

The Iraq Partners' Forum

Fact Sheet

Context

The development cooperation landscape in Iraq includes humanitarian and development programmes, and an ongoing transition from emergency response and reconstruction, to a longer term sustainable development agenda. The response ranges from a continued focus on the needs of the most vulnerable including IDPs and refugee returnees, to state-building and private sector development programmes. Iraq is a signatory to the Paris Declaration which obliges all actors to pursue greater transparency and accountability in development cooperation and government leadership of the development agenda. The Iraq Partners Forum is a response to this agreed approach to humanitarian and development cooperation.

Purpose

The Iraq Partners Forum provides an active information sharing and consultative environment for discussion on strategic issues related to international development cooperation to Iraq in line with the Paris Principles and promoting the quality of partner engagement with government and civil society.

Objectives

- i. Provide a platform for discussion on strategic issues related to international development (including humanitarian) cooperation with Iraq, and a forum for information exchange on emerging issues
- ii. Promote transparency in aid management in line with the Paris Declaration
- iii. Discuss, and where possible coordinate, development cooperation to Iraq and align

together to support the achievement of national development priorities including the Millennium Declaration and Millennium Development Goals

- iv. Share information on development cooperation and projects in Iraq on a regular basis as a means to align development activities
- v. Support the Government of Iraq to develop its own development cooperation framework and structures, including commitments made under the Paris Declaration
- vi. Discuss the challenges and obstacles in key humanitarian and development areas of importance, and taking into account the human security imperative, for more harmonized, coordinated and effective actions
- vii. Establish working groups that promote coordination on a sectoral or thematic basis while encouraging joint programming as and when appropriate
- viii. Stage briefings on specific sectors and themes by partners and development specialists

Membership & Management Structure

Currently chaired by the United Nations and the World Bank, it is envisaged that the Government of Iraq will eventually co-chair and lead the forum. Members of the international community based in Baghdad and/or Amman that actively contribute multilateral or bilateral assistance to Iraq are eligible to join the forum.