



IDA14

Proposed Timeline for the IDA14 Process

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I. Introduction

1. To help frame the discussion in Paris on how the replenishment process might be structured, this note sets out a proposed timeline for the IDA14 meetings, including the location and tentative dates for each meeting, the topics to be discussed (to the extent this is known at this stage), and the arrangements for borrower consultations. IDA management notes that by its nature such a timeline and list of possible topics has to be preliminary, in part because the special themes for the replenishment have yet to be selected, and because agendas are also influenced by the preceding meetings, as well as other, as yet unforeseen, external developments.

II. Timeline

2. Based on the strong sense from Deputies that they would like to conclude the 14th replenishment of IDA in four meetings scheduled over the course of calendar year 2004, IDA management proposes that a second meeting would be held in early July, most likely in Vietnam, that a third meeting would be held immediately following the World Bank Annual Meetings in Washington in October, and that a fourth and final meeting would be held in December in a location to be decided. A HIPC Technical Meeting is envisaged to precede the second meeting, and a second such meeting could be held, if necessary, at the time of the fourth meeting.

Second Meeting: possibly July 7-9 in Vietnam

- All day meeting with regional public and private sector leaders (modeled on the discussion hosted by UN ECA in Addis Ababa during the IDA13 negotiations).
- HIPC Technical Meeting. Topics might include:
 - Update on the HIPC Initiative: Program Issues and Cost
 - Financing of the Cost of IDA's HIPC Debt Service Relief
- IDA14 meeting. Topics might include:
 - Lending Projections for IDA14
 - IDA14 Financial and Funding Projections
 - Results Measurement (progress against IDA13 targets and finalization of the IDA14 system)
 - Financing terms, including grants
 - Remaining special themes
- Subject to interest by Deputies, management is also proposing to organize an optional day of visits to IDA-financed projects in Vietnam, either before the meetings or afterwards.

Third Meeting: possibly October 6-7 in Washington after Annual Meetings

Topics might include:

- IDA14 Resource Requirements and Burden-sharing
- Draft IDA14 Replenishment Report
- Further discussion of topics from the 2nd meeting

Fourth Meeting: possibly late November or early December. Location TBD

Topics might include:

- Any outstanding issues
- Finalizing the Replenishment Agreement

III. Consultations with Borrowers and Other Stakeholders

3. In the course of the IDA13 negotiations, the IDA Deputies put in place a robust system for borrower consultations. The main mechanism for incorporating borrower views in the replenishment discussions are the Borrower Representatives. With the addition in IDA14 of a Borrower Representative from Middle East and North Africa, there are now seven (two from Africa; one from South Asia; one from East Asia/Pacific; one from Latin America/the Caribbean; and one from Europe/Central Asia). To facilitate consistent attendance at the meetings, a system of alternates has also been introduced.

4. Since IDA13 the role of the Borrower Representatives has been given further scope. The recommendations for an expanded role were laid out in the paper on selectivity and accountability that was discussed at the Mid-Term Review,¹ and are now being operationalized. Resources have been made available to allow Borrower Representatives to make two intra-regional trips and two trips to Washington with a view to facilitate their task of gathering broad-based views from governments and other stakeholders within their regions, and consulting with their Board constituencies as well as attending the Annual Meetings of the World Bank.

5. In the context of IDA Management's discussions with Executive Directors regarding the role of the Borrower Representatives, questions have been raised about whether the current structure of borrower representation allows for an adequate reflection of borrower views during IDA replenishment discussions, in particular in view of the fact that some large borrowers are not directly represented. While the paper on accountability and selectivity does not contain recommendations for further expansion of borrower representation, IDA Management would like to hear the views of Deputies on this issue. In terms of options for change, it would be possible to modify the current structure of borrower representation arrangement, e.g., by inviting additional Borrower

¹ *Selectivity and Accountability in IDA's Replenishment*, Tony Faint, October 2003, IDA/SecM2003-0198.

Representatives from South Asia and East Asia to reflect further regional and country-specific concerns. Alternatively, since both the structure and the roles of the Borrower Representatives were expanded in preparation for the IDA14 negotiations, Deputies may prefer to evaluate the experience with the current structure at the end of the IDA14 Replenishment discussions.

6. At the second meeting in Vietnam, IDA management is also proposing to conduct a one day meeting with public and private sector representatives modeled on the one hosted by UN ECA in Addis Ababa during the IDA13 negotiations.

7. Engagement with Southern NGOs is also clearly a priority and given the range of views on this issue IDA management would like to hear the views of Deputies on how to proceed in this area. IDA management is planning a consultative process with Southern NGOs that would employ the internet to disseminate questionnaires that would be analyzed by Bank staff and reported to Deputies.

8. As in previous replenishments, IDA management will periodically brief the Executive Directors on the progress of the negotiations, including on the special themes.