

UK Statement: Follow-up and data

- Would like to align with the statement made by the European Union on behalf of the EU and its member states.
- We believe that the post-2015 follow up and accountability process should be a single comprehensive one, covering all goals and targets, means of implementation and financing for development. This is key to maximise synergies, avoid duplication of effort and especially to avoid additional burdens at country level.
- But it will be challenging. We need put or thinking caps on regarding how this can be achieved, so that follow up efforts occur at all levels and include the diverse set of institutions and actors we know will be critical to implementing the new agenda.
- Linked to this, we believe strongly that data has to be at the centre of our follow up process. We agree with many others who have called for a data revolution to be at the heart of an effective monitoring and review mechanism.
- In this regard, we support calls for transparent global monitoring of the full range of finance flows from all sources and actors, making use of open data standards such as those set out by the International Aid Transparency Initiative.

- Finally, it is important to note that data is also an important means of implementation in its own right. As the expert group's report on the data revolution has pointed out - data is the lifeblood of decision-making and the raw material of accountability. Disaggregated data in particular is essential to ensure that no one is left behind.