year
 - Reporting on planned disbursements for the next years still a challenge**

Harmonisation Action Plan

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Harmonisation Action Plan to implement Paris Declaration –

- result of the joint work DSDC-DTS
- key themes and commitments of the Paris Declaration
- setting out concrete actions and deadline to deliver real improvements in aid effectiveness
- the plan to be updated in the light of country developments

Harmonisation Action Plan

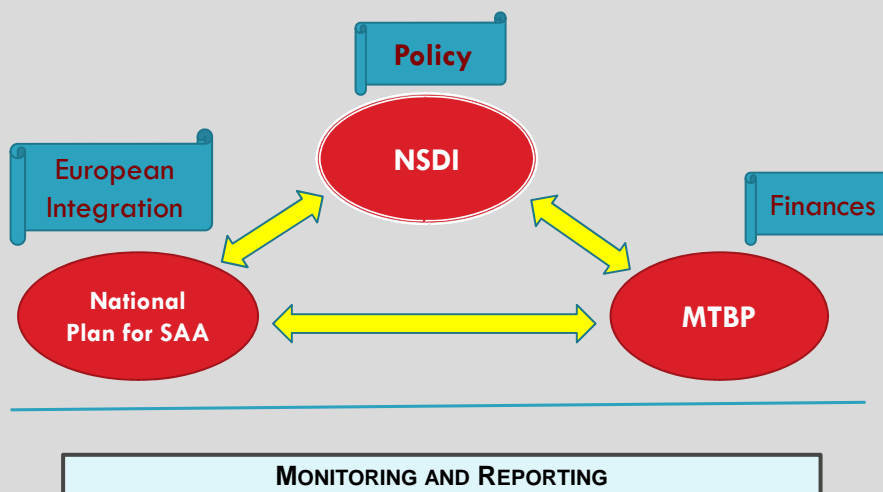
Main recommendations

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- Increase use of country systems** - Government and donors to undertake substantial efforts in this direction;
- Increase Predictability of aid** – accurate and timely reporting of projects and disbursement rates; including longer-term planned projects/programmes
- Use of SWAp and PBAs** and results-oriented frameworks – identify one or two sectors for applying SWAp; encourage donors to make use of budgetary support
- Perform assessment of procurement systems**
 - May-June: Introduction of OECD/DAC methodology to stakeholders (donors & GoA)
 - June – Sept: Donor support was requested and acquired
 - December: Start assessment of the procurement systems by an international consultant supported by a joint GoA-Donor team

Progress in IPS implementation 2009

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Challenges Ahead

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- ❑ Focus shifts from design/planning to **full implementation of IPS**
- ❑ Greater attention on **line ministries** and especially **Sector Working Groups**
- ❑ **Strengthened Monitoring** - Monitoring indicators (NSDI, EI, MTBP) and integrated monitoring system
- ❑ Respond to increased **European Integration requirements** with candidate status

Sector Working Groups

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Strengthen coordination through SWGs:

□ **SWGs to play a more active role**

in policy co-ordination and monitoring of sector strategies
to advise on a set of performance indicators that will be used to
assess progress on sector strategy;

□ **Increase leadership role of Line Ministries**

- 30 SWGs organized in 2009: JHA, Environment, Gender, Health, Water, Education, VET, Transport, Energy
- 8 SWGs planned for Nov-Dec on: JHA (4), Environment, Health, Water and VET

SWG meetings in 2008 / 2009

SWG	No. meetings	SWG	No. meetings
Agriculture & Rural Development	3 / 0	Education	2 / 2
Environment	3 / 1	VET	1 / 1
Energy	0	Health	2 / 2
Transport	0	Justice & Home Affairs (7 sub-groups)	17 / 14 & 2 Plenary Meetings
Water	1 / 1	Public Administration	1 / 0
Spatial Planning	0 / 1	ICT	1 / 0
Property Rights	1 / 0	Statistics	0 / 1
Business & Investment (Economy)	0 / 2 (SME)	Decentralization & Regional Development	2 / 0
Public Finance & Social Insurance	0	Anti-corruption	0 / 1
		Gender	2 / 2
IPS Support Group	2 / 2	Election & Civil Registry, Employment / Social protection & inclusion / Tourism, Youth and Culture	0



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