

Joint Declaration of Commitment by the Government of the Kingdom of Lesotho and the United Nations System in Lesotho

The United Nations System (UNS) in Lesotho hereby confirms its commitment to supporting the Government and people of Lesotho in their efforts to realize the long-term national Vision 2020, which aims to improve the quality of life of all Basotho by the year 2020, by striving to achieve a **stable, united, democratic, peaceful and prosperous nation, with a healthy and well-developed human resource base, a well-managed environment, and relying on a well-established technology**. The UNS notes that these laudable goals are being pursued through a number of medium-term national planning frameworks, the most recent being the National Development Framework (2009/10 – 2010/11) which is consistent with the Millennium Development Goals.

The UN System is committed to ensuring that attainment of the complementary results defined in this United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) will be pursued through a **Delivering as One (DaO) Approach**.

The Government of Lesotho endorses the Delivering as One Approach, including the establishment of the One UN Programme and the One Budgetary Framework, in line with the principles of ownership, alignment, harmonisation, results and mutual accountability, enshrined in the Paris Declaration and the Accra Agenda for Action. It further commits to work with the UN System to develop specific annual work plans under the overarching structure of the UNDAF in support of national priorities.

The Government of Lesotho endorses the proposed governance structure for the management of the One Programme and One Budgetary Framework/One Fund. It commits to co-chair the Steering Committee through the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning in order to coordinate along with the UN, the programmatic and operational activities under this UNDAF. It also commits to work with the UN to develop transitional arrangements towards the operationalisation of the One Programme and One Fund.

