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DETAILS

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- Train4Dev's experiences in the area of Joint Training, were well included in the High Level Forum Progress Report on Implementing the Paris Declaration. In the Section on Capacity Development of the Progress Report on Implementing the Paris Declaration, presented to the High Level Forum, a short reference was included on several good initiatives in this area, including to Train4Dev's experiences: "And 21 donors have joined together in Train4Dev, a training

initiative to improve aid effectiveness" (page 49, and a reference to the Train4Dev's website in its footnotes).

- A Poster on Train4Dev's experiences with Joint Training was shown at the Marketplace. This Poster was well received and led to a series of new contacts. See the poster at our Website: <http://www.train4dev.net/publications/index.html>. Also a short introduction to Joint Training events could be made at the Speaker's Corner of the Marketplace. About 200 brochures on Train4Dev were distributed via the Marketplace.
- A special Train4Dev brochure on Joint Training on Sector Wide Approaches, was distributed by Roundtable 3 on Harmonization. A copy can be found on our Website: <http://www.train4dev.net/publications/publication858.html> A direct contribution to the discussions in Roundtable 3, underlining the good exemple of Joint Training events, could also be made.
- The Outcome Document of Roundtable 8 on Enhancing Results by Applying the Paris Declaration at Sector Level, made a special reference to Train4Dev's good exemples. The Secretariat of Roundtable 8, had included the following text: "*the joint-learning programme (Train-4-Development) training events on SWAps at country/regional level have contributed substantially to the creation of joint platforms of this type, primarily between governments at sector level and development partners. Through such initiatives, the often confusing (donor) language and architecture to SWAps and aid effectiveness can be clarified for relevant actors in the sector*".
- A special contribution on Joint Training was also made to a Side Event on Capacity Development organised by the OECD-DAC Learning Network on Capacity Development (LenCD).
- New contacts were made with Spain, Romania, on possible Memberships, and a series of organisations expressed interest to cooperate in one way or another: Forum National sur la Dette et la Pauvreté (Côte d'Ivoire), SADC Parliamentary Forum (Namibia), Global Donor Platform for Rural Development (Germany), International Union for the Conservation of Nature (Switzerland), Transparency International (Germany), Interpeace (Switzerland).
- And at the end of the Forum Train4Dev's specific message to Forum could also be presented to EU-Commissioner Louis Michel, and 2 members of his Cabinet. Mr. Michel agreed to the good model, joint training events could offer. The Commissioner indeed agreed to the good opportunities this model of Joint Training could offer!

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[Info 2. New Members / Observers](#)

The Core Group agreed to the application from the Center of Excellence in Finance, based in Slovenia (see their website: <http://www.cef-see.org/>). For the moment they are getting involved in the work of the Subgroup on Public Finance Management.

It was also agreed to give a Observer Status to the Millennium Challenge Corporation (who were present already in Washington, the Czech Development Agency, POVNET (participating in the Pro Poor Growth Subgroup), and the Learning Network on Capacity Development (LenCD).

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Info 3. Cooperation with the Learning Network on Capacity Development

In October a meeting will be organised with representatives of the LenCD to discuss the possibilities to develop a Joint Learning program in the area of capacity development. From Train4Dev side several partners will sit in: Norway, EuropeAid, the UN Systems Staff College and the ILO-ITC. The final date and place has still to be defined. Other interested partners can contact Mr. Gerard van Bilzen.

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Info 4. InWent organises meeting on Local Government and Decentralization

The Secretariat for the Development Partners Working Group on Local Governance and Decentralization and InWent (www.inwent.org) on behalf of the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and development BMZ are organising a meeting in Bonn on 13-15 October on the development of a Joint Learning package in the area of Local Government and Decentralization. This event is not directly linked to Train4Dev, but the organizers want to hear about our experiences.

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Info 5. Joint Learning event Effective Electoral Assistance

The Subgroup on Effective Electoral Assistance organises a Joint Learning event from the 1st to the 5th of December in Brussels. A very positive reporting on the 5th training session in Maputo in June can be read on our Website (<http://www.train4dev.net/>)

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Info 6. Re-start of the Knowledge Management Sub-Group

The Knowledge Management Subgroup will make a new start. A meeting to that effect will be organised in Brussels, probably on the 20th of October. If you want to participate as well, please contact Giulio Groppi. (Giulio.groppi@ec.europa.eu).

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Info 7. Climate Change

Deena Philage is undertaking an inventory of what everybody in the area of Climate Change, with a view to decide to start a possible Subgroup in this area. If you did receive the survey already, please fill it in, and return it to Deena. If not and you are still interested, please contact Deena (dphilage@worldbank.org).

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Info 8. Annual Meeting 2009

The Annual Meeting 2009 is planned for 1-4 June and the Accommodation and the Conference will be at the Holmenkollen Park Hotel in Oslo.

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Info 9. Next Meeting Core Group

The next meeting of the Core Group will take 3-4 December also in Oslo. If you have any suggestions for the agenda, you can already communicate these to Gérard Van Bilzen. If any Subgroup would like to organise a back-to-back meeting also in Oslo, this would allow for a direct contact with the Core group as well!

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