

F2F meeting of the SDC thematic network on democratization, decentralization, local governance (ddlgn) in Pemba, 14.06-19.06 2015

Overview Programme

Purpose

The f2f should enable SDC staff that is members of DLGN to be more capable to assess initiatives, approaches and programs in the thematic areas of democratization, decentralization, and local governance in their contexts.

Objectives

- Participants, particularly SDC staff, shall engage in a peer exchange with a view to learn about how SDC and its partners are working with DDLG topics in different contexts, how they identify and face challenges for implementation, address bottlenecks, use existing tools. It shall contribute to an increased common understanding about DDLG topics and SDC's role in supporting DDLG issues in partner countries.
- Participants, particularly SDC staff, shall improve their in-depth knowledge about the DDLG topics, the international state of the art, and the technical competences available in and through the DDLG network to mobilize knowhow for their own needs.
- DDLGN members energize their motivation to engage actively with DDLG topics and with the DDLG network, through information about the activities of the network. They deepen their sense of belonging to the network and intensify existing linkages.
- SDC shall get tangible results out of the F2F, in terms of key messages on DDLG topics for a broader SDC public and to be used in internal and international processes (for Directorate in general, for preparation of the message, IDEA democracy forum, GovNet etc .).
- The DDLGN core group and focal point team's proposals for future orientation of the network are shared and validated, and new ideas from network members are discussed.

Programme Overview

Day 0, Sunday June 14, 18h00: Welcome Reception and Official Opening:

Welcome addresses and introduction by

- Mr. Mirko Manzoni, Swiss Ambassador to Mozambique,
- Mr. Richard Kohli, SDC Deputy Head of Western Balkans Division,
- A representative of the Provincial Governor
- (by video) Mr. Manuel Sager, Director SDC
- The Workshop team

Day 1, Monday June 15: Connecting and sharing on accountability

- Setting the frame for the f2f
- Accountability – a systemic perspective: Sharing of experiences and discussion among peers about different approaches

Day 2, Tuesday June 16: Deepening exchange on accountability

- Exploring topics of parliamentary assistance and new range of relevant political actors in local democracy

Day 3, Wednesday June 17: A glimpse on reality

- Field visit linked to accountability and fiscal decentralization

Day 4, Thursday June 18: Deepening exchange on fiscal decentralisation

- Exchange among peers on the topic of intergovernmental fiscal transfer schemes

Day 5, Friday June 19: Setting the stage for the future

- Planning until the next f2f

Programme daily

Day 1

When?	What?	Who? How?
09.00	Welcome and Introduction	
10.45	Coffee Break	
11.15	Accountability – Setting the frame towards a systemic perspective	Corinne and experts Anu, and Helena
12.30	Lunch	
14.00	Exchange on concrete experiences in different regions	Peer exchange
15.15	Coffee break	
15.45	Exchange on concrete experiences in different regions	Peer exchange
17.00	Restitution	Reports Panel
18.15	Outlook and closure of the day	
18.30	End of day 1	

Day 2

When?	What?	Who? How?
08.50	“News” by social reporting team Introduction to the day	
09.00	Parliamentarian assistance – Introduction	Harald and experts Katharina and Franklin
10.30	Coffee Break	
11.00	Parliamentarian assistance – SDC’s approaches	Peer exchange Panel
12.30	Lunch	

14.00	Unusual actors in local democracy	Experts Sarah, Lukas, and Anu
15.30	Coffee break	
16.00	Overall reflection on accountability	Peer exchange
17.00	Introduction to field visit	
18.00	End of day 2	

Day 3

When?	What?	Who? How?
06.45 / 07.00	Departure for field visit Lunch on the way	Split into three groups, individual trips
15.30	Preparation for restitution	Each of the three groups individually
17.00	End of day 3	

Day 4

When?	What?	Who? How?
08.30	DDLGN share web (for those interested)	Harald
08.50	“News” by social reporting team Introduction to the day	
09.00	Reporting back from field visit	Reporters
09.45	Fiscal decentralization with focus on intergovernmental transfer schemes (IGFTS) - setting the frame	Jonas and expert Stefan
10.45	Coffee Break	
11.15	IGFTS in situations of fragility and conflict – sharing experience	Experiences and peer exchange Jonas and experts Dahir and Hussain
12.30	Lunch	

14.00	IGFTS implementation experiences	Group work on key questions with Dorothy, Serge, Zolzaya, Melina, Annonciata, Prakash, Dahir
15.45	Coffee break	
16:15	Conclusions from group work Overall conclusions on IGFTS	Jonas, Stefan and Panel
17.45	Outlook and closure of the day	
18.00	End of day 4	
19.30	Joint Dinner	

Day 5

When?	What?	Who? How?
08.00	"News" by social reporting team Introduction to the day	
08.20	Planning the future till the next f2f	Group work
09.50	Coffee Break	
10.20	Planning the future till the next f2f	Discussion
11.45	Feedback and Closure	
12.00	Lunch	