

## **UNCTAD participation in the eight undg one-un Pilot Countries "Delivering as One"**

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The reform of the country-level development assistance (One-UN Pilots) developed in the context of the UN reform has been accelerated and deepened during the year 2007 with good results in terms of visibility and cohesion of the UN System ("Delivering as One" process).

At the Country level, an increasing number of Governments are asking that the Pilot mechanism become the natural one for the future. In that context, many countries are already joining the process of merging UN agencies programmes and resources in view of a common technical assistance process, budgetary mechanism and joint fund raising.

All the UN entities are introducing adjustments to adapt to the changes stemming from this process. Even the main specialized agencies that were sceptical and reluctant to be involved are now setting new mechanisms and allocating human resources to the monitoring of the UN country-level plans, in light of the political and financial opportunities emerging from this process.

The major donors including the European Commission, Germany, Norway, Spain, United Kingdom, Sweden etc. are currently aligning their mechanisms to allocate important financial resources through the One-UN process.

The overall preliminary assessment of UNCTAD involvement within the "Delivering as One" pilots is generally positive. That was felt to be particularly true in terms of:

- Providing increased visibility and exposure at the country level;
- Increasing the potential for inclusion of UNCTAD mandates into the national programming processes and programme documents
- Increasing actual and potential collaboration through partnerships between UNCTAD, other NRAs and RAs
- Offering opportunities for enhanced policy dialogue at the country level which resulted in increased programmatic collaboration and renewed focus on additional thematic areas such as on the productive sectors and other generators of economic growth, e. g, the "CEB Inter-Agency cluster on Trade and Productive Capacity"<sup>1</sup>

UNCTAD is fully involved in the "Delivering as One" process, participating in all the eight One UN Pilots. Further to participation to a number of inter-agency missions and day to day contacts with the interested Governments, Permanent Missions, UNRC, UN Country Team (UNCT) and Partners in the CEB Inter-Agency Cluster on Trade and Productive Capacity through their field representations, liaison offices in Geneva and headquarters, UNCTAD is in a position to sign four One-UN Programmes, namely, Cape Verde, Mozambique, Rwanda and Viet Nam.

During the year 2008, UNCTAD is scheduling to participate to several inter-agency missions and ensure effective participation in the other Pilot Countries within the CEB Inter-Agency cluster on Trade and Productive Capacity.

Finally, UNCTAD is closely following developments regarding the countries that will start UNDAF process during the year 2008.

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<sup>1</sup> Open-ended: include agencies such as FAO, ITC, UNIDO, UNDP, WTO, Regional Commissions