

FOCUS SESSION 1:

“Managing diversity for effective development cooperation: EU Joint programming and other approaches”

15 April 2014 08:00 am – 09:15 Room: DIEZMO 1

Objective:

Why does managing diversity matter? Why is Joint Programming a good example?

This focus session reports on progress towards the Busan commitments on transparent and responsible cooperation, esp. with regard to country-led arrangements to manage the diversity of development cooperation (Busan Outcome Document para 25), including Joint Programming and other approaches. The session will explore enabling factors and solutions that improve the scope and inclusiveness of such mechanisms.

Session Format:

Panel discussion with moderator, open discussion from the floor.

Speakers/Panellists:

- Mr Thomas SILBERHORN (DE), Parliamentary State Secr., Co-Chair Building Block “Managing diversity and reducing fragmentation”
- Mr Andris PIEBALGS, EU Commissioner for Development
- Mr Claver GATETE, Minister of Finance and Economic Planning (RWANDA)
- Mr Muhammad Musharraf Hossain BHUIYAN, Cabinet secretary, (BANGLADESH)
- Mr Cassiel Ato FORSON, Deputy Minister of Finance (GHANA)
- Ms Maria KIWANKUA, Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development (UGANDA), Co-Chair Building Block “Managing diversity and reducing fragmentation”
- Mr Justin KILCULLEN, European representative of the CPDE/CONCORD

Background/Narrative:

The session is particularly relevant to the principle of ownership (as well as Paris principles of alignment and harmonisation) but shows linkages to all Global Partnership principles on effective co-operation.

The post-Busan Building Block “Managing Diversity and Reducing Fragmentation” has examined how the plurality of aid can be better managed at the partner country level by taking stock of the state of play as well as of lessons learnt in various countries; it will present at the GPEDC HLM key messages and recommendations.

Joint Programming has become a core element of the EU aid effectiveness agenda and one of the main deliverables of the EU and its Member States. Joint programming processes have started in some 40 countries covering between 60-70% of EU bilateral country programmable aid. Where possible, it is led by partner country governments and aligned to their development strategies and synchronised to their planning cycles.

Civil society organisations will give their views on country-led coordination arrangements to manage diversity and reduce fragmentation, in particular on the enabling factors and solutions that improve the scope and inclusiveness of such mechanisms.

Related Links:

Organisers:

- EU
- Building Block “Managing diversity and reducing fragmentation”, Co-Chairs Germany and Uganda (BB). Members: Austria, Bangladesh, CPDE, Cameroon, Czech Republic, Estonia, EC, Finland, France, Germany, Global Programs Learning Group, Honduras, Madagascar, Malawi, Moldova, Netherlands, OECD/DAC, Poland, Peru, Rwanda, Sudan, Sweden, Tuvalu, Uganda, the United Nations Development Group and Zambia.
- CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness (CPDE) and CONCORD Europe

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