



UN Expert Group on National Quality Assurance Frameworks
Comments on NQAFs (received in response to the questions in the
13 August 2010 EG launch letter/e-mail):
World Bank: Barbro Hexeberg, 17 September 2010

Thanks for your email, launching the discussion on the development of NQAFs. We think developing NQAFs is a great idea, and have followed with interest the replies from countries. The World Bank will be happy to participate and contribute towards the development of NQAFs -- including perhaps some TA during a potential pilot phase.

As for the questions posed -- noting that we are an international organization with no direct experience in the development or use of NQAFs, we will skip questions 1 -3. Looking at the alternatives templates suggested in the Canada paper, however, we tend to have a preference for the second one based on the IMF's DQAF. The reason is simply that the DQAF is a long established system developed by the IMF, with a link to SDDS and GDDs. We think these links could be potentially helpful for the countries - as much of the information would already be there and provided in a similar fashion. And, if we are aiming for standard formats we would think this would be a great benefit!

With best regards,

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