

**Results Measurement Working Group (RMWG)**  
Minutes of Meeting – Web/teleconference  
2 May 2018

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**Participants:**

- Alan Lukoma (IFC)
- Peter Beez (SDC)
- Christine Weinreich (GIZ)
- Irma Keijzer (NL Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
- Lars Christian Oxe (Danida)
- Zoe Scott (DFID)
- Jack Edwards (DFID)
- Jim Tanburn (DCED Secretariat)
- Donna Loveridge (DCED Secretariat)

**Apologies:**

- Åsa Heijne (Sida)
- Tessa Godley (DFID)
- Freddie Brunt (DFID)
- Milena Mihajlovic (SECO)
- Merten Sievers (ILO)
- Mónica Peiro-Vallejo (EC)
- Birgit Seibel (GIZ)
- Minja Nieminen (Finland)

*The purpose of the meeting was to:*

1. Obtain feedback on the draft 2018/9 work plan including membership of task forces;
2. Gather possible topics for a RMWG meeting in Toronto.

**1. 2018/2019 work plan**

1.1 Support to the roll-out of the DCED Standard for Results Measurement

No questions arose about the activities. Christine noted Birgit was no longer available for the task team.

1.2 Harmonisation of PSD indicators: Phase 3

In 2016, the RM WG had commissioned an extensive exercise to collect and collate hundreds of indicators in use by member agencies, summarising them as a [shortlist of harmonised indicators for PSD](#). This was Phase 1, and Phase 2 is now under way, to explore other indicators (e.g. qualitative ones) and methodologies for measuring them. Members were reminded that feedback on the consultant's preliminary report as part of Phase 2 was due by 11 May 2018.

Minja (via email before the meeting) expressed interest in Phase 3 if others are interested; she has a specific interest in the enterprises-supported indicator. Alan and Zoe also expressed interest. Following the completion of Phase 2, members' interest will be canvassed again.

### 1.3 Guidance on incorporating ex-ante financial and/or economic analysis into results measurement practices on market systems development programmes

Peter introduced this activity and summarised SDC's experience and resources that he will be able to contribute to the activity. Irma noted interest in the activity, specifically since specific NL government programmes related to exporters and business organisations undertake cost-benefit analysis of market situations ([CBI](#)).

This activity will remain in the work plan for the time being but is dependent on another task team member joining Peter. Options are being explored.

### 1.4 Bringing the DCED Standard for RM closer to the private sector players/corporates who remain actors in the system after development programmes finish

Peter introduced this activity and Lars and Christine (on behalf of Birgit) expressed interest in joining the task team for this activity. The RMWG meeting will discuss the TOR.

### 1.5 Other suggested activities

Alan asked about the case studies that were planned for 2016/7. Donna explained that, following further discussion with members, it was decided not to carry through on this activity. Alan raised the possibility of further studies on attributing results, which was supported by Peter. Irma noted however that donors can have a different perspective on attribution of non-financial development results in evaluation, compared to investors/DFI claiming annually monitored results only according to their financial input. For instance, the [European Commission](#) and GIZ/[Holzapfel](#) (2016) recommend EU donor agencies to report results of supported programmes by following the contribution approach and not attribute results to their own (financial or other) engagement, as this rather simplistic way of attribution hinders donor harmonisation and is contrary to the principle of country ownership as affirmed in the global adoption of SDGs. While efforts regarding convergence on this issue are being undertaken, albeit slowly, in the OECD/DAC and MDB/DFI, there were other areas in which DCED discussions on harmonisation could in the meantime add more value.

## 2. RMWG meeting on 5 June in Toronto

Donna noted that current topics include: PSD harmonisation phase 2 feedback on consultants' outputs. Peter suggested scoping item 1.4 above. Additionally, Donna suggested that Steward Redqueen might be invited to do a short remote presentation on measuring leverage, on which they have been working. This is related to the Phase 2 indicator harmonisation work of the RMWG.

Christine and Irma expressed interest in joining virtually. Johan from MOFA NL could join in person. Peter and Alan will be in Toronto. Minja may be in Toronto but is interested in joining remotely if she cannot physically be there. Other potential attendees (not on the call) currently include ITC, ILO and USAID.

Peter suggested that perhaps the meeting need not be a full meeting but it could discuss the specific work items and scope out the TORs. An agenda has been drafted.