

**IDA13 Replenishment Meeting in Paris, France
February 28 and March 1, 2001**

Chairman's Summary

1. The first meeting to discuss the 13 th replenishment of IDA Resources (IDA13) was held in Paris, France on February 28 and March 1, 2001. Representatives of 37 IDA donor countries participated in the meeting. Representatives of regional development banks attended as observers. Mr. Jean-Pierre Jouyet, Director of Treasury and President of the Paris Club, opened the meeting, stressing the core importance of IDA in the international community's support for poverty reduction and growth.

Participants expressed gratitude to the Government of France, and to Mr. Bruno Bezar for their gracious hosting of the meeting.

2. Deputies agreed broadly on arrangements for the IDA13 replenishment, with an aim of concluding deliberations over the course of four meetings.

The second meeting will be held at ECA headquarters in Addis Ababa on June 5-7, with a third session in early September and a fourth scheduled for later in the fall in Switzerland.

3. Increased involvement by IDA borrowers and representatives of civil society from IDA client countries during replenishment discussions will be actively encouraged. To promote a broader awareness of these deliberations, Deputies agreed that Chairman's summaries and IDA13 background papers should be made publicly available on the World Bank's website.

4. Deputies' review of the performance-based lending framework established under IDA12 was broadly positive, but identified a number of areas where improvements might be sought. Subsequent meetings will consider specific proposals to strengthen the framework, drawing on a pending review of IDA operations by the Bank's Operations Evaluation Department (OED) to be discussed in Addis Ababa.

5. On IDA's strategy for increasing effectiveness in Africa, Deputies reiterated the aim of reaching a 50% share of IDA resources to the region, while ensuring their effective use, inter alia, by continued strong linkage with performance. The issues facing Africa and IDA's role and effectiveness in the region will be further examined in subsequent sessions.

6. Deputies had a preliminary discussion of IDA eligibility, terms and graduation policies, noting their positive aspects and the need to maintain simplicity, clarity and transparency. There was consensus on maintaining current graduation policy, and it was agreed that more differentiated IDA terms, including limited use of grants, could be explored cautiously, alongside use of IBRD/IDA blending, during the course of future meetings.

7. Deputies discussed IDA's approach to remaining HIPC countries, most of which are affected by conflict, and the special support and innovative approaches that will be required. A joint Bank/Fund paper is being prepared for the Spring Development Committee meeting, and an IDA paper outlining an approach for allocating IDA resources to post-conflict countries is also being prepared. It was agreed that both papers will be circulated to Deputies as soon as possible for their comment.

8. Deputies also discussed issues relating to global public goods, especially HIV/AIDS intervention. There was broad consensus that IDA's public goods activities should continue to be based on performance and poverty

reduction priorities, and focus efforts where it has a comparative advantage, at the country level and in partnership with others.

9. The status of efforts to encourage new donors to IDA was discussed. Deputies supported ongoing efforts to attract new donors, and urged continuing activity by both the Bank and bilateral efforts in this regard.

10. Contributors to the Interim Trust Fund (ITF) approved the necessary steps to terminate the ITF, and IDA management will seek final approval from the Executive Directors.

11. Deputies approved a proposal to establish reference exchange rates over a six-month period starting April 1, 2001 for IDA13 donor contributions. Deputies were introduced to important innovations in IDA's financial management and had a preliminary discussion on an illustrative commitment authority framework for IDA13.