

Interventions by the Hon Director General of the National Planning Commission of Namibia at the 2008 SSF

Partnership and working together is very important and one cannot run away from it as it is very high on the world agenda for economic development and poverty reduction whether it is with the UN, EU or the WTO.

- Small states in Southern Africa should discuss possibilities of working together in certain areas where Small States alone cannot afford development projects such energy, water, sanitation and infrastructure development by forming Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) in these areas for effective and efficient use of resources.
- Capacity of the Southern African Small States needs to be tremendously strengthened as they are all mostly depended on South Africa for most of the growth aspects i.e. exports and imports.
- Southern African Small States should start tapping support from the Small States Forum by way of funding or expert advice and
- Make use of the network to learn from others in the Caribbean and Pacific regions.
- The Small States Forum Secretariat should organize networking workshops in the regions and outside the timeframe of the annual meetings to allow for concentrated discussions and learning