

ACCRA HLF3 ON AID EFFECTIVENESS - 2-4 SEPTEMBER 2008

Side event on Predictability of Aid: Challenges and Responses - Experience in the health sector

Tuesday 2 September 2008, (6:00 - 7:00 pm), Venue, Plenary Tent

Background and objectives:

Partner countries emphasize that increasing the availability of long-term, predictable and flexible financing is critical to their ability to deliver sustainable results. This is particularly true in sectors such as health, with a high proportion of recurrent costs such as staff salaries and long-term drug therapies for chronic illnesses. New ways of raising finance such as the International Finance Facility (IFFIm) have helped to leverage much higher levels of resources and to increase predictability. However, innovative approaches to development finance need to be matched with efforts to improve development effectiveness. Initiatives such as the International Health Partnership (IHP+) help to ensure that new monies can be absorbed and spent effectively. Capacity development- both in terms of strengthening systems and in terms of building the skills of individuals is equally critical.

The side event would provide an opportunity to highlight the challenges facing countries as they seek to build capacity in the workforce and sustain livelihoods through the provision of life-saving care and treatment. Speakers would highlight progress in operationalizing these complementary approaches at global and country level.

Format

Moderator

Dr Anarfi Asamoah-Baah, Deputy Director-General, WHO.

Speakers

- Hon. James Musoni, Minister of Finance and Economic Planning, Rwanda.
- Mr. Murilo Portugal, Deputy Managing Director, International Monetary Fund.
- Mr Peter Versegi, Assistant Director General, Office of Development Effectiveness, Australian Agency for International Development.
- Mr Brian Hammond, Counsellor for Aid Architecture and Financing, OECD.
- Dr Julian Lob-Levyt, Executive Secretary, GAVI Alliance.

- Mrs Joy Phumaphi, Vice President, Human Development Network, World Bank.