

Aid Coordination Roundtable – Tuesday 7 May 07:30-08:30

Summary:

Donor partners committed to improving aid coordination in Somalia. The World Bank and UN confirmed that they would work with the Somali authorities on the future of aid coordination and aid architecture in light of the New Deal transition compact being developed for Somalia.

The meeting covered the following points:

- The importance of the Somalia Conference and recognised the contribution of all the partners to the development of Somalia.
- The paradigm shift and country leadership shown by the Somali Government by volunteering to become a New Deal country. Welcoming the New Deal High Level taskforce which the Somalis launched on 14 May in Mogadishu.
- The need to coordinate and provide timely and predictable aid, and to do so in a transparent way, aligned with the Somali Government plans.
- Country Governments should decide how they want to collate funding and what mechanisms they use; partners should work towards the FGS having a voice in allocation of donor resources in Somalia.
- The need for donors to work together on coordinated funding mechanisms through the New Deal negotiations. PFM reform and the support of that reform, is the key to building up accountable aid coordination structures.
- The need to increase public confidence in the FGS. One of the challenges is the lack of transparency of aid flows to Somalia.
- That we should learn lessons from other fragile states, and have more of an appetite for risk. We should share what mitigating actions we put in place, learning lessons from each other.
- The need for strengthening the Somali people's coping mechanisms and supporting resilience.
- The need for more donors to move missions to Mogadishu.

Agreed Outcome of Meeting

- World Bank and UN to work with the Somali authorities on the future of aid coordination and aid architecture in light of the New Deal transition compact being developed for Somalia.