

# Remarks on Breakout Sessions 1 and 2



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# General Observations

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- Aid remains an important instrument for fighting poverty and raising living standards
- Technical and capital assistance are main components of aid still
- Aid policies are evolving and undergoing refinements



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- Paris Declaration is most recent statement of commitment to enhancing aid effectiveness
- Developed countries are embracing changes in aid conduct
- Developing countries commit to policy reforms



# Specific Prescriptions

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- Strengthen links between plans and budgets
- Observe graft-free government procurement
- No excuse for parallel management structures



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- Fine-tune program based approaches
- Align and harmonize in a decentralized government setting