

# Co-ordination of TCB in partner countries

## *Main findings*

- In house **Within Commission & MS services: progress but still limited capacity to address complexity of trade & development issues.**
- HQ level **Improved information sharing on activities, pooling of opinions. Limited exchange on planned activities, common practices, distribution of responsibilities.**
- EC-MS **Most donors address TCB primarily in line with priorities established at own HQ. Hence Commission and MS may differ on how to organise coordination for TCB at HQ level.**
- Field **Most coordination takes place in the field. Specific EU co-ordination not always required but may significantly influence or lead co-ordination with all donors and the partner.**
- Partner-donors **Supporting the goals of the poverty reduction strategy and its mainstreaming in the national development plan requires systemic approach.**
- Partner-donors **Integrated Framework is a systemic coordination approach but insufficient ownership by partner and lack of donors commitment to follow up the DTIS process.**

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## Recommendations

### Improve integration of TCB into poverty reduction strategies

- *Coordination forum in important TCB countries*
- *Coordination mechanisms to produce VA to the partner, other donors, Commission*
- *For TCB programmes Commission to open contribution agreements to MS and other donors*

#### ■ Priority 1

### Strengthen, generalise, use IF as central coordination tool for TCB

- *At HQ and in-country MS and Commission should make effort to strengthen IF process and increase its resources*
- *Use DTIS study to organise TCB assistance*
- *EU donors should use co-ordination process to better access and build up capacity of the partner to participate in trade-related discussions and to co-ordinate its own activities*

#### ■ Priority 2

### Improve functioning of JTDEG and its role as central co-ordination tool for TCB

- *Make it focal point for EU information sharing and coordination on multilateral initiatives on the interface between trade and development*
- *Move towards common technical guidelines on TCB*

#### ■ Priority 3