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To: IAESB CAG
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Development Committee – 2013 Progress Report

This report summarizes the status of all PAO Development Committee projects in the detailed 2013 service delivery plan. The 2012 Annual Report contains detailed information on the services delivered by the PAO Development Committee in 2012.

Note from PAO Development Committee Chair

A new approach to Committee operations was agreed at the beginning of the year in order to more efficiently accommodate a shift from strategy development to strategy implementation. This included limiting formal Committee meetings to two in 2013 (previously three) and shifting the associated time resource and nominating member body funding to offer members the opportunity to undertake specified in-country/in-region outreach and representational activity on behalf of the Committee. The approach enabled the Committee, by way of its members, to be represented at a total of five events in 2013 covering Africa, the Caribbean, Europe, the Middle East and South Asia. Committee members engaged with numerous PAOs and regional bodies in every case, and donor representatives in almost all cases.

Progress has also been made in relation to the MOSAIC initiative, particularly in the second half of the year. Engagement with donors has been prioritized and bilateral discussions have brought benefits, leading to the identification of synergies between IFAC's agenda and that of a number of specific donors. Following discussion with the World Bank IFAC has developed a prototype website that would directly embody the collaborative spirit of the MOSAIC initiative, hosting contributions from each signatory and creating a single source of current, reliable information for the benefit of all those involved in development efforts. The website is due to be presented at the October Steering Committee meeting alongside a financial proposal for its development and maintenance.

Staff changes in IFAC's Member Body Development team have impacted Committee support and resulted in a need to shift some priorities and direct resource to where it can deliver the maximum value. This meant that the Mentoring Program deliverables have been deferred, provisionally until 2014. However, this presents an opportunity for the Committee to consider the current scope of the program within the broader capacity building agenda and a growing focus on south-south knowledge exchange.

Three years of strategy implementation at the global and the regional level have prompted the Committee to consider what ultimate success in its activities looks like, and how this contributes to its goals. A performance measurement matrix has taken shape in 2013 and work on the document is expected to continue into 2014.