

**Revised tentative working agenda for multi-stakeholder consultations on  
“Financing access to basic utilities for all” organized by the Friedrich Ebert  
Foundation in cooperation with the Financing for Development Office**

**1. The 2006-2007 multi-stakeholder consultations on financing basic utilities for all**

- Financing access to basic utilities for all- where do we stand?
- Goal, value-added and modalities of consultations
- Discussion of the revised background document

**2. Mobilizing finance: Stable and predictable financing mechanisms for utility providers at all levels**

- Financing options at the national and international level
  - Multilateral and bilateral development aid
  - Debt instruments at the national and international level
- Financing options at the municipal level
  - Municipal banks, municipal bonds and pooled financing arrangements
  - Fiscal transfers and the role of conditionalities
- Financing options at the local level
  - Microfinance institutions
  - Utility credit schemes and other mechanisms
  - Leveraging local resources
- Increasing absorptive capacity at all levels
  - Capacity building, including through South-South cooperation

**3. Paying of the debt: ensuring sustainability through internal revenue generation**

- Minimizing costs
  - Identifying priority needs of the poor
  - Increasing efficiency
- Recovering costs
  - Appropriate tariff structures
  - Consumption-, access-, and cross-subsidy mechanisms
- Beyond cost recovery: allocating state revenue to utilities
  - Participatory budget planning
  - Fiscal Space
- Increasing government revenue
  - Improving tax administration
  - Improving tax policies

**4. Macroeconomic factors to be taken into account**

- Public sector risk
  - Policy space
  - Financial market liberalization
  - Possible macroeconomic implications of aid inflows
- Other risk
  - Exchange rate, interest rate, inflation and regulatory risk
- The role of monetary and fiscal policy
  - Inflation targeting
  - Exchange rate and interest rate policy