LAGOS STATE GOVERNMENT
MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC PLANNING & BUDGET (MEPB)
MTSS STAKEHOLDERS’ FORUM No. 2 March 9, 2010.

In view of the fact that multiple Stakeholders, approaches and tools have to date been employed in Lagos State’s MTSS process, SPARC/DFID supported Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget (MEPB) in the organization of a MTSS Stakeholder’s Forum. The forum was held at the Sheraton Hotel, Ikeja on March 09,2010. The Stakeholders who attended the forum were: MEPB, SPARC, the World Bank, PWC, ESSPIN and PATHS2.

The Leadership of MEPB was well represented by the HC for Economic, Planning and Budget; PS, MEPB; SA to the Governor on Economic Planning and Budget; SSA to the Governor on Economic Matters.

Objectives of the forum
- To share tools, approaches and good practices used for the development of the MTSSs, and the tenure of interventions
- To collaborate and agree on technical support required for an effective MTSS development process
- To draw lessons from the different approaches and tools used
- To identify nodes and areas of collaboration of all Stakeholders
- To sequence inputs and coordinate activities of all actors

Emerging issues from the Presentations
- To Institutionalise MTSS approaches and best practices in MDAs so that MTSS developments are not Consultant led and to ensure sustainability
- Institutional and individual capacities to perform and deliver on mandates continue to be major issues across government.
- Timelines for developing and revising the MTSS should be coordinated with the annual call circular and budget process
- Selection of Sectors: It is necessary to decide which of the 10 MTSS will serve as pilots for linking to the 2011 budget for ease of implementations
- MTSS manual: A generic Manual that provide guideline on MTSS is desirable to ensure sustainability
- Training and capacity development of planners, statisticians, implementers, monitors and evaluators etc should be coordinated through the Public Service Staff Development Centre(PSSDC) once the reforms have been concluded.
Close coordination of activities of development partners in the MTSS/MTEF process is important in going forward as it would prevent the development partners from working at cross-purposes and will add value to their outputs. SPARC was requested to take the lead in the MTSS Coordination process. Lagos State Government was commended for its exemplary cooperation with the development partners.

**Next Steps**

- A Technical Working group was set up consisting of the development partners and Lagos State Government chaired by Special Adviser to the Governor Mrs. F.M Oguntuase
- Resource Envelopes-World Bank in the State MTEF process to produce resource envelopes for 2011, which shall be used to guide planning and budgeting going forward
- Standard costing template to be developed by Public Finance Management for Budget Department which shall be used across sectors for MTSS programme or activity costing

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