

2006 Asian Regional Forum on Aid Effectiveness

Forum Summary

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Moving the Paris Declaration forward in Asia

The Paris Declaration is recognized as relevant and important across Asia.

Asian countries are recognizing that the Paris Declaration is an instrument for changing aid practices, to advance national development goals

New thematic and country evidence on aid effectiveness in Asia

Established the importance of evaluation and managing for results as overarching themes covering all dimension of the Paris Declaration

Ownership

country ownership as the foundational principle for improved aid effectiveness.

government capacity is a precondition for effective country leadership of the development process

Alignment

Progress in aligning external assistance with national development policies.

Alignment with country systems has proved a much more difficult challenge.

Programme-based approaches (PBAs) have proved their value as an effective platform

Harmonization

The importance of harmonization among donors, at strategic, programming and process level

Improving the division of labor among donors, based on their comparative advantage is essential.

Managing for Results

The importance of evaluation for policy making, aid management, and achieving development results

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Mutual accountability

Shared commitment towards improving development results is the basis of mutual accountability

Moving Forward

Capacity development

Technical assistance

Country systems

Division of labor and selectivity

Monitoring and evaluation capacity

Donor institutional issues

*Partner countries take a more structured
approach*