

**FTI EPDF Committee Meeting  
Oslo, Norway—December 14-15, 2008  
Minutes**

**The following decisions were agreed by the EPDF Committee:**

**EPDF/2008/12-01** – The World Bank will ensure that 2009 EPDF proposals are aligned with in-country processes, including the use of standardized application guidelines. The guidelines will be based on the Africa Region’s application process and be consistent with SCLP principles. They will be posted on the FTI and World Bank websites by mid-January 2009.

**EPDF/2008/12-02** – The World Bank, working with the FTI Secretariat, will develop a report framework for monitoring and reporting on EPDF activities, finances and capacity development. The report will be circulated to the Committee by the end of January 2009. Subsequently, all EPDF activities, across all regions, will be registered in this framework. The framework will be updated quarterly and made available on the FTI and World Bank websites by end-March 2009.

**EPDF/2008/12-03** – The EPDF Committee allocated 50% of the \$21.5 million in funding requests (\$10.75 million). The World Bank will inform the EPDF Committee of the activities initiated from this allocation via the report framework referred to in EPDF/2008/12-02.

**EPDF/2008/12-04** – Up to US\$6.5 million is earmarked for a revised GCE proposal to strengthen CSO support for EFA at the country level. The World Bank will work with GCE to develop a revised project proposal, which is consistent with the EPDF Administrative Agreement, to be circulated for decision by the EPDF Committee, by the end of January 2009. Expenditures must be completed by June 30, 2010, with a progress report submitted in time to inform the development of the new EPDF (time to be determined). A fiduciary assessment of GCE will be initiated by the World Bank.

**EPDF/2008/12-05** – All EPDF funded products will carry the FTI logo as well as an agreed subtext. This will be supported through the FTI Secretariat’s communications function.

**EPDF/2008/12-06** – An April 2009 EPDF Committee meeting will be scheduled to decide on remaining/additional submissions for 2009 using the standardized application process referred to in EPDF/2008/12-01.

**EPDF/2008/12-07** – Given that the EPDF Trust Fund is set to close in June 30, 2010, a follow up trust fund will be designed building on good practices and lessons from the current EPDF.

**EPDF/2008/12-08** – Australia, with support from the WB and the Secretariat will lead a task team to design the new EPDF. Expressions of interest for participation in the task team were made by France, Ireland, Canada, UK and Norway.

**EPDF/2008/12-09** – The World Bank and FTI Secretariat will further develop the next steps document that was distributed with the minutes of the September 2008 EPDF Committee in Paris to inform the work of the Task Team. The document will be circulated to the Task Team for comments in January 2009. In addition, a chart outlining the process and a timeline will be included. The Task Team will produce a draft and accompanying guidelines, to be endorsed by the Committee in April 2009.

**EPDF/2008/12-10** – The EPDF Committee members will provide email feedback to UNESCO on its pre-proposal for follow-up to the Learning Counts seminar by the end of January 2009.

**EPDF/2008/12-11** – The independent Chair to be selected in 2009 by the Steering Committee will also chair the EPDF meetings.

**EPDF/2008/12-12** – The EPDF Committee will provide an annual report on the use of funds to the Steering Committee/Board of Directors.

**EPDF/2008/12-13** – The EPDF Committee will await the results of the work on the design of the Replenishment Mechanism before any specific recommendation regarding the possible merger of the FTI Trust Fund Committees.