

A Give them a Hand Partnership Initiative

One Dollar For Development



ODfD draws its Mandate Support from the GA Resolution A/60/L.24 & A/60/L.24.Add1

- “Encourages the international community to increase support for national efforts, including those of developing countries, in public administration, particularly through North-South cooperation, South-South cooperation and public-private partnership to provide financial, educational, material and technical support and cooperation as appropriate;”
- “Urges the United Nations to maximize the effectiveness of its activities in the field of public administration and development by strengthening partnerships with other international and regional organizations, as appropriate, and by promoting the use of information and communications technology as a tool for development;”

ODfD –The Rationale

- The underlying rationale for this initiative is that, sustainable MDG-based strategies of developing countries require significant public investments to spur local scientific innovation and technological development. There are many Countries, which have successfully developed and deployed e-Government applications in many key areas such as Justice, Security, Healthcare, Welfare, Transport and Education.
- Without having to reinvest and at a fraction of the initial development costs, most of these applications could be easily duplicated, re-deployed and put in use in developing countries to support local innovation and technological development with far reaching impacts on the national economy in general and in the field of governance in particular.
- The ODFD initiative aims at making available at no cost e-Government applications owned by developed countries to developing countries by encouraging the North-South and South-South cooperation as an effective contribution to development and as a means to share and transfer good practices and technologies.

ODfD Project Brief

- ‘One Dollar for Development’ is based on no-cost software technology transfer from developed to developing countries at the symbolic price of one dollar. The potential of this ‘not for profit’ initiative is its capacity to contribute to the reduction of digital gaps.
- The initiative further supports the economic and sustainable development including strengthening human capital, and avenues for employment generation.
- Additionally this project builds a strong public-private partnership as envisaged in MDG goal 8. ODfD is a ‘Give them a Hand’ partnership initiative and is being promoted through a powerful multi-stakeholder ‘not for profit’ partnership that includes the United Nations, civil society, Academia and the Governments.



ODFD Phases

○Phase I:

Capacity Building, which aim at transferring knowledge to officials of non-G8 countries in an effort to strengthen their capability to govern the technological innovation process in general interest areas.

○Phase II:

Needs Assessment, to initiate and put in place methodologies and actions to assess the ICT needs of Governments interested in taking advantage of the ODFD process and pilot initiatives.

○Phase III:

Development of pilot initiatives, identifying software applications which can be reused according to the requirements emerging from the needs assessment in Phase II, arranging all the transfer and local customisation activities.

ODFD Milestones



Phase I:

- Capacity Building of PA professionals on Regulatory, Contractual and technical issues relating to ICT procurement and development of e-Government applications.
- National Meeting to identify areas of priority and develop plan of action for Phase II
- Form Steering Committee
- Designate Lead Secretariat

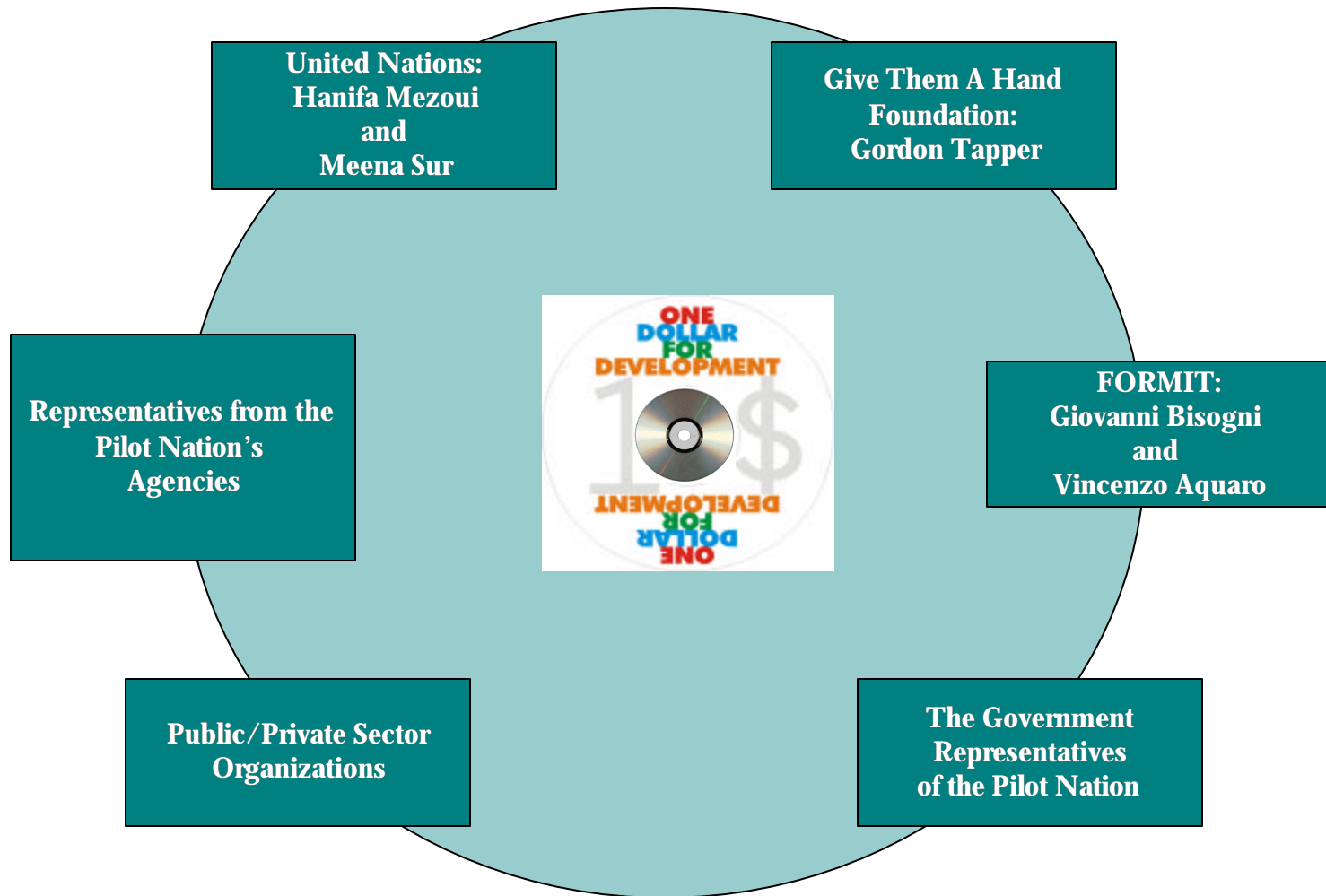
Phase II:

- Needs Assessment at the Country level
- Release of Needs Assessment Report

Phase III:

- Identification of reusable software applications according to the requirements emerging from the needs assessment in Phase II
- Completion of all the transfer and local customisation activities

Steering Committee: Proposed Membership



ODFD: Secretariat Structure

