



ORGANISATION FOR ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

A PROJECT FOCUSING ON METHODS, TOOLS AND FRAMEWORKS FOR MEASURING DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS AND GOVERNANCE

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Second Meeting of the Metagora Partners Group
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF MAIN CONCLUSIONS

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1. Written comments on questionnaires of surveys on human rights issues

Partners and associated experts volunteered to send to the Mexican, Philippine and South-African teams written comments on the survey questionnaires within the two weeks following the meeting. The concerned teams will review the questionnaires on the basis of these comments before proceeding to pilot tests.

2. Follow-up of the Bamako workshop

MPG endorsed the MCT proposal of organizing a similar workshop in Latin America, involving experts of Latino-barometer and National Statistical Institutes associated to Metagora. This workshop should be organized in collaboration with DIAL and the Metagora partners in the Andean Community.

During the meeting MCT proposed to the representative of the GOVNET Secretariat to include a presentation of the Bamako workshop's outcomes in the agenda of the next GOVNET meeting.

3. Task team on final products (“synthesis and final report”)

A task team on final products is created under the leadership of Mr. Jan Robert Suesser. This task team should be composed of a maximum of 7 persons who will work in close collaboration with PIOs. Two persons from this task team will assist Mr. Suesser in the drafting of the intermediary synthesis report.

4. Task team on training materials

A task team on training materials is created under the leadership of Mrs. Jana Asher. It is important that this task team includes outstanding statisticians, researchers and stakeholders of MPG. The following persons were considered as good potential members of this task force: Mrs. Maxine Reitzes, Mrs. Rosa María Rubalcava, Mr. Romesh Silva and Mr. Hans-Otto Sano. A Philippine stakeholder should also join this team.

This task team should meet at least once. Atty Purificacion Valera Quisumbing suggested that this meeting could be hosted by the Commission on Human Rights in Manila.

5. Task team on governance indicators

A task team on governance indicators should be created in a later stage following consultations with the various major actors concerned by the topic and in particular the GOVNET. This task team should gather together a few selected major international producers of governance indicators as well as two members of MPG. In order to ensure proper preparation of the meeting by MCT, this should not be convened before preparatory work in view of field operations be concluded and data collection be launched. Thus it was forecasted that the meeting could be convened in October 2004. The agenda of this meeting should be drawn up in collaboration with Transparency International and the GOVNET Secretariat.

This meeting should focus on the selection of issues to be tackled by the team, the definition of concrete targets and the planning and distribution of work. Its main outcome should be a working schedule.

6. Intermediary PIOs' activity reports

Each intermediary PIO's activity report should present the activities conducted so far with a particular emphasis on:

- the focus of the activity and what it is trying to measure;
- the interest of the project in terms of: i) bottom-up approach; ii) policy incidence; iii) test of methods and tools; and iv) expected innovation and value added with regard to existing monitoring methods and practices;
- a brief description of the various steps or phases of the implemented activity;
- the interaction, exchanges and cross-fertilization with other Metagora partners (for instance, advantages and impact of Pretoria and post-Pretoria process);
- the intermediary achievements, including preliminary results and first analysis;
- the lessons learned so far by PIOs;
- the current and further expected contribution of the activity to the global Metagora objectives (universal lessons, potential replicability of the activity in other social and cultural contexts, etc.)

The MCT will provide PIOs with some guidelines and a template of their intermediary report.

7. Governance indicators as an outcome of each pilot activity

MPG endorsed a proposal of Atty Purificacion Valera Quisumbing aiming at trying to include in the final reports of each activity some input related to the following governance variables:

- Transparency
- Rule of Law
- Access to justice
- Participatory process
- Accountability
- Legitimacy

8. Deadlines for the preparation of the Metagora intermediary report:

By mid December 2004: all partners will transmit to MCT their intermediary activity reports,

From mid December 2004 to mid January 2005: partner reviewing of the different activity reports and structured compilation by MCT,

First weeks of January 2005: drafting of the Metagora intermediary report including: i) a global synthesis by Jan Robert Suesser and two persons from the Task Team on Final Products; and ii) a structured compilation, by MCT, of the intermediary activity reports provided by PIOs.

End of January 2005: presentation of a first draft of the global synthesis to the task team on final products (this could take the form of a "virtual" meeting).

End of February 2005: final text of the global synthesis and delivery of intermediary report to the donors.

March 2005 (first week): presentation of intermediary results during the Metagora Forum which will be organised back-to-back with meetings of MPG and the Steering Committee of Donors. first week

9. Metagora internet site

The development of the site must be, from now on, of high priority for MCT and PIOs.

Partners and associated experts were requested to provide the MCT with:

- a brief description of their institution (1500 characters maximum);

- their logos;
- internet link to their own website;
- brief description of their Metagora activities.

10. Update of the MPG work schedule

Meetings

- During the first MPG meeting in March, a meeting was scheduled in October 2004. MPG decided that this meeting should be cancelled, as at that time most of the activities of data collection will be entering in the critical phase of field operations that require all the attention of PIOs. The opportunity of convening a MPG meeting in January or February 2005 should be examined at a later stage, depending on the effective implementation of the steps foreseen for the preparation of the Metagora intermediary report.
- The Metagora Forum will be organised at the beginning of March 2005 back-to-back with meetings of MPG and the Steering Committee of Donors.
- A meeting of the Task Team on Final products will be convened at the end of January 2005 to review the first draft of the synthesis report (this could be a “virtual” meeting).

Missions of technical assistance

Only a couple of partners expressed needs for technical assistance at the present stage of their activities' implementation.

- Philippines: Mrs. Jana Asher will conduct a one-week TA mission in September 2004 to review the draft questionnaire and training material.
- Palestine: a database expert will be required by mid November 2004. Mr. Patrick Ball and Mr. Richard Öhrvall will provide the coordinates of some potential experts.
- South Africa: no technical assistance is requested.
- Mexico: no technical assistance is needed now, as Mrs. Asher already conducted a fruitful mission there just before the MPG meeting.

Participation of MCT or M-partners to international relevant events

Invitations to international relevant events should be circulated among the members of MPG.

11. Informal meeting of the Task team “Inventory of Initiatives”

- The questionnaire was sent out to all e-mail addresses in the database, with a deadline until August 28. New additional addresses and fax numbers are being collected for a complementary sending.
- Mrs. Roberta d’Arcangelo was handed over the address database, in order to allow a complete overview and categorisation of the responses.
- Mrs. d’Arcangelo was briefed on the use of the online-database, into which she will enter all relevant responses.
- The next meeting of the Task team will be on 30 Sept./1st Oct. This meeting will allow the team:
 - a) to have an overview of the type of answers received by then (a summary should be prepared by Mrs. d’Arcangelo);
 - b) to decide on the methodology of further research;
 - c) to have a preliminary discussion on an analytical framework and on the dictionary of keywords.

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FINAL AGENDA

MONDAY, 23 August 2004

Chair: Mr. Jan Robert Suesser

Plenary 1

Introduction

09h30 – 10h30

- Welcome address by Mr. Richard Carey, Deputy Director, DCD
- Objectives of the meeting (Chair)
- Adoption of the agenda (Chair)
- General overview of project's development, implemented actions, first achievements and next important steps (Mr. R. Suarez de Miguel)
- Metagora within its policy perspective: objectives and current challenges of the European Initiative for Democracy and Human Rights (Mr. M.-R. Queiro, European Commission)

10h30-11h00

Coffee break and administrative issues (Return of signed contracts and distribution of per diem)

Plenary 2

Pilot surveys on human rights issues

11h00 – 12h30

a) Bottom-up approach and participatory processes within the survey design: presentation of different ways and means for identifying the views, assumptions and expectations of stakeholders.

- **Philippines:** consultations of indigenous people and involvement of relevant governmental agencies and NGOs (Atty. P.V. Quisumbing and Atty. R.D. Lingating).
- **Mexico:** in-depth narrative interviews of actors involved in various forms of ill treatment, either as victims, perpetrators or investigators (Mrs. G. Labastida and Ms. C. Naval).
- **South Africa:** analysis of the issues and actors of the policy at stake, the national program of land restitution (Dr. M. Reitzes)

12h30 – 14h00

Lunch break

Plenary 3

Pilot surveys (Cont.)

b) Presentation of the pilot surveys and in-depth discussion on the form and content of the related questionnaires:

14h00 – 16h00

- **Mexico:** specific topical issues, coverage, survey design, sampling and questionnaire (Mrs. R.M. Rubalcava and Mrs. G. Labastida)
- **Philippines:** specific topical issues, coverage, survey design, sampling and questionnaire (Atty. A. Chauhan and Dr. R. Virola).

16h00 – 16h30

Coffee break

16h30 – 18h30

- **South Africa:** specific topical issues, coverage, survey design, sampling and questionnaire (Dr. M. Reitzes and Dr. M. Roefs)
- Interaction and cross-fertilization between the three pilot activities

TUESDAY, 24 August 2004

Chair: Mr. Jan Robert Suesser

Plenary 4 **Training materials:** defining their characteristics, expected content and target beneficiaries

- 09h00 – 10h30
- Links between: i) the results of pilot activities, ii) the global lessons of the Metagora process (intermediary and final global synthesis), iii) the drafting of outline guidelines, and iv) the production of the training materials (Chair).
 - **First outline proposal:** presentation and discussion (Ms. J. Asher).
 - Identifying specific needs and expectations of the target beneficiaries.
 - Constituency of the task force on training materials and schedule of work.

10h30 – 10h45 *Coffee break*

Plenary 5 **Statistically-based records and databases**

- 10h45 – 13h00
- **Colombia, Sierra Leone and East Timor:** current activities and plans of the Human Rights Data Analysis Group (HRDAG, Benetech Initiative) aiming at measuring large scale human rights violations in these countries (Dr. P. Ball).
 - **Sri Lanka:** methods applied for collecting, matching and analyzing data on large scale human rights violations, and presentation of preliminary results of the activity (Dr. R. Silva and Dr. P. Ball)

13h00 – 14h30 *Lunch break*

Plenary 5 **Statistically-based records and databases**

- 14h30 – 15h30
- **Palestine:** outcomes of a large consultation of stakeholders and update of the working plan, aiming at integrating official statistical data and data from NGOs and research centers into a single dynamic database (Mr. M. Khawaja)

Plenary 6 **Comparative assessment of methods for measuring governance and democracy**

- 15h30 – 16h30
- Need for analyzing comparative advantages and disadvantages of different measuring approaches in view of: i) the training materials; ii) the outline guidelines; and iii) Metagora report to the UN Statistical Commission (Chair).
 - Conclusions and perspectives opened by the **Bamako Workshop** on the comparison of three survey approaches: Afrobarometer, 1-2-3 Household Surveys and ECA survey (Mr. T. Heimgartner)
 - Discussion on the follow-up of Bamako and on possibilities to organize another similar action in Latin America.

16h30 – 17h00 *Coffee break*

Work in teams

- 17h00 – 18h30
- Task Team 1:** Steps towards the preliminary and final reports (lead: Mr. J.R. Suesser).
- Task Team 2:** Preparing a meeting on governance indicators (lead: Mr H.O. Sano).

WEDNESDAY, 25 August 2004

Chair: Atty. Purificación Valera Quisumbing

Plenary 7 Next steps and update of the working schedule

09h00 – 10h30 **a) Presentation and discussion of Task Teams' outcomes:**

- Expected content and production process of the global synthesis of results.
- Objectives and outline agenda of the meeting on governance indicators.
- Constituency and schedule of work of the task forces “synthesis and final report” and “platform on indicators”.

10h30 – 11h00 *Coffee break*

11h00 – 12h30 **b) Update of the Metagora working schedule**

- Organizational and financial issues (Ms. Sylvie Walter)
- Critical steps and deadlines of all activities (Mr. Thomas Heimgartner).
- Schedule of meetings.
- Schedule of missions of technical assistance.
- Participation of MCT or M-partners to international relevant events.

12h30 – 13h00 **c) Conclusions of the meeting**

- Summary of conclusions (Ms. Sylvie Walter and Mr. R. Suarez de Miguel)
- Closing address (Chair)