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AusAID

The Australian Government's
Overseas Aid Program

The Australia-Africa Partnerships Facility

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- Increased engagement in Africa
- Support for Millennium Development Goals where we have unique expertise:
 - ◆ Agriculture and food security (\$100m/four years)
 - ◆ Maternal and child health
 - ◆ Water and sanitation
 - ◆ Capacity building (1000 scholarships, technical assistance)
- Humanitarian assistance and risk reduction
- Greater geographic coverage



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- Australian Government African representatives
 - ◆ AusAID presence
 - ★ Pretoria and Nairobi will be main hubs
 - ★ Will also have representatives in Accra, Addis Ababa and Harare
 - ◆ DFAT offices in Abuja, Accra, Cairo, Harare, Nairobi, Port Louis, Pretoria
 - ★ Also have Lisbon and Paris offices with accreditation for African countries
 - ◆ Austrade offices in Jo'Burg, Tripoli, Accra, Nairobi plus senior representative in Frankfurt



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- Key Principles for engagement in Africa
 - ◆ Working in partnership
 - ◆ Coherence with other Australian government agencies (whole of government)
 - ◆ Focused on results – quality and program performance (we want good stories to tell)



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■ Funding

- ◆ Australian ODA to increase to 0.5% GNI by 2015
 - ★ 0.4% by 2012-13
- ◆ Engagement in Africa is a key Government priority
- ◆ Partnership Facility will have around \$15million per year (expected to 2015-16) but subject to annual budget processes

ODA to Africa 08/09	ODA to Africa 09/10	% increase
\$116.4m	\$163.9m	40%



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- Key Design Features
 - ◆ Goal – contribution to achieving African countries' development priorities
 - ★ Development benefits
 - ★ Relationship benefits
 - ◆ Australian Government in strategic role
 - ◆ Managing Contractor providing administrative support

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■ Key Design Features

- ◆ Targeted assistance – matching Australia's comparative advantage with Africa's needs
 - ★ Governance for mining/natural resource management
 - ★ Public policy (trade, economic governance, public sector reform)
 - ★ Agriculture
- ◆ Flexibility beyond this as we want to be responsive
- ◆ Coverage across all of Africa



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■ Key Design Features

◆ Forms of Capacity Building Assistance

- ★ Placement of short term experts
- ★ Partnerships and exchanges between organisations
- ★ Professional development opportunities
- ★ Workshops and training
- ★ Grant funding for other implementers
- ★ Joint research



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■ Key Design Features

◆ Governance

- ★ Senior Reference Group – annual strategic priorities established and overall performance feedback (in Canberra)
- ★ Management Committee – quarterly consideration of proposals (in Africa)



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- Implementation issues
 - ◆ Complementarity – tools within AusAID
 - ★ Scholarships/fellowships
 - ★ Volunteers
 - ★ Sectoral programs – water and sanitation, food security and agriculture, maternal and child health
 - ◆ Complementarity – within Government
 - ★ State and Territory support eg mining/agriculture
 - ★ Portfolio support – DFAT, Austrade, ACIAR
 - ★ Other agency support – AFP, AGD, DAFF

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■ Implementation issues

◆ Building Australian engagement in Africa

- ★ Managing Contractor needs to keep stakeholders (inc AusAID, DFAT, Austrade) in the loop
- ★ Strategic AusAID/DFAT/Austrade involvement with partner governments
- ★ Managing Contractor development/implementation of Facility communications strategy (including branding)
- ★ Delivery through Australian expertise (building on comparative advantage)
- ★ Selection/tender strategies well targeted



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- Implementation issues
 - ◆ Continual learning and review
 - ★ Flexibility and innovation are highly valued
 - ★ Approach is to see what works and build on this
 - ★ Open channels of communication between AusAID and Managing Contractor
 - ★ Willingness to capture lessons learned and embed change over life of Facility

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■ Implementation

◆ Program Support Group

- ★ In Africa sectoral experts
- ★ available for managing contractor and AusAID as needed (not contractor staff)
- ★ Joint selection by AusAID and Managing Contractor during mobilisation
- ★ Contracted by Managing Contractor



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- Summary
 - ◆ Capacity building in niche areas
 - ◆ Leveraging Australia's expertise and experience
 - ◆ Supporting broader engagement across Africa
 - ◆ Managing diverse activities, including contracting and administration
 - ◆ An innovative, flexible and responsive Managing Contractor