

Informal Joint Advisory Group (JAG) Meeting

Statement by Switzerland, January 26th, 2015

- Switzerland fully supports the statement made by Canada on behalf of the donor community in the Steering Committee on the independent evaluation
- We particularly appreciate the efforts made by the Steering Committee to integrate a broad representation of Member States – beneficiaries and donors alike – in the evaluation process. We look forward to the continuation of this dialogue in the follow-up to the management response in other fora.
- Switzerland welcomes that ITC management has accepted all strategic recommendations outlined in a clear and coherent action matrix. This demonstrates the ITC's continued commitment to transparency and to translate the recommendations into concrete and timely actions. We express our thanks to the ED and her staff for the hard work in this process.
- We are convinced that the programmatic approach under the six focus areas is an excellent way to reach more efficiency and focused results. A programmatic approach embedded in a strong aid-for-trade strategy will provide ITC with strong products and services. A strong product base will contribute to project pipeline development and more predictable funding.
- In this connection, we welcome the proposed actions on project cycle management and results based management. Improved product delivery and the reports to demonstrate results help donor agencies be more accountable to our Parliaments and ultimately our taxpayers. ITC here can continue to be a leader.
- Finally, we look forward to the ITC's regular updates on the implementation of the management's proposed actions and Switzerland remains ready to support as we can the implementation of the recommendations.