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STRENGTHENING STATE LEGITIMACY IN FRAGILE SITUATIONS

What role and which policies for donors?

**Workshop of the OECD INCAF Task Team on Peacebuilding, State
Building and Security**

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Agenda

08:45 – 09:15	Participants arrival at OECD and coffee
09:15 – 09:45	<p>Welcome address</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jean Marc Châtaigner (MFEA) - Tim Williams (DFID) - Eli Moen (NORAD) - BMZ <p>Introduction to the workshop by Jean Marc Châtaigner</p>
<p>Session I</p> <p>–</p> <p>Understanding legitimacy in fragile situations and why it matters?</p>	
09:45 – 10:15	<p><i>The main findings of two studies on legitimacy will be presented, put into perspective and discussed by two specialists, to identify key issues for the understanding of “what is legitimacy and why it matters”.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Moderator: Jean Marc Châtaigner - <i>The Legitimacy of the State in Fragile Situations</i>, Dominique Darbon (SciencesPoBordeaux – Centre for African Studies) and Séverine Bellina (Institute for Research and Debate on Governance) - <i>Traditional, Charismatic and Grounded Legitimacy</i>, Kevin Clements (National Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Otago)
10:15 – 10:30	Coffee break
10:30 – 11:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pierre Englebert (Pomona College) ▪ Ousmane Sy (Centre for Political and Institutional Expertise in Africa; Former Minister of the local administrations and governments of Mali) - Discussion

Session II – Strengthening legitimacy: A nationally driven process - The case of state reform in Mali	
11:30 – 12:45	<p><i>Main issues identified in session I will be questioned by a field perspective: How can a state reform policy (decentralization) be a driver of state legitimacy in a country in situation of fragility?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Moderator: John Heilbrunn (Colorado School of Mines) - Participants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ousmane Sy (Centre for Political and Institutional Expertise in Africa; Former Minister of the local administrations and governments of Mali) ▪ Aroudeiny Ag Hamatou (Mayor of Anderamboukane, Mali) - Discussant: Francesco Gosetti (Head of the European delegation in Haiti; Former Head of the European delegation in Mali) - Discussion
12:45 – 14:00	Lunch
Session III – Strengthening legitimacy: Implications for donors	
14:00 – 15:45	<p>Sub-session 1: How can donors deal with competing sources of legitimacy?</p> <p><i>Overlapping and competing sources of legitimacy are major features in situations of fragility. How can donor policies and programming support state legitimization in such contexts?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Moderator: Volker Boege (Australian Centre for Peace & Conflict Studies, University of Queensland) - Participants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Albert Van Zyl (International Budget Partnership) ▪ Tidjani Alou (Research Laboratory on Local Development and Social Dynamics) - Discussant: Angel Saldomando (Observatory on Democracy and Governance in Central America) - Discussion

15:45 – 16:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:00 – 17:30	<p>Sub-session 2: How can donors strengthen state legitimacy by supporting constructive state-society relations?</p> <p><i>State legitimacy is nurtured by mutually reinforcing relations between state and society favoring the development of common norms, rules and regulations that are recognized, shared and accepted by both state and society. How can donors support the development of constructive linkages between state and society as a basis for strengthening state legitimacy?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Moderator: Ole Jacob Sending or Stein Sundstol Eriksen (Norwegian Institute of International Affairs) (<i>to be confirmed</i>) - Participants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cristina Ferreira (University of Cape Verde) ▪ Louise Anten (Head Conflict Research Unit, Netherlands Institute of International Relations) - Discussant: Vatche Papazian (French Development Agency) - Discussion
17:30 – 18:00	<p>Synthesis of findings and conclusion</p> <p><i>Key findings from the workshop will be synthesized and discussed by the group.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Key lessons and concluding remarks, Dominique Darbon (SciencesPoBordeaux – Centre for African Studies), Séverine Bellina (Institute for Research and Debate on Governance)
18:00 – 18:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Evidence on core state building functions and sustainable development – key findings from a study commissioned by DFID</i>, John Hudson (University of Bath), Paul Mosley (University of Sheffield)
18:30	<i>Cocktail</i>

Simultaneous translation will be provided (English, French).