Project Summary

Project background
The Government of Senegal has been running a budgetary and financial reform programme for the past seven years, led by the Ministry of Economy and Finance (MEF) and with the technical and financial assistance of development partners. This programme is based on the recommendations of the Country Financial Accountability Assessment (CFAA) and Country Procurement Assessment Report (CPAR) carried out in 2002. In order to ensure that the budgetary and financial reforms foreseen in this national programme are properly coordinated and monitored, the Government of Senegal created the Project for the Coordination of Budgetary and Financial Reforms (PCRBF) in 2003. This programme is funded from several sources, and some of this funding has been coordinated through the Multi-Donors Trust Fund (MDTF), established in 2004. In particular, this mechanism has enabled the mobilisation of contributions from the European Commission (EC), the Netherlands and the World Bank. Five years on, the parties involved in this mechanism now feel it should be evaluated.

Project objectives
To evaluate the functioning of the Multi-Donors Trust Fund (MDTF), which was put in place in order to finance the budgetary and financial reforms undertaken in Senegal since 2004, and to suggest improvements to the structure currently used to support these reforms.

Project outcome
The main expected result is an evaluation report including:
- An appraisal of how the MDTF has functioned since it was set up, and an evaluation of how its activities are planned and put into action;
- Problems encountered in implementation of the MDTF;
- The advantages and risks of the MDTF;
- Alternative solutions, and the advantages and disadvantages of these;
- Factors explaining the reticence on the part of other development partners to channel financing for the budgetary and financial reforms through the MDTF;
- Recommendations, based on information deriving from implementation of the MDTF, aimed at putting in place ways of financing the reforms that will guarantee greater effectiveness and better coordination of the support.

Implementation features
The mission will be organised into four main stages, comprising preliminary preparation for the mission, the field visit, production of the draft report, and finalisation of the MDTF evaluation report.

Services Provided
- Preparation of a questionnaire – meeting guide
- Review of documentation
- Strategic meetings with key contacts
- Production of a concise guidance document
- Meetings with key figures
- Analysis of key features (evaluation)
- Preparation of a PowerPoint presentation with points for consideration on the future of the MDTF