

FOCUS SESSION 28:

Using Country Systems and Measuring their Strength: What's Next?

Wednesday 11:45 – 13:00, Room 2

Objective:

The session will explore two related topics: how to improve efforts to strengthen country systems through better measures, and how to expand the use of country systems. Two new initiatives will be announced: an “ichallenge” to develop better indicators and “country dialogues for strengthening local systems”.

Session Format:

Introduction and opening remarks (15 minutes)

Moderated panel discussion (35 minutes)

Deliverables and next steps: Roadmaps to advance the agenda (10 min)

Audience Q&A (10 min)

Conclusion (5 min)

Speakers/Panellists:

- Mr. Neil Cole, Executive Secretary, CABRI
- Honorable Faumuina Tiatia Faaolatane Liuga, Minister of Finance, Samoa (TBC)
- Ms. Ursula Müller, Director-General, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Germany
- Ms. Kampeta Sayinzoga, Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Finance, Rwanda (TBC)
- Mr. Vivek Srivastava, Lead Public Sector Specialist, World Bank
- Mr. Alex Thier, Assistant to the Administrator for Policy, Planning, and Learning, United States Agency for International Development
- Honorable Saada Mkuya Salum, Minister of Finance, Tanzania (TBC)
- Moderator (TBC)

Background/Narrative:

Strong country systems are critical for meeting development objectives in a sustainable and inclusive manner. Strengthening and using country systems has been a major aid effectiveness commitment since Accra, and there is strong interest in creating a new Millennium Development Goal that focuses on the capacity of states. This session will address two related topics: how to improve our efforts to strengthen country systems through better measures, and opportunities and challenges to expand the use of country systems. The session will also introduce two plans to advance the agenda: an “ichallenge” to crowd source ideas for better indicators and an effort to bring together development partners and partner countries around “country dialogues for using and strengthening local systems”.

Related Links:

Indicators of the Strength of Public Management Systems:

www.go.worldbank.org/99F3LCSFR0

Effective Institutions Platform: www.effectiveinstitutions.org

CABRI: www.cabri-sbo.org

USAID: www.usaid.gov

Organisers:

- Indicators of the Strength of Public Management Systems (World Bank, Germany (BMZ), United Kingdom (DFID), Canada (DFATD), Sweden (SIDA), Transparency International, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat)
- Effective Institutions Platform
- Collaborative African Budget Reform Initiative (CABRI)
- United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

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