

Development Partnership Forum
Joint Government of Kenya-Development Partner press release
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The Government of Kenya and its Development Partners today held the third Development Partnership Forum.

The aim of the bi-annual forum is to hold regular discussions between the Government of Kenya and its Development Partners to reflect on their ongoing cooperation, discuss political and policy developments as they relate to Kenya's economic and social development program in Vision 2030, and identify the joint goals and targets to be met before the next Development Partnership Forum (expected in April or May 2011).

The dialogue seeks to strengthen the mutual accountability between the Government and its Development Partners in order to accelerate the development of Kenya. The meeting took place in an open and constructive atmosphere, and was enhanced by the preparatory work that had been carried out by the joint Sector Working Groups and the deliberations at the November 22 technical meeting.

The meeting reviewed progress on the matrix of 12 commitments that had been agreed at the May 2010 Development Partnership Forum highlighting areas where commitments had been fully met, as well as areas where partial or no progress had been made. The Government and Development Partners jointly concluded to work more closely together and reiterated their commitment to making progress in all of these areas, as well as in four additional areas. Specifically, the Government of Kenya and Development Partners committed to the following actions to be completed in the next six month period:

1. Finalize definitions and templates for including Development Partner assistance in the budget and include such information in June 2011/12 budget
2. Develop guidelines to present off-budget finances of budget-dependent public entities and local authorities and report all such data in the 2011/12 budget
3. Continue the relaunch of the Integrated Financial Management Information System by issuing an implementation schedule and action plan to the public and all spending agencies and develop and implement three additional modules (Budget, Procurement and Payroll) in at least five key ministries by end-2011
4. Complete and implement an inter-ministerial action plan to protect and rehabilitate all water catchments
5. Implement the transfer of assets to the Water Service Boards as per the Water Reform Act
6. Implement the constitution in line with its spirit, letter and time table including: appointments that fulfill its integrity requirements; quick effective responses to Constitutional Implementation Commission recommendations; and public consultation on draft legislation
7. Present a bill to parliament to finalize establishment of an independent police oversight authority
8. Complete and initiate implementation of a unified governance action plan
9. Prepare a new Public Finance Management Law
10. Prepare a gender-based affirmative action plan for women
11. On the fight against corruption, the Government of Kenya will finalize the forensic audit of the Kenya Education Sector Support Program (for FY2007/8 and FY2008/9) by mid-December, and take credible actions based on its findings by the next DPF 2011

The Government and its Development Partners reiterate their commitment to the bi-annual Development Partnership Forum meetings, and to review progress on the agreed actions in six months at the fourth Development Partnership Forum, in April or May 2011.