Background

The DWG agreed to an Accountability Framework and produced its first Annual Progress Report in 2014. This paper describes the process proposed to prepare the DWG 2015 Annual Progress Report under the Accountability Framework. The purpose of the Annual Progress Report is to outline the status of the G20 DWG commitments, as endorsed by G20 Leaders. The Report is a core component of the G20 DWG Accountability Framework.

The Accountability Steering Committee (ASC) designed the Framework to maximize accountability and ensure a consistent approach to accountability in the DWG’s work. The 2015 ASC (comprised of Turkey, Indonesia, Russia, and Canada) will support the Turkish Presidency to implement the DWG Accountability Framework and prepare the Annual Progress Report.

The 2015 Report will document progress on ongoing commitments outlined in the 2014 DWG Annual Progress Report and actions identified in the Brisbane Development Update.

Scope

To maximize comparability between Reports, this Progress Report will consist of two parts: a summary and a Development Commitments Monitor. The summary will outline the Report’s purpose and indicate the origin of the new actions. The summary will also highlight the DWG’s priority areas and their linkages with other G20 work streams. The summary will also briefly outline the status of existing and new commitments.

The Development Commitments Monitor in the 2014 Annual Progress Report provided a comprehensive list of completed commitments and current commitments along with their status, progress, and next steps. The Monitor to be produced for 2015 will include a rationale or explanation that supports decisions made regarding the status of commitments to enhance the information value and transparency of the Report.

The status of the commitments will be indicated through a “traffic light” style coding: on track (green); mixed progress (orange); stalled (red); complete, ongoing monitoring (√); complete (√).

Commitments marked “complete” in 2014 will not be measured in 2015.

Commitments identified last year as “complete, ongoing monitoring” will only be monitored when developing the DWG Comprehensive Accountability Report, as we are looking at longer-term outcomes from those commitments.

New commitments agreed by the DWG under the Australian Presidency will be added to the 2015 Annual Progress Report, with an indication of their status at that time.

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1 On track = commitment is on track according to agreed timetable and outputs
2 Mixed progress = Behind timeline for completion but due to complete soon
3 Stalled = Work that has been discontinued (to be removed from future progress reports)
4 Complete, ongoing monitoring = Commitment is complete but ongoing monitoring required to evaluate longer term or systemic impacts
5 Complete = DWG agrees that the commitment is complete (to be removed from future progress reports)
Proposed Timeline

The proposed timeline outlines key actions to complete the Report that are relevant to each DWG meeting.

Third DWG meeting, 4-5 June 2015
- ASC presents the proposed methodology for consideration and approval by the DWG.

July 15-30
- ASC members reach out to lead co-chairs, co-facilitators and steering committee members for input on progress on their respective commitments.

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August
- Draft Annual Progress Report completed by the ASC based on input received from the Co-Chairs.
- Draft annual progress report submitted by the Turkish Presidency to DWG members for comments prior to the September DWG meeting.

DWG meeting, 14-16 September 2015
- The DWG agrees on the final draft report.
- The report is submitted to G20 Sherpas following the meeting.