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MALI INTEGRATED FRAMEWORK NATIONAL WORKSHOP NOVEMBER 29-DECEMBER 1, 2004

From November 29-December 1, the Mali Integrated Framework National Workshop took place in Bamako.

On behalf of the World Bank Mr. Ndiame Diop and Mr. Leen Solleveld (Trade department) attended the workshop. The workshop was also attended by ITC, UNDP and WTO.

Participants included representatives from the ministries involved in the preparation of the Diagnostic Trade Integration Study (DTIS), the private sector, professional organizations, the civil society and members of the diplomatic corps. Officials of the ministry of Industry and Commerce chaired the workshop. A total of 60 people attended the workshop.

During the morning session of November 29, the minister of Industry and Commerce, the World Bank (Mr. Solleveld) and WTO (Mr. Werner) made introductory remarks.

The World Bank (Mr. Diop) presented a summary of the DTIS after which thematic introductions were delivered on the four main themes of the study by Mr. Duhamel (facilitation du commerce et douane), Mr. Diakite (cadre institutional at environnement des affaires), Mr. Diop (politique commerciale et pauvreté) and Mr. Barry (agriculture, élevage, mines, tourisme et industries culturelles)

On November 30 and the morning of December 1, the DTIS Action Matrix was discussed in two parallel sessions (Group1; customs, trade facilitation, transportation, institutional issues, business environment. Group 2: sectoral issues). During these sessions the matrix was updated and formulated more precisely, the responsibilities were more clearly identified and the calendrier was updated.

During the December 1 afternoon session the rapporteurs of both groups presented the outcome of the parallel sessions in plenary, by using a powerpoint presentation of the precise wording of the amended matrix.

The World Bank (Mr. Solleveld) presented a note on the implementation process (attached). It was announced that a special IF Implementation Committee (set up in July 2004 and chaired by the Prime Minister) would be in charge of the follow-up process. Mr Abdoul Barry will assist the government during the implementation process. His work will be funded by USAID. Mr. Barry's work will also include the finalization of the DTIS and the Action Matrix based on the outcome of the Workshop.

The following steps will be taken during the implementation process:

Preparation Report National Workshop.

January 15, 2005.

Mr. Abdoul Barry

Revision DTIS and Action Matrix.

January 30, 2005.

Mr Abdoul Barry

Debriefing donors on outcome workshop and presentation on next steps of implementation process.

Second week of February 2005.

Ministry of Industry and Commerce

Formulation Window II projects.

Mid February/end of March 2005.

Local Project Approval Committee (LPAC) consisting of Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Ministry of Finance, UNDP, World Bank Bamako office and USAID

Approval DTIS final version.

Mid March 2005

National Steering Committee/ National Implementation Committee,

Approval DTIS final version by Cabinet.

End of March 2005

Approval Window II projects.

April 2005.

LPAC

Discussions with government/donors on priority areas for which external assistance will be sought.

April 2005.

National Implementation Committee/ministries involved/donors.

Implementation meeting with government/donors to reach agreement on priority areas for which external assistance will be sought.

Mid May 2005

National Implementation Committee/ministries involved/donors.

Formulation of concrete project proposals for identified priority areas.

June/July/August 2005

National Implementation Committee/ministries involved/donors.

.Second Implementation meeting with government/donors to reach agreement on funding of these concrete project proposals.

September 2005

National Implementation Committee/ministries involved/donors.

Project execution.

October 2005 onwards.

Ministries involved/donors.