On December 3 and 4, 2013, members of the Busan Building Block “Managing Diversity and Reducing Fragmentation” came together for an international workshop in Kampala, Uganda. Twenty-five Delegates from Austria, Bangladesh, Finland, France, Germany, Honduras, Madagascar, Malawi, Poland, Sudan, Uganda, Zambia as well as the EC, the OECD-DAC, and the CSO Partnership participated.

Participants discussed and agreed on the Building Block contributions for the Mexico High Level Meeting of the Global Partnership in April 2014. In particular, the group reviewed and consolidated the key findings and policy recommendations from the draft Building Block Stock-take Report on the Busan Commitments on Managing Diversity and Reducing Fragmentation, covering important aspects such as country-led aid coordination arrangements, efforts to reduce proliferation and better coordination of multilateral aid and the issue of countries which receive insufficient aid. Participants agreed on the process to finalize and disseminate the report and key messages thereof, selected case studies and a policy brief, and prioritized outreach activities. In addition, BB members reviewed the BB work-plan and collaboration modalities and updated each other on progress made at country and institutional levels.

Discussions were very informative and revealed close ties with other principles and topics of the effectiveness agenda. While aid fragmentation is typically connected with high transaction costs, partner countries also see a clear advantage of a well-managed plurality of aid sources. As in the last meeting in Berlin, the need for a global and national monitoring of fragmentation and aid management was highlighted.