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IF MAINSTREAMING: COMBINED SCHEDULES FOR WORLD BANK CONSULTATIVE GROUP MEETINGS, UNDP ROUND TABLES AND POVERTY REDUCTION STRATEGY PAPERS

At the 21st meeting of the Inter-Agency Working Group (IAWG)¹ in Washington D.C., 14-15 September 2000, it was agreed amongst the 6 core Agencies that the UNDP and the World Bank would combine their schedules for Round Tables (RTs) and Consultative Group meetings (CGs) and that the IMF and the World Bank would provide a schedule for Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers (PRSPs). The combined schedules will be the basis for implementing the mainstreaming of trade into country development strategies under the Integrated Framework for trade-related technical assistance to Least-Developed Countries (IF).

This document contains the combined schedules for World Bank CGs, UNDP RTs, and World Bank/IMF PRSPs. Updates to the schedule will be provided on a periodic basis.

¹ The IAWG consists of the representatives from the core agencies of the Integrated Framework for trade-related technical assistance to Least-Developed Countries (IF): the International Monetary Fund, the International Trade Center, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Development Program, the World Bank and the World Trade Organization.

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<i>Country</i>	<i>Date of last CG or RT meeting</i>	<i>Anticipated date of next CG, RT or other donors meeting</i>	<i>Anticipated date for Preparation of Interim-PRSP</i>	<i>Anticipated date for preparation of Final PRSP</i>
<i>Africa:</i>				
Angola	**RT 1995		Apr-Jun 2001	March 2002
Benin	**RT 1992		July 2000*	April 2001
Burkina Faso	**RT 1995	UNDP in Lead	--	June 2000*
Burundi	**RT 1992	October 2, 2000		Not before 2002
Cape Verde	**RT 1997	NA	NA	NA
Central African Republic	No CG	**RT May 2000	Oct- Dec 2000	2 nd half of 2001
Chad	**RT 1998	**RT 21-22 Nov 2000, Geneva	July 2000*	June 2001
Comoros	**RT 1994			No PRGF or Not HIPC eligible
Congo, Democratic Republic of	**RT 1996	April 2001		2002 provided peace efforts are successful; no PRGF
Equatorial Guinea	**RT 1988	NA	NA	NA
Eritrea	Development Partners' Meeting in November 1998	Jan 2001		Not certain because of political situation; possible March/May 2001
Ethiopia	December 1996	Mid-2001	Jan-Mar 2001	Not certain because of political situation; possible March/May 2001
Gambia	**RT 1998 Nov 1999	**RT April 2001	Oct- Dec 2000	Dec 2001
Guinea	Last CG: June 1998, A presentation for trade related technical assistance was made by the Government during an informal meeting held in Geneva in February 1999.	No CG planned; A round table for trade related technical assistance is expected to take place in December 2000; **RT May-June 2001	Oct- Dec 2000	Dec 2001
Guinea Bissau	**RT 1999	** RT expected for 3 rd trimester of 2001	Oct- Dec 2000	End 2001

Lesotho	**RT 1997	<i>Jan 2001</i>	Oct- Dec 2000	<i>Sep 2001</i>
Liberia	NA	NA	NA	NA
Madagascar	None recently	None planned	I-PRSP is 12/19/2000.	May 2001
Malawi	May 2000	**RT Oct 2000 on Decentralization; CG aid/ stakeholder consultation in September 2001; CG stakeholder consultation in April 2002	Dec 2000	June 2001
Mali	**RT Sep 1998	RT 2002-03	Sep 2000*	Mid 2001 at earliest
Mozambique	May 2000	Mid-2001, no precise date yet	April 2000*	Apr-Jun 2001
Niger	**RT March 1998, Geneva	No CG foreseen for now; <i>sectoral CG meetings on health, education, private sector development and water are planned for late 2000, early 2001</i>	Jan-Mar 2001	<i>Late 2001</i>
Rwanda	**RT 1996; last donor meeting in February 2000	Donors' meeting in November 2000	October 2000	September 2001
Sao Tome and Principe	**RT 1992	**RT 5-6 Oct 2000, Geneva	April 2000*	June 2001 – first draft; Dec 2001 final
Sierra Leone	**RT 1996	<i>June 2001</i>	Jan-Mar 2001	<i>March 2002</i>
Tanzania	May 2000	April 2001	April 2000*	Oct- Dec 2000
Togo	1996	<i>UNDP will be organizing a donors RT</i>	Apr-Jun 2001	<i>Early 2002</i>
Uganda	March 2000 – presentation on implementation of the IF	Tentatively May 2001	NA	May 2000* Next PRSP May 2001 (as these are supposedly now on an annual cycle).
Zambia	<i>Jul 2000</i>	<i>June 2001</i>	August 2000*	
<i>Asia and Pacific :</i>				
Bangladesh	<i>April 2000 development forum</i>	<i>Not before 7/ 2001, development forum</i>		<i>Late 2001</i>
Bhutan	RT January 1997	**RT 7-9 Nov 2000, Timphu	Not yet scheduled	Not a PRGF country or HIPC eligible

Cambodia	May 2000	Mid-2001	Oct-Dec 2000 expected submission to WB/IMF Oct 2000; Board Discussion in Dec 2000.	End 2001
Kiribati	<i>Jan 1998</i>	<i>None planned</i>		<i>None planned</i>
Laos	<i>**RT 1997</i>	<i>RT Nov 2000</i>	Jan-Mar 2001	<i>Not before 2002</i>
Maldives	May 1999	None scheduled	NA	No PRGF
Myanmar	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>		<i>No PRGF</i>
Nepal	April 2000	None scheduled	Jan-Mar 2001	Dec 2001
Samoa	<i>**RT 1988</i>	<i>None planned</i>		<i>No PRGF</i>
Solomon Islands	<i>Informal donors meeting in late August 2000</i>	<i>None planned</i>		
Tuvalu	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>
Vanuatu	<i>July 1999; pacific donors consultation</i>			<i>2nd half of 2001 at the earliest</i>
<i>Middle East:</i>				
Afghanistan	<i>**RT 1983</i>	<i>Not planned</i>		<i>No ongoing contacts with authorities</i>
Djibouti	<i>May 1997</i>	<i>**RT 2nd half of 2001</i>	Oct-Dec 2000	<i>End 2001/ early 2002</i>
Mauritania	March 1998	March-August 2001	One of the 2 exceptions that did not need I-PRSP	Dec 2000
Somalia	<i>Not available</i>	<i>None planned</i>		<i>None planned</i>
Sudan	<i>Not available</i>	<i>None planned</i>		<i>At this point only broad intention to prepare a PRSP, no details available</i>
Yemen	Fall 1997	None scheduled	Oct-Dec 2000	Government has proposed the dates of 1 Feb for the PRSP submission and 1 April for Board; These dates may be overly ambitious
<i>Western Hemisphere:</i>				

Haiti	April 1997 last formal CG; **RT on Trade 11-12 Nov 1999; informal donor meetings, May 2000, WDC	No new date for formal CG because of political crisis ⁺ ; next informal donor meeting, 5 Oct 2000, WDC	December 2001 (Review by Board)	Not before 2003
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Note:

Consultative Groups (CGs) are organized by the World Bank and Round Tables (RTs) are organized by UNDP.

Based on World Bank information and any information from IMF that was verified by Word Bank staff.

* Reviewed by the World Bank Board

** UNDP contributions.

Italics: IMF contributions.

⁺ The World Bank, to sustain and enhance donor coordination, took the initiative – in full agreement with other donors – to organize on a regular basis (3-4 times a year) “informal donor meetings” in Washington. The latest of these meetings took place in May 2000, the next one is scheduled for Oct 5, 2000. These meetings are complemented by regular and ad hoc in-country donor representative meetings in Port-au-Prince.