

Minutes of Political Parties Development (PPD) LPAC Meeting  
15 May 2008  
GoNU Political Parties Council (PPC)

Attendees: Dr. Mudawi Al Turabi (GoNU), Dr. Mario A. Awet (GoNU), Ms. Amira A/Gadir (GoNU), Mr. Monir Shaikheldin (GoNU), Mr. Auke Lootsma (UNDP), Mr. Massimo Diana (UNDP), Ms. Tomoko Noda (UNDP), Ms. Salma Yousif (UNDP), Ms. Zaria Sulciman (UNDP), Mr. Yassin Eisa (MIC), Dr. Atta El-Battahani (IDEA)

Minutes:

GoNU PPC reported that they have communicated to MIC their full approval and support to the project document "Political Parties Development" indicating keen interest in the project's immediate commencement.

UNDP thanked GoNU PPC and MIC for hosting the meeting, gave a short briefing on the project's background and explained that this is a meeting for the record and for the purpose of endorsing the project document. It is also an opportunity to discuss observations, comments and last minute issues before the project document is signed.

IDEA's representative explained that several complaints have been received from numerous political parties, in connection with the project IDEA is currently implementing with funds from DFID, on why only six parties have been trained. However, efforts have been exerted by the GoNU PPC and IDEA in convincing and reassuring the political parties that the six parties were the first batch and that other parties will be trained in due time. It was confirmed that the same training materials and modules will be used in the overall training programme and that the different needs of political parties will be considered with a common denominator to address the variations. It has also been conveyed to all political parties that strict follow-up lines will be used in this programme and that commitment from their part is also strongly needed.

MIC has stressed that UNDP needs to ensure that funds are secured. MIC raised the issue as to why IDEA is the *implementing* and *executing* agency, which casts a shade on UNDP's role. It also questioned the role of the Project Coordinator and the Project Manager, explaining that detailed TORs are necessary. It also needs clarification on ownership of the office's furniture and equipment once the project has been accomplished.

IDEA's representative gave a short briefing on IDEA's organigram and reporting lines which reflected why there is a need for the Project Coordinator and for the Project Manager. He explained that the Project Coordinator is a regional post and the holder of the post oversees the projects in the region, while the Project Manager will be responsible for the day-to-day running of the project.

UNDP agreed to modify the Project document's first page and to remove the line reflecting the "implementing agency". UNDP also explained that the allocation of office furniture and equipment will be decided upon completion of the project by the Project Board.

MIC stated that the final draft document should reflect all missing details related to the TORs and disposal of furniture.

All parties agreed that MIC is to nominate a member from the Intelligence for the Executive Board.

UNDP approved the annexed list of parties and GoNU PPC will ensure that the translation of the names of the selected political parties is correct and will send them to UNDP.

It was unanimously agreed that Dr. Atta El Battahani (IDEA) will be appointed as Project Manager for this project, unless IDEA says otherwise.

It was agreed that the next steps in the process towards the project's commencement is as follows:



1. Address all issues mentioned in this meeting.
2. Send one original and 2 copies of the Project Document to MIC once it is signed.
3. Sign contract (Project Cooperation Agreement) with IDEA.

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Agreed by representative of GoNU Political Parties Council

Agreed by representative of Ministry of International Corporation:

Agreed by representative of United Nations Development Programme:

  
  
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