



## **Third International Roundtable**

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**Hanoi, February 8, 2007**—Government officials and development experts from more than 40 developing countries, and from donor agencies, private companies, and NGOs have concluded their Third Roundtable on Managing for Development Results in the Vietnamese capital, Hanoi, with a call for stronger action to improve the number and quality of development results achieved with countries' own public funds and with international aid.

The Roundtable, which was opened by Vietnam's Deputy Prime Minister, Pham Gia Khiem, demonstrated that significant progress had been made in the field of managing for results by both developing countries and donors since their last results Roundtable in Marrakech, Morocco in 2004.

Participants noted a number of key achievements, such as stronger national strategies for managing for results, including national monitoring and evaluation and statistical systems, results-based budgeting and public sector management. Developing countries demonstrated strong ownership of this agenda. But much remains to be done.

The opening keynote address was delivered by Xu Lin, Director General, Department of Fiscal and Financial Affairs, National Development and Reform Commission, People's Republic of China.

The Hanoi Roundtable reaffirmed the importance of the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness—a high-level commitment made in 2005 which sets out an ambitious international agenda to improve aid practices and effectiveness, designed to help developing countries achieve a set of wide-ranging targets to reduce poverty and improve human welfare by 2015, known as the Millennium Development Goals. Central to this agenda is that all countries and donors should improve their management of resources to achieve better, verifiable development results, guided by a commitment to mutual accountability.

Developing country participants this week worked on an approach to strategic national planning systems, absorbing the lessons learned from other countries as well as other insights generated throughout the week. Donors discussed what steps were needed and how they could enhance their support of partner countries' efforts.

Participants agreed that both developing countries and donors needed to invest more in systems and capacity for managing for results in developing countries, including in such areas as national statistical systems, and sector-wide monitoring and evaluation. There was strong interest in promoting South-South learning, in mainstreaming Managing for Development Results across governments and agencies, in strengthening capacity and providing better information, communication and incentives for achieving results.

The Hanoi meeting also hosted a Results Marketplace of ideas and emerging ‘good practices’ on how countries and development partners are managing and evaluating poverty-fighting programs around the world. Countries from Africa, Asia/Pacific and Latin America and the Caribbean showed how they were working to improve results-based planning processes at the strategic level and management for results at the program level, for example to prevent the spread of diseases such as AIDS and malaria, increase the numbers of children going to school, improve the quality of drinking water, and make budgets more transparent with strong participation and feedback from local communities.

The renewed urgency to improve development results that emerged during the Hanoi Roundtable will form the basis for further progress in the run-up to the Third High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness, to be convened in Ghana in September 2008.

The Third International Roundtable on Managing for Development Results was hosted by the Government of Vietnam, and sponsored by the African Development Bank; the Asian Development Bank; the Development Assistance Committee of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development and its members; the Inter-American Development Bank; the International Fund for Agricultural Development; the United Nations Development Programme; and the World Bank.

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