

Aid Effectiveness, the Paris Declaration and the Road to Accra



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Change, why change?



When is Aid Effective?

- When it helps countries achieve their own development goals.
- Three conditions are needed:
 - Predictability.
 - Accountability.
 - Cost-effectiveness.

Is Aid Effective?

- Levels of aid are increasing (with international Commitments and new donors)...
- but aid is still underperforming

Catalysts for More Effective Aid

- International Partnerships (Working Party on Aid Effectiveness)
- Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness (March 2005)
 - Ownership
 - Alignment
 - Harmonisation
 - Results
 - Mutual Accountability
- Mutual Accountability at the country level: Joint Assistance Strategies
- 2008: Critical Year for evaluating Aid Effectiveness

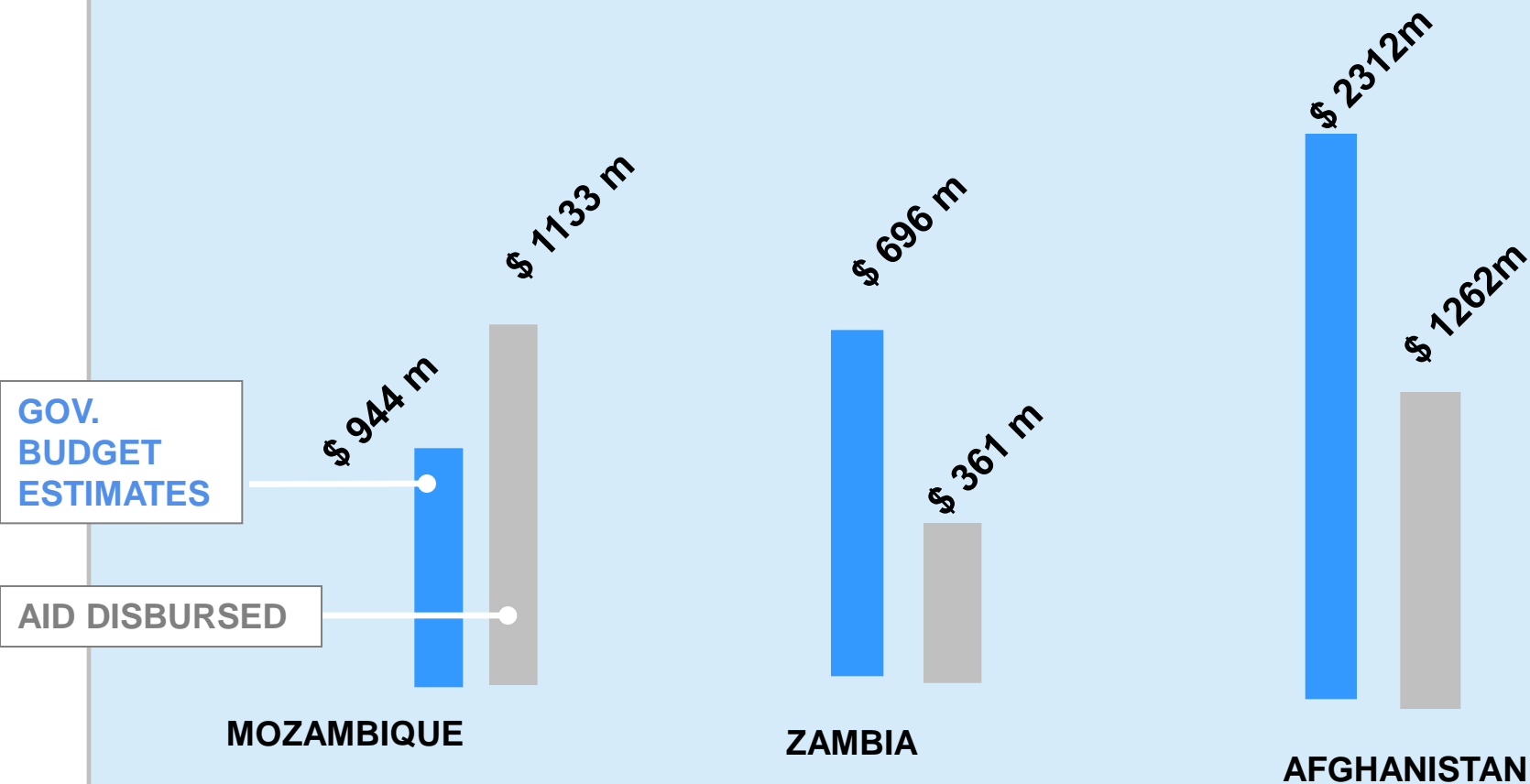
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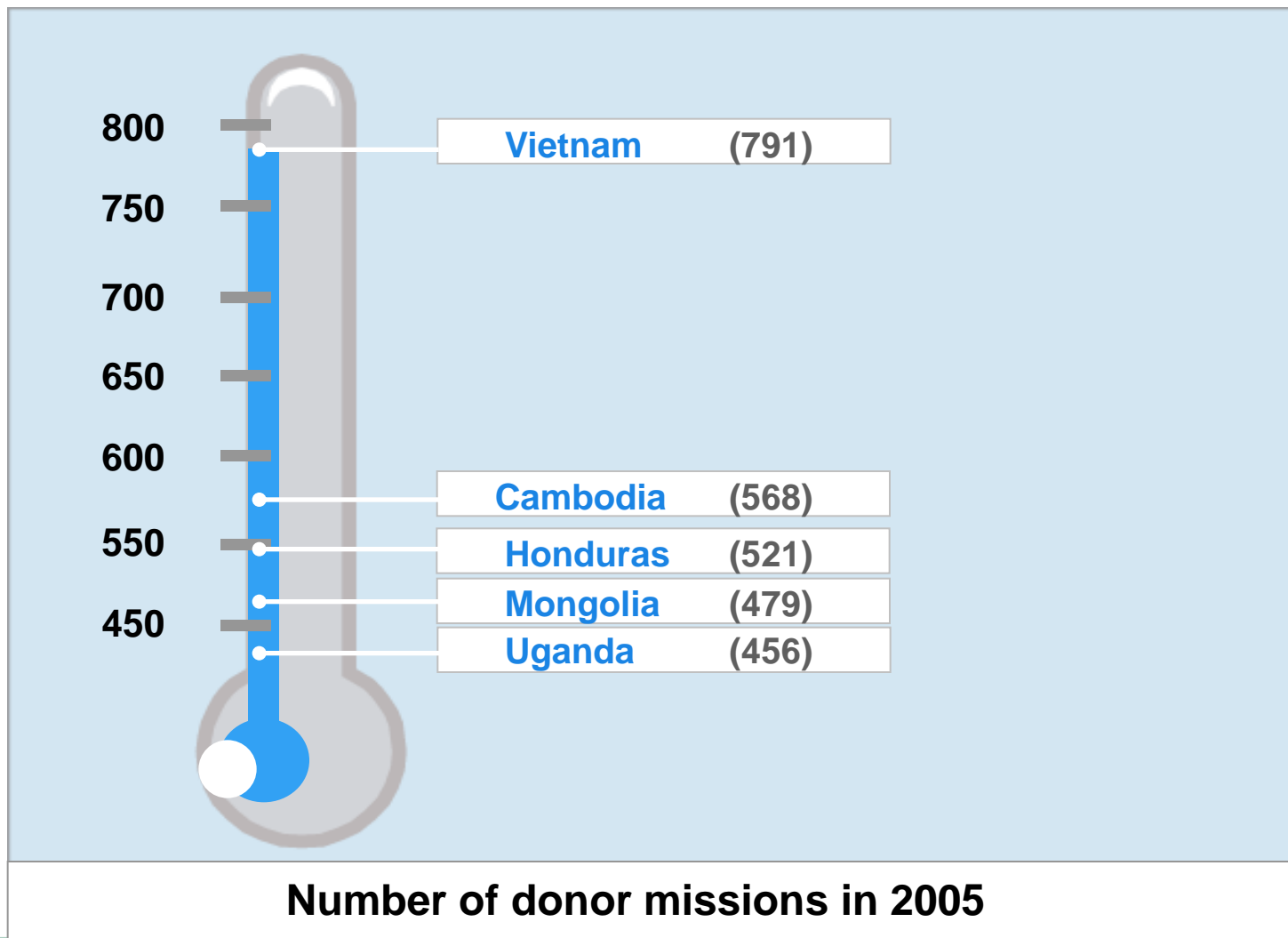
What is the Evidence?

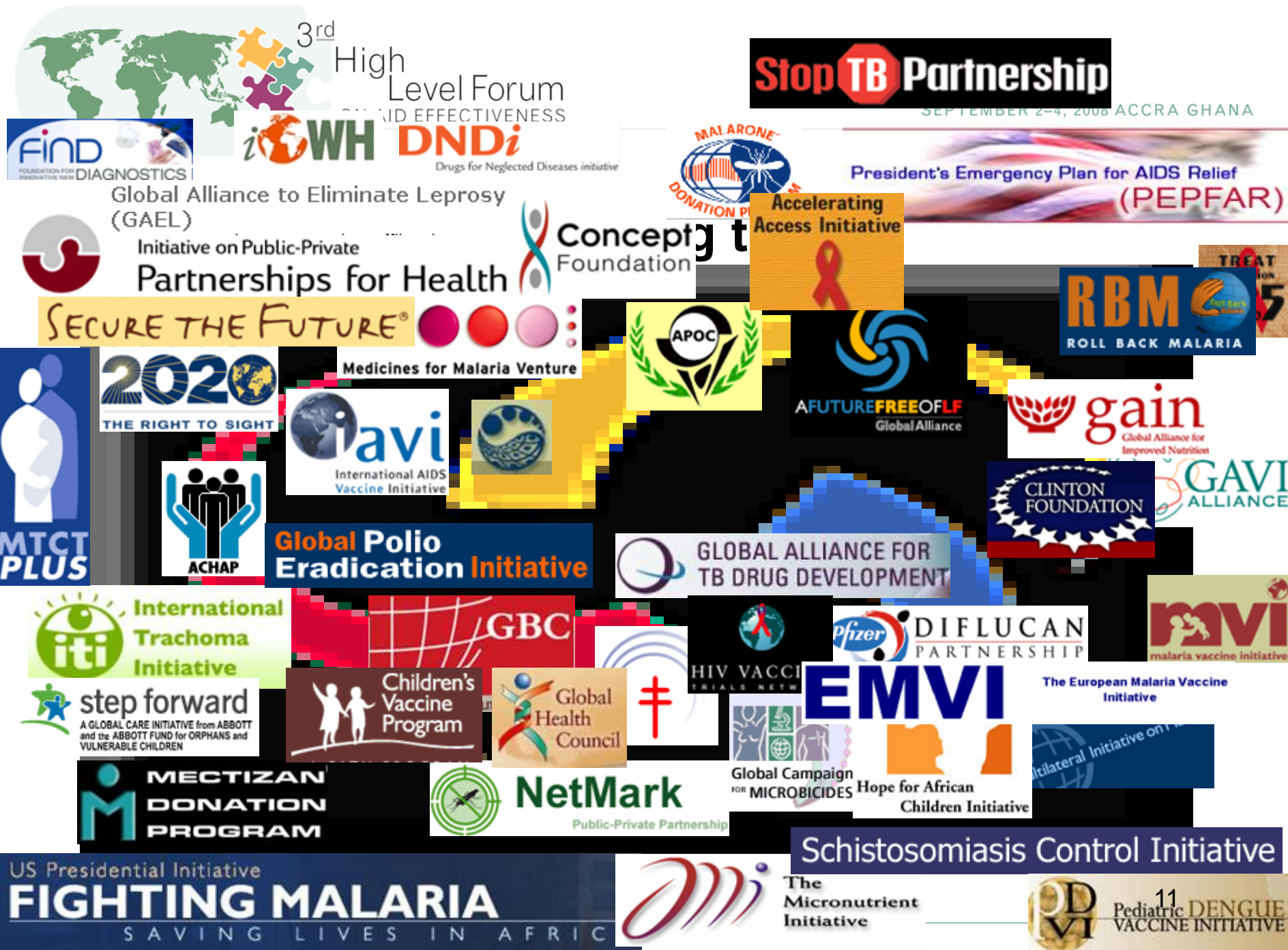
- *Aid is Effective when countries achieve their own development goals. Three conditions are needed:*
 - *Predictability*
 - *Accountability*
 - *Cost Effectiveness*
- *2006 Survey in 34 countries showed significant challenges*

42% of aid was recorded in countries' budgets

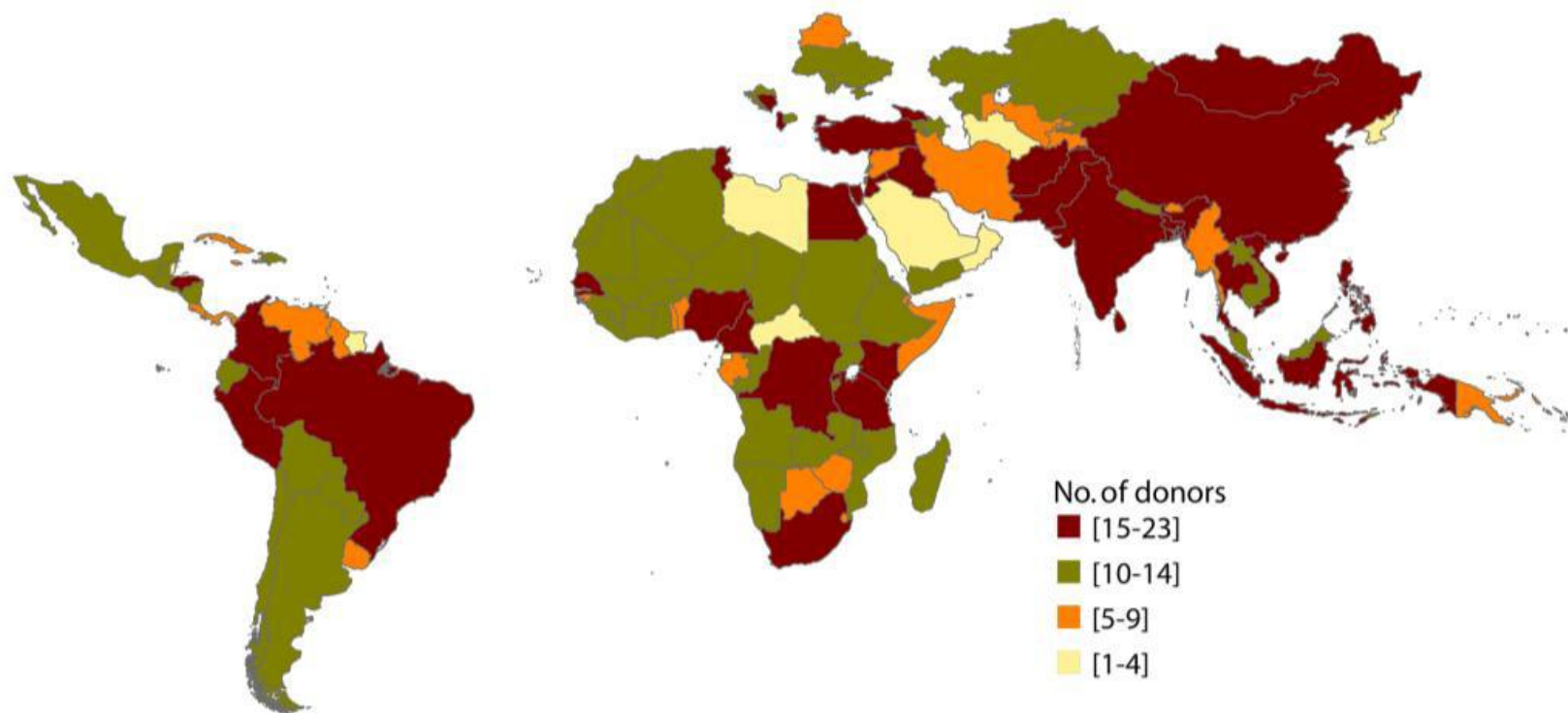


Aid is Costly: 10 453 missions in 34 countries in 2005





Aid Fragmentation: too many donors contributing too little?
*Number of donors together providing just one tenth of a country's aid
(Gross disbursements of CPA, 2005-06)*





Asia & Pacific

Afghanistan
Bangladesh
Cambodia
Indonesia
Mongolia
Nepal
Vietnam
Philippines
P NG
Tonga
Lao PDR

Africa

Uganda
Zambia

Tanzania

Benin
Burkina Faso
Burundi
Cameroon
Cape Verde
CAR
Chad
DR Congo
Morocco
Gabon
Mali
Mauritania
Niger
Senegal

Mozambique

Nigeria
Togo
Madagascar
Ethiopia
Côte d'Ivoire
Ghana
Kenya
Liberia
Sierra Leone
Malawi

Arab States

Egypt
Jordan
Sudan

Yemen

Latin America

Haiti
Colombia
Peru
Bolivia
Honduras
Nicaragua
Dom. Republic

ECIS

Albania
Ukraine
PSG Kosovo
Moldova
Kyrgyz Republic



Out of the Starting Blocks...

- ✓ 2008 Survey process and increased dialogue at country level
- ✓ Evidence of better aid coordination
- ✓ Strengthened PFM Systems (36% of countries showed improvements)
- ✓ Some instances of improved predictability

But not out of the woods yet: key challenges ahead

- ✘ Ownership needs to be operationalised
- ✘ Aid is still unpredictable especially over the medium term
- ✘ On aggregate, use of country systems is still weak and is linked to budget support donors
- ✘ Aid capture on budget remains low

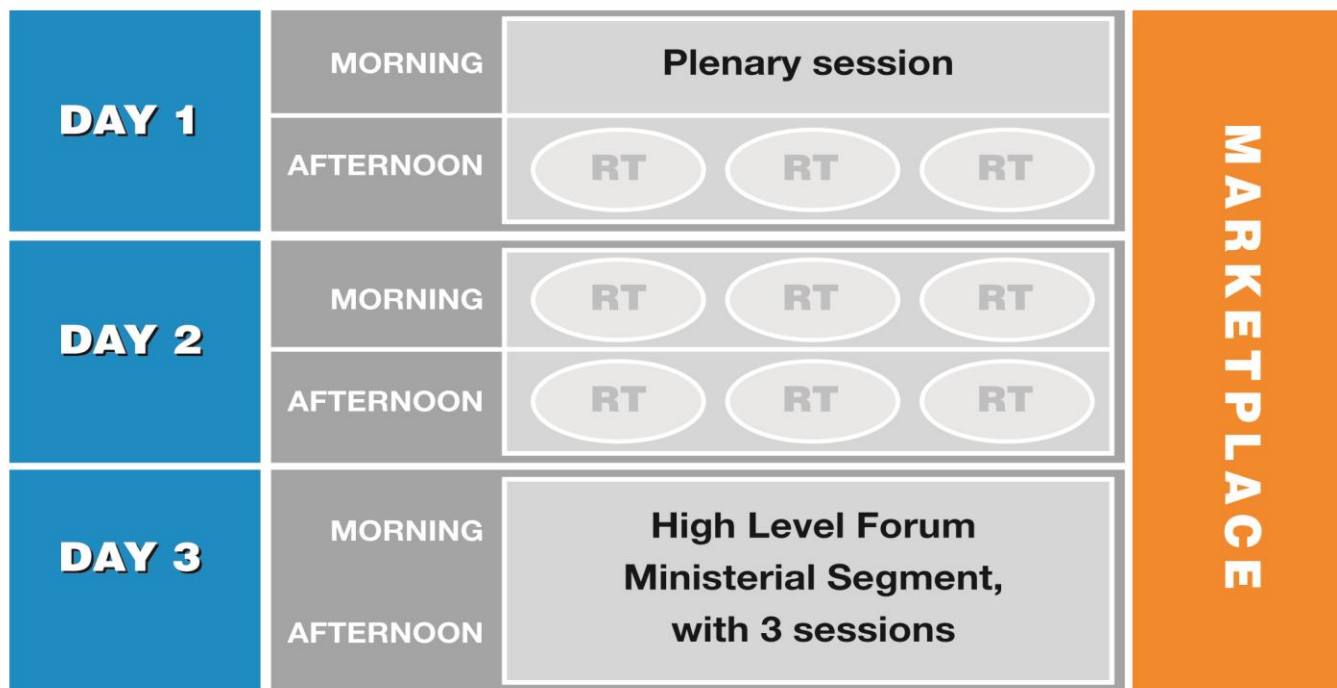
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What is Accra HLF 3 ?

- High Level political event on aid
- Mid-term Stock-taking of the Paris Declaration mutual commitments
- Forward looking event : road to Paris Targets.
- 100 partner countries
- 800 to 1000 participants
- Strong civil society engagement

Structure of the HLF



Evaluation Reports (ph 1)

2008 Monitoring Survey

HLF-3 Progress Report



Accra Agenda for Action



List of Roundtables

- **RT 1** : Country ownership
- **RT 2** : Alignment : country syst, predictability
- **RT 3** : Harmonisation- complementarity
- **RT 4** : Results & impacts
- **RT 5** : Mutual accountability
- **RT 6** : Civil society & aid effectiveness
- **RT 7** : Situations of fragility & conflicts
- **RT 8** : Sector applications (health, education, infrastructure...)
- **RT 9** : Aid architecture

What does the Accra Agenda for Action intend to achieve ?

“We’ll always have Paris”



What does the Accra Agenda for Action intend to achieve ?

- Not a new Paris Declaration
- A **political**, ministerial statement, setting out a **small set of concrete actions**
- Set **future direction** for aid effectiveness

What might it look like?

The AAA is likely to identify **concrete actions** to make progress on:

- 5 principles of the Paris Declaration
- 6 priority issues for partner countries
 - Predictability
 - Conditionality
 - Untying Aid
 - Capacity development
 - Incentives
 - Division of labour

Accra Agenda for Action: Priority Actions

- Strengthening Country-Owned Development Processes
 - Building Stronger, More Inclusive, Partnerships for Development
 - Delivering and Accounting For Development Results
- **Looking forward to the Fourth High Level Forum in 2010 date set to meet the Paris Declaration targets**

Comments and Information on the High Level Forum and drafts of the Accra Agenda for Action can be found at:

[www. accrahlif.net](http://www.accrahlif.net)