Government-Development partners Relation

Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia
Dialogue Structure

• The Government of Ethiopia and Development Assistance Group (DAG) have established dialogue Architecture to facilitate dialogue and Partnership.

• High Level Forum: Focuses on Cross cutting and policy and strategic issues
• Development Effectiveness Task Force: Focuses on improving the Development effectiveness through the realization of Paris Declaration commitments
• Sector Working Group: Deals with sectoral strategic, programmatic and implementation issues
• Other bilateral: regular day to day engagement with donors to address issues, review programs etc.
1. High Level Forum:
- The HLF aims to enable better policy dialogue and understanding and mutual accountability.
- Focuses on Cross-cutting and policy and strategic issues
- The HLF, which was stipulated to meet bi-annually, is chaired by the Minister of Finance and Economic Development and co-chaired by the Chair of the Development Assistance Group (DAG). All Heads of the DAG participate in the meeting
- Up to now 17 High Level Forum were conducted and discussed on a variety of issues
2. Development Effectiveness Task Force:
• Focuses on improving the aid effectiveness through the realization of Paris Declaration commitments
• Aid Effectiveness Task Force, composed of representatives of the Government and the DAG
• Design and implement Development Effectiveness taskforce action plan.
• The task-force discuss on the decisions of the HLF and design action plan to implement the decisions.
• The taskforce follow up and report on the implementation of the decisions of the HLF
• Support sector working groups to be fully functioning and deliver on their responsibilities
• Follow up and report on the implementation of Aid effectiveness commitments like the Paris declaration and Bussan Partnership
3. Sector Working Group:
• Deals with sectoral strategic, programmatic and implementation issues
• The SWG serves as a platform:
  1. To share information on Government policies, strategies and programs based on the GTP objectives and targets.
  2. To review sector level implementation status and other on going efforts of the government and requirements of the sectors.
  3. To coordinate and harmonize efforts of various development partners supporting the sector.
  4. To interact with and mobilize partners to provide additional support so as to achieve GTP and Millennium Development Goals at country level.
3. Sector Working Group (cont’d):
The joint GOE-DAG working group have the following tasks:

**Program and Policy Review & Reform:** The sector group will discuss on the progress and reform implementation of the specific programs or policies of the sector.

**Implementation:** The group will identify ways for enhancing capacity for program planning and implementation. It will also discuss and recommend solutions to overcome bottlenecks for implementation. The group will encourage development partners to mobilize and provide additional support to the sector.

**Monitoring and Evaluation:** The sector group will follow up on sector program implementation and progress towards GTP objective and MDG Goals.

**Harmonization:** The group will dialogue on harmonization of donor procedures, aid alignment to Government priorities, to the national process and sector programs, using national systems, ensuring Government ownership and leadership and other aspects of the aid effectiveness agenda at the sectoral level.
GOE-DAG Policy Dialogue Framework

HIGH LEVEL FORUM
Main Topic: Aid Effectiveness, cross-cutting and emerging issues
Chair: Minister of Finance & Economic Development

Informs policy discussions at HLF

DEVELOPMENT EFFECTIVENESS TASK FORCE
Main Topic: Aid Effectiveness issues

Raises cross-cutting AE issues

Informs High Level Forum discussions

Provides guidance and leadership on aid effectiveness and cross-sectoral issues

SECTOR WORKING GROUP
Main Topic: Strategic issues, Sectoral issues, programming linkages
Chair: Sector minister/state Minister
Donor participation: Heads of Agency
Meeting: Quarterly

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