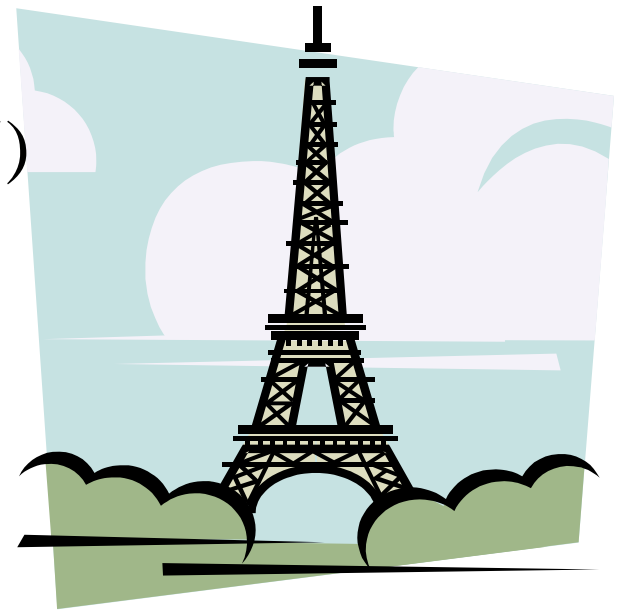


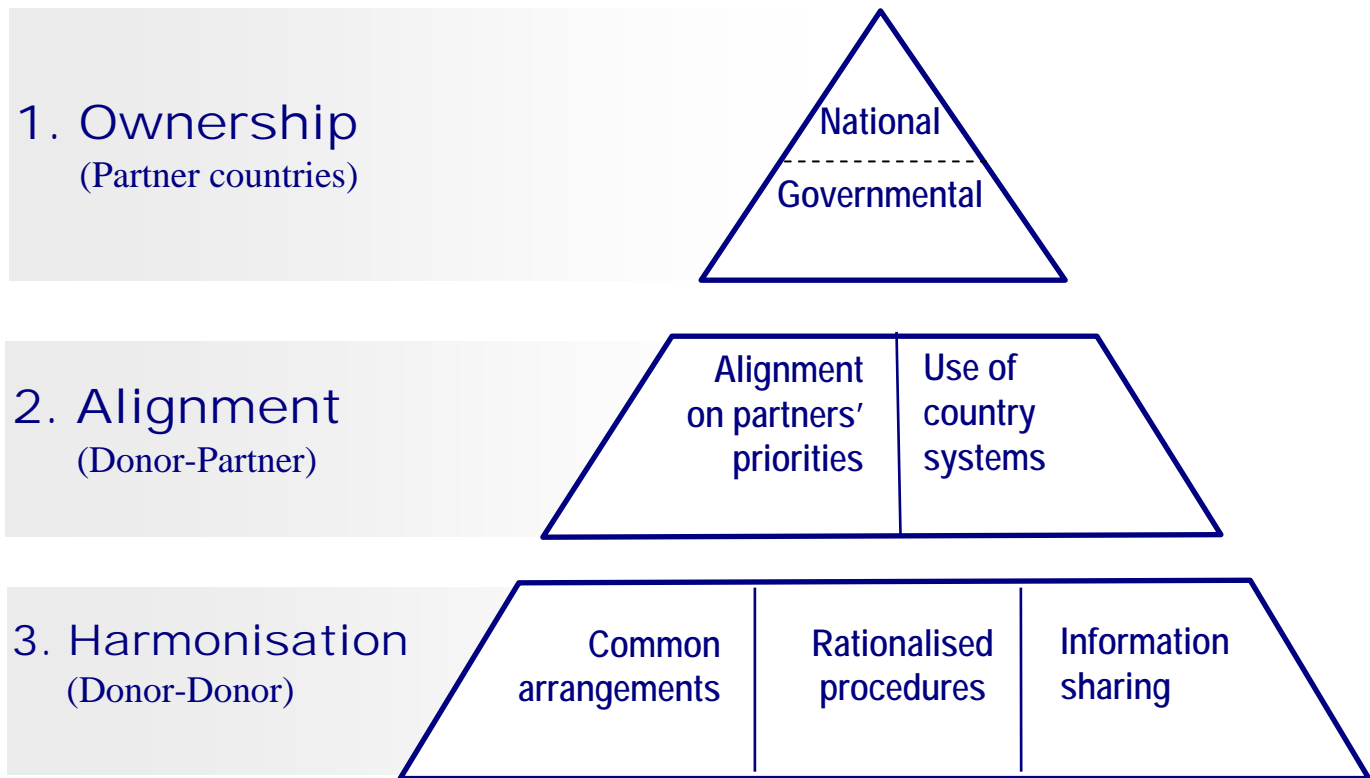
Paris Declaration

- Signed at the Paris High-Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness (2005)
by:
 - 35 donor countries
 - 26 multilateral donor agencies
 - 56 countries that receive aid
 - [14 Civil society organisations – acting as observers]



Paris Declaration

Built on a platform of ownership, harmonization, alignment, and mutual accountability (as well as managing for results) as recipe to make aid more effective:



What's new about Paris declaration?

- Number and level of Participants
- Detailed set of 56 specific commitments
- 12 agreed measurable indicators to be monitored
- Potential impact on behaviour and practice at country level

12 Indicators of Progress and monitorable targets

OWNERSHIP		SUGGESTED TARGETS 2010
1	<p>Partners have operational development strategies: Number of countries with national development strategies (including PRSs) that have clear strategic priorities linked to a medium-term expenditure framework and reflected in annual budgets</p>	<p><i>75% of countries have operational development strategies</i></p>

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ALIGNMENT		SUGGESTED TARGETS 2010
2	<p>Reliable country systems: Number of partner countries that have procurement and public financial management systems that either (a) adhere to broadly accepted good practices or (b) have a reform programme in place to achieve these</p>	<p>(a) <i>PFM – half of partner countries move up at least one measure on the PFM/CPIA scale performance</i></p> <p>(b) <i>Procurement - One-third of partner countries move up at least one measure on scale used to assess performance of this indicator</i></p>
3	<p>Aid flows are aligned on national priorities (i.e. is reported on recipient government's national budget)</p>	<p><i>Halve the proportion of aid flows to the government sector that is NOT reported on partners' national budgets</i></p>
4	<p>Strengthen capacity by co-ordinated support consistent with partners' national development strategies</p>	<p><i>50% of technical co-operation flows are implemented through co-ordinated programmes consistent with partners' national development strategies.</i></p>

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ALIGNMENT		SUGGESTED TARGETS 2010
5	<p>Use of Country Systems (both PFM and procurement): Percent of donors and aid flows that use PFM and procurement systems in partner countries that either (a) adhere to broadly accepted good practices; or (b) have a reform programme in place to achieve these.</p>	<p><i>Depending on partner country's score on a given scale, a certain percentage of donors will use partner countries' PFM and procurement systems AND percentage of aid not channeled through PFM systems will be reduced</i></p>
6	<p>Strengthen capacity by avoiding parallel implementation structures: Number of parallel project implementation units (PIUs) per country.</p>	<p><i>Reduce by two-thirds the number of parallel PIUs per country</i></p>

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7	Aid is more predictable (i.e. disbursed to agreed schedules)	<i>Halve the proportion of aid disbursements</i> that are NOT released according to agreed schedules in annual or multi-year frameworks
8	Aid is Untied: Percentage of bilateral aid that is untied	<i>Continued progress over time</i> [Note: this commitment remains vague]

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HARMONIZATION		SUGGESTED TARGETS 2010
9	Use of common arrangements or procedures	<i>66% of aid flows</i> are provided in the context of programme-based approaches
10	Encourage joint missions and shared analysis	<i>40% of donor field missions are joint; and 66% of country analytic work is joint</i>

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MANAGING FOR RESULTS		SUGGESTED TARGETS 2010
11	<p>Results-oriented frameworks: Number of countries with transparent and monitorable performance assessment frameworks to assess progress against (a) the national development strategies and (b) sector programmes</p>	<p><i>Reduce the gap by one-third</i> - reduce the proportion of countries without transparent and monitorable performance assessment frameworks.</p>
MUTUAL ACCOUNTABILITY		SUGGESTED TARGETS 2010
12	<p>Mutual Accountability (i.e. partner countries to undertake mutual assessments of progress on agreed commitments on aid effectiveness)</p>	<p><i>All partner countries</i> have mutual assessment reviews in place to ensure all parties are honouring commitments.</p> <p>[Note: No indication is given as to the proposed nature and mechanisms for such reviews to take place]</p>

Significance

- The Paris Declaration has been described as a significant step forward in establishing ‘a set of monitorable targets for changes in donor, recipient, and joint behaviour’;
- And as providing ‘the core of a new compact on mutual accountability’

(A. Rogerson 2005)

How to implement Paris in practice?

- Some recipient governments have begun to work with donors to make some progress in terms of implementing the Paris agenda in practice.
- Vietnam for e.g. has drawn up a set of principles with its development partners that provide an illustration of how the Paris agenda can be realised in practice ('Hanoi Decl').
- The document includes comprehensive progress indicators and targets for 2010 that are even more ambitious than the Paris ones.

How to implement Paris in practice?

- Other countries have drafted Harmonisation Action Plans
→ Cambodia, for e.g..
- Other countries have signed Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) or other such documents → Bangladesh has signed a ‘Code of Conduct’

Is Paris the answer?

- So does the Paris Declaration represent the end-all be-all?
- Does it provide the final answer to the disorderly chaos that has characterised the international aid system until now?
- In this session, we hope to get your views about what each of your countries is doing in terms of turning Paris into a reality, and also about what the limitations of the agenda may be and what donors, recipient governments, and CSOs have yet to work on to ensure aid is more effective.