



Integrating aid effectiveness in central and sectoral processes: A roadmap to results

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Five main messages

1. Good progress in establishing tools and processes yields little evidence of links to development results. Signs of increasing fatigue - political interventions and leadership required.
2. Efforts need to focus on less complicated – “good enough” – measures integrated in sector and central planning/budgeting processes and dialogue.
3. Improved partnership dynamics are needed to support multi-stakeholder processes that deliver results in a partnership-based manner.
4. Broader engagement – RGC, DPs, CSOs - is necessary but requires commitment and competency to be effective.
5. The future role for partnerships in development cooperation must increasingly focus on capacity development.



Proposals

- Each Ministry represented in the TWGs to identify priorities based on the H-A-R Action Plan
- Process to be facilitated by – but not the responsibility of – the TWGs
- Focus on a limited number of achievable and results-relevant actions, in the context of H-A-R and AAA
- MEF, MoP, CDC to focus on harmonised planning and budgeting processes
- CAR to continue work on capacity development strategy (including role of technical cooperation)
- Maintain efforts to improve dialogue mechanisms



Content of Ministry plan for effective aid

- Capacity and TC
 - common assessments of national systems and capacity
- PBAs & fragmentation
 - identify steps to establish or strengthen PBAs
 - use of Annual Operational Plans (all resources)
 - increased use of delegated cooperation
 - implementation of division of labour
- Partnerships
 - CRDB to provide support in partnership building, project monitoring, and results-based management (JMIs)
 - TWGs to consider membership, participation, use of interpreter services



Division of labour initiative

- 750+ projects, 35+ partners – response required
- Principles articulated in AER and by EU
- RGC-facilitated amongst willing/committed DPs
- Must be a pragmatic and results-focused exercise
- Ensure process is responsive to:
 - sector reality & partnership dynamics
 - maintenance of aggregate funding (sector and aggregate)
 - role of specialised agencies, comparative advantage
 - technical challenges (definition of a ‘sector’)
 - other solutions (project implementation, PBAs, delegation)



Process and management

- DPs to reflect on AAA to identify any explicit constraints
- TWG chair, secretariat & DP facilitator to work with CRDB and aid effectiveness experts (from development partner agencies)
- A set of priorities to be presented by Ministry to TWG for dialogue
- Ministry to approve (DPs to identify activities beyond their mandate)

- Agreed actions to become part of aid effectiveness JMI
- TWG to mobilise resources (or use CRDB block grant)
- P+H TWG to facilitate information exchange and peer support
- TWG Network to be expanded to include chairs and DPs



Summary

These initiatives, based on evidence, are intended to:

- Address central and sectoral aid effectiveness priorities
- Identify and implement limited and relevant actions
- Translate policy commitments into tangible results
- Ensure compliance with the Accra Agenda for Action



Points for discussion

1. Is there sufficient political commitment from RGC and DPs?
2. Are Ministries equipped to work with TWGs to identify and implement priorities?
3. What are the first steps to take?
 - a) Ministry plans
 - b) Division of labour
 - c) Central coordination processes