

CREATING BETTER BUSINESS
ENVIRONMENTS FOR
ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT

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Bangkok, THAILAND

Regional and Global Lessons for More Effective Donor Practices

To improve the effectiveness of donor supported reform efforts by bringing together representatives of donor agencies and their development partners involved in the assessment and reform of the business environment for enterprise development.

Conference Objectives

- 1 Contribute to a **multi-agency agenda** on business reform that prioritises the interests, approaches and challenges of donor agencies in business environment
- 2 Document **good practice and principles** in business environment reform occurring in the Asia region and feed this into guidance for donor agencies on business environment reform
- 3 Discuss efforts being taken by donor agencies to **improve donor co-ordination, collaboration and harmonisation** in the Asia region

'Here is Edward Bear coming downstairs now: bump, bump on the back of his head, behind Christopher Robin. It is, as far as he knows, the only way of coming downstairs, but sometimes he feels, that there is another way, if only he could stop bumping for a moment and think of it'

— Lewis Carroll *Winnie-the-Pooh*

Conference Themes

Regional Priorities for Business Environment Reform

Priority Issues:

Product Market Factors

Trade Facilitation

Sector development

Managing Successful Business Environment Reforms in Asia

Priority Issues:

Drivers of change in the reform
process

Public Private Dialogue (PPD)

Public and Private Governance

Developing a common agenda
for business environment
reform

Lessons to Learn From Business Environment Reform in Asia

DAY 1

Official Opening
KEYNOTE ADDRESSES

Conference Theme 1:
REGIONAL PRIORITIES

Plenary Session

Breakout Session 1
REGIONAL PRIORITIES

Breakout Session 2
REGIONAL PRIORITIES

DAY 2

Conference Theme 2:
MANAGING REFORMS

Plenary Session

Breakout Session 3
MANAGING REFORMS

Breakout Session 4
MANAGING REFORMS

CONFERENCE DEBATE
Relative Importance of BE Reform

DAY 3

Conference Theme 3:
LESSONS LEARNED

Plenary Session

Breakout Session 5
ADVICE TO DONORS

Plenary
ADVICE TO DONORS

Future Challenges
CONFERENCE CLOSE

Hot Topics

Hot Topic 1:

Increasing the impact
of business
environment reform
on poverty reduction

Hot Topic 2:

Sustaining business
environment reform
efforts

Hot Topic 3:

Reforming the
business environment
in specific industry
sectors

Hot Topic 4:

Donor co-ordination
processes and
structures

Hot Topic 5:

Sub-national business
environment reform

Donor Guidance

To improve donor support for business environment reform processes in developing countries, which lead to economic growth and poverty reduction.

Guidance Qualities

- Compiles lessons learned about what works and does not work in business environment reform for enterprise development
- Provides general but practical, operational guidance for donor staff in the field and at headquarters
- Provides a framework of basic good practice principles that support a diversity of approaches and priorities
- Highlights issues that remain unresolved and where there is not yet a consensus on good practice

Unique Guidance

- For international donor community – although it is envisaged that programme partners will also find it useful
- Strong emphasis on practical guidance and lessons learned
- Focus on business environment reform for enterprise development – in keeping with other products of the DCED
- Highlight key challenges, debates and priorities for donor supported business environment reform
- Identify other practical resources donor agencies can obtain

Current Draft Guidance

- A framework to populate with the experiences and lessons of Asian business environment reform
- A key product of the Asia Consultative Conference
- Questions to discuss and answer
- Contribute!
 - Share your views with Simon and members of

Enjoy the Conference!