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The Platform Code of Conduct

- In 2005**, Members of the Global Donor Platform called for a Code of Conduct (Montpellier);
- In 2007**, the Platform introduced the Cornerstones and minimum standards at the EU Forum in Berlin;
- In 2007**, an inter-agency and cross-sectoral Task Force has been set up to lead and finalize that task.
- In 2007**, Platform members, recognising the underlying principles of the PD:

Agree to:



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- Undertake practical measures to **improve the coordination and harmonization** of development assistance of donor agencies and to strive for the inclusion of non-traditional donors and civil society in these processes.
- **Identify lead donors in the ARD sector**, based on comparative advantages.
- **Align their programs and projects** in ARD with the strategies of partner governments.
- **Align their procedures with respect to ARD** with those of partner governments, using national systems as far as possible,
- **Provide credible medium-term aid commitments**, recognizing that ARD programs are long-term processes.

Agree to:



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- **Support the development of a practical, feasible, relevant and shared framework of result indicators** consistent with the national development strategy.
- **The creation of adequate incentive systems for donor agency and IFI personnel** in order to encourage the operationalization of aid effectiveness measures.
- **Implementation of joint activities at country level** in order to minimize the transaction costs of development assistance. When feasible, these activities should be coordinated by Government

Recommend:



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- To include **decentralisation and devolution** dimensions from the outset.
- **Promotion and implementation of joint support to capacity development** of the Government and other stakeholders as an integral part of ARD interventions.
- **Support to governments to enhance the involvement of all stakeholders** (government institutions, development partners, private sector, civil society) **in all ARD programs**, recognizing the crucial role that private sector and civil society play as drivers of economic growth.
- **The inclusion of central government institutions** such as ministries of finance and planning, in the identification, preparation and monitoring of all forms of support for ARD.
- **Development partners to support country level institutional reforms** such as improved public financial management and civil service reforms that are needed to make administrative strengthening possible at sectoral level.



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In 2008... the vision

The Platform members:

- believe that the **foundation of success is greater collaboration and a clearly articulated, shared vision**
- will **build upon the Paris Declaration** principles
- **in 2008**, will work on elaborating the Joint Principles, leading eventually to a Code of Conduct for more effective ARD
- will use the Joint Principles as a unifying theme for its work



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The vision

The Joint Principles **seek to raise awareness of good practice** in aid effectiveness for ARD

The intent is **not to dictate one way of managing ARD**, but rather to **provide a vision and a benchmark**

It is **not intended to be a binding instrument** but an **inspirational document** to help create a common vision



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The vision ctd.

The Joint Principles are only a **starting point**

Issues related to refining the Joint Principles will guide the future work of the Platform

Activities that “**dig down**” into these issues

The **ultimate aim** is:

- development of a Code of Conduct
- broad acceptance by donor community
- adherence to the CoC on the ground

Timeline: several years of informing, lobbying, consultations and cooperation

Partnerships



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Partnership means all stakeholders working together to enhance aid effectiveness in ARD by:

- jointly identifying constraints
- sharing good practice examples
- providing workable solutions
- advocating for collective action in the sector



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Working group objectives

1. Clarify the **content** of the principles (without re-wording)
2. Identify how to further acceptance of the Joint Principles:
 - What are the **constraints**?
 - What indications of support and **good practices**?
 - What needs to be done at **HQ**?
 - What are the implications at **country level**?
 - What are the constraints between **HQs and the field**?
3. How can the **Platform support** those processes?
4. How can we measure success? - **milestones**?

What we need to know



- Realistic timeline for endorsing the Principles
- Role of the FPs and member organisations in applying the Principles
- Milestones for action?
- Timeline of actions by FPs
- Action plan for the Platform - timeline