

Management Response & Recommendations Action Plan

Evaluation Report Title:

AFRITAC South Independent Mid-Term Evaluation Phase 1: June 2011 to April 2014

Response to Evaluation Report (overarching narrative)

A comprehensive response to the evaluation report was prepared by the IMF and AFRITAC South, in consultation with the AFRITAC South Steering Committee which includes DFID. The response, including action plan, can be accessed on <http://www.southafritag.org/category/annual-reports/>.

DFID supports the IMF's responses to the recommendations of the external evaluation as well as the proposed management response, noting however that some recommendations are beyond the scope of AFRITAC South's mandate. As a member of the Evaluation Reference Group, DFID provided support to ensure the quality of the external evaluation through our Specialist Evaluation and Quality Assurance Service.

IMF Response to Recommendations of the External Evaluation of AFRITAC South

We welcome the overall positive assessment of the Center by the external evaluation team and share the main objective of the evaluation's recommendations: to strengthen AFRITAC South's (AFS') role as a key provider of TA in the Southern African region by further developing its focus on results and sustainability. In particular, we welcome the recommendations to strengthen the coordinating role of country representatives on the Steering Committee (SC), to expand peer-to-peer learning initiatives, to conduct a review of support for regional harmonization and integration, and to strengthen reporting of AFS' activities. That said, a few recommendations are beyond the scope of AFS' mandate or would be difficult to implement due to resource constraints, and several topical recommendations refer to practices already adopted by AFS.