

## **FOCUS SESSION 28:**

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

Wednesday 16 April 8:00am – 9:15, Room: Diezmo 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 “i-challenge” 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/Panelists:**

- Honorable Veda Ballomoodu, Member of Parliament, Mauritius
- Mr. Neil Cole, Executive Secretary, CABRI
- Mr. Moeketsi Majoro, Minister of Development Planning of Lesotho
- Ms. Ursula Müller, Director-General, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Germany
- Ms. Kampeta Sayinzoga, Permanent Secretary to the Rwandan Ministry of Finance
- 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
- A member of the Pacific Islands Forum
- Moderator: Mr. Steve Pierce, Special Coordinator for Development Effectiveness, USAID

## 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 “i-challenge” 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](http://www.go.worldbank.org/99F3LCSFR0)

Effective Institutions Platform: [www.effectiveinstitutions.org](http://www.effectiveinstitutions.org)

CABRI: [www.cabri-sbo.org](http://www.cabri-sbo.org)

USAID: [www.usaid.gov](http://www.usaid.gov)

## Organizers:

- 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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