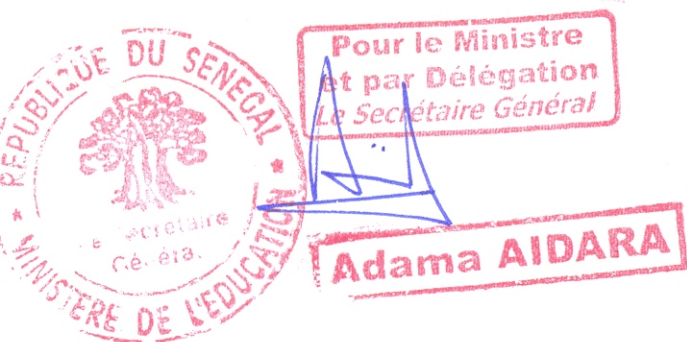


MINUTES OF MEETING
ON
THE INCEPTION REPORT
FOR
THE STUDY ON THE REINFORCEMENT OF DECONCENTRATION AND
DECENTRALIZATION OF THE EDUCATIONAL MANAGEMENT IN THE
REPUBLIC OF SENEGAL
BETWEEN
THE STEERING COMMITTEE
AND
THE JICA STUDY TEAM

December 15, 2005

Mr. Adama AIDARA
Secretary General,
Ministry of Education

Mr. Tetsuo ISONO
Team Leader,
JICA Study Team



The meeting between the Steering Committee and the JICA Study Team was held on December 15, 2005 according to the following agenda:

1. Presentation of the Inception Report by the JICA Study Team,
2. Discussion, and

After opening of the meeting by Mr. Adama AIDARA, Secretary General of the Ministry of Education, Mr. Kiyofumi KONISHI, Resident Representative of JICA Senegal Office addressed to the attendants, on behalf of the Government of Japan, by stressing the importance for educational development in Senegal.

The JICA Study Team submitted the Inception Report (hereinafter referred to as “the Report”) to the Senegalese side.

The JICA Study Team explained details of the Report and stated that the study will be conducted in accordance with the Scope of Work agreed upon between the Ministry of Education and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) signed on September 23, 2005. The JICA Study Team also requested close collaboration of the Senegalese side for making the study effective.

The Steering Committee expressed that the study items and methodology described in the Report are clear and acceptable.

The comments and the clarification at the meeting are summarized hereafter:

IA of Louga Region questioned details of training. The JICA Study Team explained that the detail plan would be formulated through discussion with Senegalese side.

The Steering Committee questioned the criteria of the selection of Local Collectivites for monitoring of the pilot activities. The JICA Study Team assumes the criteria for the selection to cover the general characteristics of the Region of Louga.

The Steering Committee emphasized the importance of harmonization with other donors which engaged themselves in educational sector projects. The JICA Study Team acknowledged the point.

As for the suggestion for Junior Secondary Education, the Japanese side clarified that the Study would not take only the Elementary Education into account, as the 100 %

enrolment by 2015 is the objective to achieve. Neighboring sub-sectors such as Junior Secondary Education would be taken into account.

The JICA Study Team asked the Steering Committee whether English version of Progress reports and Interim Report were necessary. The Steering Committee assumed the French version would be enough.

The JICA Study Team requested the Senegalese side to disburse the counterpart fund for the year 2006 (cf. Minutes of Meeting on September 23, 2005). The JICA Study Team also requested the Steering Committee to provide the counterpart budget for the year 2007.

The JICA Study Team proposed to hold the first Seminar in Dakar on Thursday January 26, 2006. The Steering Committee took note of it, and promised to prepare the list of attendants.

Finally, the Secretary General suggested possibility of adding the Steering Committee members of other Direction of the Ministry such as the Direction of Pre-School Education (DEPS), and organizing a kick-off meeting of the Study in Louga by inviting relevant partners.

The JICA Senegal Office informed that a workshop for multiplication of the school directors' training in Louga Region would be held in Dakar early in the next year, and a preparatory study for the school maintenance project would start soon. The Steering Committee expressed favorable willingness for collaboration.

The Minutes of Meeting are written in both English and French.

LIST OF ATTENDANTS

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