



The Donor Committee for Enterprise Development

**Private Sector Engagement Working Group (PSE WG)
Teleconference, 17 November 2020
Minutes**

25/11/2020

Participants

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| 1. Gunter Schall, ADA (Co-Chair) | 15. Anya Onysko, UNIDO |
| 2. Lars Stein, SDC (Co-Chair) | 16. Katherine Rostkowski, USAID |
| 3. Naho Aizu, JICA | 17. Linda Scheik, GIZ |
| 4. Matthias Altmann, EC | 18. Adam Tomasek, USAID (for part of the time) |
| 5. Vanessa Bangun, OECD | 19. Sally Truong, DFAT |
| 6. Jurgen Bartelink, Netherlands MoFA | 20. Loes van Driel, Netherlands MoFA |
| 7. Kate Cooper, FCDO | 21. Thierry van Helden, Netherlands MoFA |
| 8. Leonie Decrinis, UNIDO | 22. Yara van Heugten, Netherlands MoFA |
| 9. Laura Desmoulin, Finland MoFA | 23. Takafumi Ueda, JICA |
| 10. Ichiro Fukuhara, JICA | 24. Paul Weber, Luxemburg MoFA |
| 11. Katie Garcia, USAID | 25. Massimo Bloch, SECO |
| 12. Urkaly Isaev, IFC | 26. Holger Grundel, DCED Secretariat |
| 13. Suzanne Krook, Sida | 27. Melina Heinrich-Fernandes, DCED Secretariat |
| 14. Silja Leinonen, Finland MoFA | 28. Jim Tanburn, DCED Secretariat |

Apologies:

Priscilla Boiardi, OECD
Lasse Møller, OECD
Meredith Lee, MasterCard Foundation
Virpi Stucki, UNIDO
Jed Leonard, USAID

Peer exchange on organisational changes to enable PSE

Recent agency experiences with organisational changes to enable PSE were the main subject of this call. Two agencies provided in-depth presentations: DFAT, on experiences in implementing their operational framework for PSE, and the Netherlands MoFA on organisational changes to enable innovative finance as well as strategic engagement with companies. This was followed by group discussion. Key insights are summarised in a separate, internal note which will be circulated among PSE WG members alongside these Minutes.

Action items agreed

- Several members explicitly expressed an interest in future exchanges on specific elements of organisational change, including Laura Desmoulin (Finland MoFA), Kate Cooper (FCDO), Katie Garcia (USAID), Suzanne Krook (Sida) and Matthias Altmann (EC). Specific themes mentioned include:
 - mechanisms to enable a more direct engagement with private sector (e.g. one-stop shop for companies);
 - developing an overall PSE policy;
 - promoting cultural change, changing mindsets (beyond training courses), getting the incentives right.
 - how to manage risk systematically
 - how to convince companies, governments and international organisations that are not already doing so, to engage with the private sector

In particular, the format of a member clinic, where one or two agencies would present a particular issue they are dealing with, followed by reflections and advice from other members, was welcomed by participants.

The Secretariat will follow up with interested members to explore this further and also liaise with the Co-Chairs on the specific objectives and structure of a follow-up exchange.

- Regarding the discussion of initial draft chapters of the scoping paper on Responsible Business Conduct (once ready to be shared), members did not have any specific preference the timing of a call. Some suggested that written comments in December, followed by a call in January, could be a suitable way forward. The Secretariat will get back to the group with a concrete proposal, depending on the progress made in the drafting process.