

Taking the Aid Effectiveness Agenda Forward: 2008 as a year of special opportunity

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Key messages:

- Aid effectiveness: a multi-dimensional agenda that speaks to and engages many actors
- 2008: A special opportunity for major progress
- Maximising synergies between:
 - **UN Development Cooperation Forum in July**
 - **Accra High Level Forum on aid effectiveness in September**
 - **UN Financing For Development Conference in Doha, end-November**

The 2005 Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness

- The Paris Declaration: A reference point for well over 100 donor countries, agencies and development partners.
 - Welcomed by the 2005 UN World Summit;
 - Endorsed by the G8;
 - Endorsed by the G20;
 - and the WB/IMF Development Committee.
- A manifesto for aid reform:
 - 56 commitments and 12 measurable targets;
 - An instrument that catalyses change in donor practice.

Driven forward by a broad international coalition

- The Working Party on Aid Effectiveness, hosted by the DAC:
 - Equal number of donor and partner countries;
 - Close involvement of the UN and the MDBs;
 - Ghana is a Vice Chair;
 - Actively seeking the input of providers of South-South Co-operation
- Joint Ventures on:
 - Monitoring the Paris Declaration
 - Public financial management
 - Managing for results
 - Procurement
- Advisory Group of Civil Society Organisations

Monitoring, Improving and Extending the Paris Declaration: the Road to Accra

- Projected outcome:
 - A compact **Accra Action Agenda**, pushing forward politically challenging reforms.
- An extensive and inclusive international effort is underway:
 - Many work-streams are in progress involving many actors.
 - A monitoring survey in 53 developing countries.
 - Ghana, as the host country, is working to ensure that developing countries drive the priorities and the process.

How can we work together?

- Addressing the questions in the agenda paper:
 1. Identifying and integrating priorities
 2. Ownership and leadership of partner countries
 3. Role of the DCF

1. Identifying and integrating priorities

- Consultations with developing countries worldwide indicate, at this stage, the following major priorities to be integrated through the Accra Action Agenda:
 - Predictability
 - Conditionality
 - Division of Labour
 - Capacity Development
 - Untying
 - Incentives in donor agencies
- Mutual accountability frameworks at the local level have a key role in ensuring implementation and strengthening ownership.

2. Ownership and leadership of partner countries

- Ghana as host country and as vice chair of the Working Party on Aid Effectiveness
 - Organising to ensure leading voice of partner countries
- Partner country leadership of monitoring process in 53 countries
- Engagement in all workstreams and as Accra Round Table Co-Chairs
- Regional consultations

3. Role of the DCF

- Aid Effectiveness is everybody's business.
- The DCF makes a major contribution by engaging a broad range of actors, bringing additional perspectives and ideas.
- Follows through on the UN 2005 World Summit's welcome and encouragement of the Paris Declaration.
- Our Proposal:
 - The advanced draft of the Accra Action Agenda should be a major item of discussion at the July DCF Plenary, setting the scene for the High Level Forum in September.
 - Link up with the preparations for the Financing for Development follow-up conference in Doha at the end of November.

Responding to Partner Countries' concerns - Predictability as a key issue

- DAC Work on scaling up and aid allocations: a new forward information system.
- Results and Resources Processes: The State of Play

2008 as a year of special opportunity:

So let us work together for more and better aid in support of the Millennium Development Goals.

