**Minutes of Output Board meeting on Development Effectiveness in Pillar three**

Date: 5 September, 2013

Venue: UNDP Office, Nay Pyi Taw

Time: 10:00 am to 11:30am

***Objective***

As per the TOR of the Output Boards in UNDP Country Programme governance structure, the first Output Board Meeting is intended to review the progress report (January to June 2013) against AWP (Annual Work Plan) and revise the AWP.

***Meeting Participants***

Chair of the meeting: Mr. Daniel Kostzer, Senior Economic Advisor, UNDP

Members:

Government: U Oo Tun Hlaing, Director, Central Statistical Organization (CSO), Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development (MNPED)

U Sein Hlaing, Director, Planning Department, MNPED

U Ko Ko Lay, Director, Ministry of Commerce

Daw Nwe Nwe Win, Director, Budget Department, Ministry of Finance

U Htet Aung, Deputy Director, Ministry of President Office (6)

Daw Mya Sanda, Deputy Director, Directorate Investment and Company Administration

(DICA), MNPED

Daw San San Oo, Deputy Director, Budget Department, Ministry of Finance

Dr. Theingi Aung, Assistant Director, National AIDS Programme, Ministry of Health

Development Partners:

Mr. Peter Mcdermitt, DFID

Mr. Leigh H Mitchell, EU

Mr. Andy Benfield, EU

Mr. Antti Inkinen, Embassy of Finland

Ms. Srin Boonyoung, Embassy of Finland

UNDP:

Daw Sanda Thant, Gender Specialist

Daw Thin Thin Aung, Programme Analyst

Mr. Paul Steele, Environment Advisor, APRC

Mr. Dimitri Gvendze, Aid Information Management Consultant

Mr. Paul Martin, National Strategic Planning Development Consultant

U Maung Maung Kyaw, Programme Manager

Documents:

* Agenda
* TOR of Output Board
* Progress Report (draft) of Development Effectiveness under Pillar 3 (January – June 2013)

***Key Discussion Points***

Daw Thin Thin Aung presented the progress of Development Effectiveness component and planned activities till December 2013. U Maung Maung Kyaw presented HIV/AIDS activities regarding survey on socioeconomic impact of HIV/AIDS and future plan till December 2013. Daw Sanda Thant presented Gender activities and future plan till December 2013.

**System of National Account development and Economic Census**

U Oo Tun Hlaing, Central Statistical Organization (CSO) highlighted that like the Planning Department their department is involved in all processes such as training, data collection etc. and UNDP should also support technical and financial assistance to their organization. Daw Thin Thin Aung responded that UNDP is supporting not only the Planning Department but also other departments regarding this Economic Census.

U Sein Hlaing, Planning Department also requested if UNDP financial support to their department for putting the system in place, peculiarities of data collection and proceeding, communication and coordination between different Government entities required. Daw Thin Thin Aung replied that UNDP is planning to provide both technical and financial assistance extending to the region/state and township levels.

Mr. Daniel Kostzer discussed that National Accounts are an ambitious undertaking and will take time as the country has to shift from input based economic planning to actual assessment of economic activities. UNDP has agreed with the World Bank to take the lead given UNDP’s support to the Census which will provide the base data.

**National Comprehensive Development Plan and Regional/State Development plan**

Daw Nwe Nwe Win, Budget Department requested UNDP regarding their staff involvement in the trainings at national level and regional level in the planning process in both at the Union and Region/State level. Daw Thin Thin Aung responded that she will inform respective focal point for the involvement of Budget Department. She highlighted to mention the criteria of nomination for participants in the invitation letter for trainings.Mr. Daniel Kostzer mentioned thatit will be important to link national and regional plans.

**Coordination and link with Civil Society**

Ms. Srin Boonyoung, Embassy of Finland raised regarding the coordination mechanism between pillar one and three and also how to work/support Civil Society for this pillar. Daw Thin Thin Aung responded UNDP coordinates regular meeting such as sharing information, collaborating in a seminar which have been organized successfully in the beginning of this month in Nay Pyi Taw. Daw Sanda Thant, Gender Specialist added formulation of National Strategic Plan of Advancement Women is collaboration with Department of Social Welfare and Gender Equality Network (GEN) which is a network comprising around 100 entities including CSOs and UN agencies, and UNDP has jointly organized a series of consultation workshops with parliamentarians and relevant ministries in formulation of “Anti – Violence against Women Law”. Mr. Daniel Kostzer mentioned that Pillar 1 is a legacy of UNDP’s past work on local level implementation which it was felt important to continue and deepen, while pillar 3 address the new governance developments at national level.

**Thematic development reports**

U Ko Ko Lay, Director, Ministry of Commerce appreciated the UNDP's support in organizing of the Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF) workshop in July 2013, which supports the least developed countries including Myanmar to be able to link with the global trading system. He then asked the report of Trade and infrastructure which was developed by the Integrated Household Living Condition Assessment (IHLCA) Project. Daw Thin Thin Aung briefly mentioned that the report highlighted the impact on Trade due to infrastructure and transportation.Mr. Daniel Kostzer mentioned UNDP would support the EIF with other UN agencies such as WTO.

**Output board meeting and steering committee meeting**

Mr. Peter Mcdermitt, DFID suggested to see clearer sequencing on achievements and planned activities against outputs and expected results. Daw Thin Thin Aung responded that UNDP prepared this matrix but yet to be distributed. UNDP will send a draft meeting minutes together with this matrix, narrative report, and annual work plan.

Mr. Antti Inkinen, Finnish Embassy and Mr. Peter Mcdermitt from DFID highlighted the mechanism (pillars linkages) of coordination of each pillar. It was discussed that the Pillar Coordination Committee would particularly be important as they are being asked to fund the pillar as a whole – but there is currently no accountability mechanism for them to review pillar progress and results.

Mr Daniel Kostzer highlighted that each pillar has a pillar head who is responsible for intra-pillar coordination and that there was a Steering Committee for the programme as a whole (i.e. all three pillars) which would meet twice a year and could address these issues of intra and inter-pillarcoordination.

Mr Paul Steele indicated that the issue of UNDP development partner UNDP accountability for pillar results and intra-pillar coordination would be shared with the UNDP senior management for further review.

**Recommendations**

Chair of the meeting made the question in an explicit way to both recommendations for approval of the AWP and progress report what was done. It was, in principle, no objection was raised.