



Inter office Memorandum

Date: 23 December 2008

To: Mr. Ad Melkert
Associate Administrator

From: Moustapha Soumaré
Officer –in–Charge
Regional Bureau for Africa

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Subject: Request for the Participation of UNDP Burkina Faso in Sector Budget Support and/or Pooled Funds.

I am pleased to attach for your consideration a request from the UNDP Burkina Faso Country Office for UNDP participation in sector budget support.

The Government of Burkina Faso is deeply engaged in the implementation of the Paris Declaration, which has been supported by UNDP through the establishment of a Technical Secretariat for Aid Efficiency (STELA). A Letter of Intent has been signed by the technical and financial partners in Burkina Faso, committing their support to a commonly agreed upon Action Plan. The sector budget support approach clearly represents an important effort at coordination amongst partners and with the Government. In addition, it provides clear advantages, including the reduction of transaction costs through one reporting system and an integrated perspective of partner contributions. Moreover, UNDP's participation in this process would further consolidate the leadership and strategic role of the UNDP Country Office in Burkina Faso.



Sector budget support is proposed by the Country Office for three priority areas, which include HIV/Aids, Human Rights Promotion and Microfinance. As part of its 2006-2010 CPAP, UNDP already supports the efforts of the Government of Burkina Faso with specific projects in these areas and these initiatives would therefore represent a further contribution.

An overview of each of these initiatives is presented in the attached request by the Country Office and in the accompanying documents. Each initiative has been officially requested by the Government, falls within the core mandate of UNDP and currently represents an area where UNDP has an ongoing project.

Each one of the three proposals is in an amount of \$100,000 and the total combined support of \$300,000 is therefore below the 10% ceiling established by the Executive Board. The checklists for each of the initiatives are also provided, detailing the appropriateness of this modality for the Country Office as well as the management arrangements. A list of additional documentation on these initiatives, including the national strategies, is attached and the documents are available with the Bureau in case of need.

An in-house review and clearance process has been conducted on these three proposals with the support of OSG. There have been a series of discussions on this support with BDP, LSO, OAI, OFA and the Partnership Bureau. Copies of the electronic clearances from LSO and OAI are attached and the signed clearance from OFA is annexed. Further to the recommendation of OFA to have quarterly reporting, I would like to recommend six-monthly reporting to be in line with other donors and to be aligned with the Paris Declaration guidelines.

In line with UNDP's policies on sector budget support and based on the recommendations of the divisions mentioned above, I am therefore requesting your authorization for the Burkina Faso Country Office to participate in sector budget support in the areas of HIV/AIDS and human rights. For the initiative on microfinance, I am suggesting the Country Office resubmit the proposal once the micro-assessment has been completed and an MOU is available for review.

Your positive consideration of this request would be highly appreciated.

Approved by:



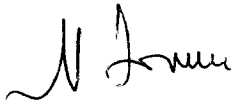

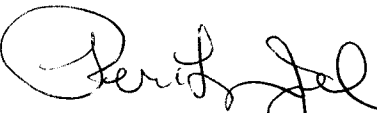
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Ad Melkert
Associate Administrator, UNDP

Date:

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