

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

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

- Minimizing costs
 - Ø Identifying priority needs of the poor
 - Ø Increasing efficiency
- Recovering costs
 - Ø Appropriate tariff structures
 - Ø Consumption-, access-, and cross-subsidy mechanisms
- Beyond cost recovery: allocating state revenue to utilities
 - Ø Participatory budget pla Tw (, go0e () Tj 8.25 0 T 0 Tw () Tj -195.75 -14.256 T

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