Business Environment Working Group

Provisional agenda, 3rd June 2024

10th May 2024

Venue: Washington DC. Venue details to be circulated to DCED members in due course.

Date and time: Monday, 3rd June 2024, 09:00 – 17:00 EST (15:00 – 23:00 CET)

Time (EST) *Subject to change*	Topic	Lead
08:30 – 09:00	Arrival and setting in (tea and coffee on arrival)	
09:00 – 09:30 (15:00-15:30 CET)	**Welcome and introductions**	Co-Chairs: Moussa Traore (USAID and Sylvia Solf (World Bank)
9:30 – 10:30 (15:30 -16:30 CET)	**BEWG Annual Work Plan and Budget** Presentation, discussion and approval of the 2024/25 BEWG Work Plan and Budget. This session will include a discussion on the scope of work for the main work items and how to improve coordination and synergies with other working groups and the DCED Secretariat.	Co-Chairs
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break	
11:00 – 12:30 (17:00-18:30 CET)	**Data and Toolkits for Business Environment Reform Roundtable** This session will explore the range of data donor and development agencies can use to prioritise business environment reforms and guide reform-support programs. It will begin with a presentation by the World Bank on leveraging data to identify priority areas for reform as well as an overview of some key policy toolkits and datasets. This will be followed by a Roundtable Discussion in which members can share their own experiences, tools and guides to develop and joint mapping of available resources.	
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch	
13:30 – 15:00 (19:30-21:00 CET)	**Improving How We Work** This session will be a discussion that furthers previous reflections on how the BEWG can best serve the needs of its members.	Moussa Traore
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee break	

15:30 – 17:00 (21:30-23:00 CET)	**Using Evidence to Inform Innovative Programs for SME Growth: Frontiers, Partners, and Scaling: A Joint-Session with the Results Measurement Working Group** Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) partners with the Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) to discuss how to use evidence to inform program design and implementation in this area. The session will start by providing an overview on JICA's private sector development strategy. Next, the session will take stock of evidence from randomised evaluations on business training and market access, and then discuss case studies from evaluation projects on JICA's Africa Kaizen Initiative to conclude with emerging lessons.	JICA, J-PAL
17:00 (23:00 CET)	**End of meeting**	