



**STRENGTHENING
ACCOUNTABILITY**

**IN THE CONTEXT OF DONOR
BUDGET SUPPORT**



INTRODUCTION

- Democracy in Africa since 1990s
- Progress on good governance underway
- Increasing int'l support via new modes of aid delivery
- Essentials of the new aid architecture aimed to support participation, transparency, accountability → ↑ aid effectiveness

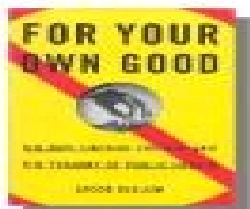




INTERNAL ACCOUNTABILITY: RATIONALE

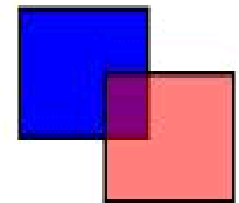


- **Exclusive EA necessary but insufficient**
- **In the donors' interest**
- **NB for new aid architecture (e.g. GBS)**
- **Strengthens internal stakeholders & institutions in oversight functions**
- **IA → democracy → good gov. → ↓ poverty**



INTERNAL ACCOUNTABILITY: PREREQUISITES

- Right political setting & set-up
- Participation
- Parliament-CSO p/ship synergy
- Donor conditionality, policy & practice
- Transparent budgeting processes

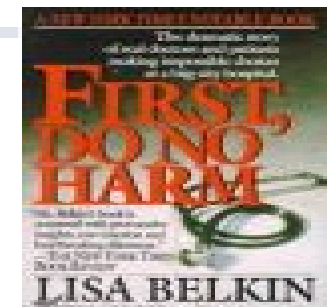




OBJECTIVES & SCOPE



- Provoke debates
- Avoiding actions that undermine IA
- ,Thou may‘ – possible actions
- No blueprint proposed



CURRENT IMPLEMENTATION PITFALLS



- Heavy aid-dependency → strong EA still



- Participation „takes too long“



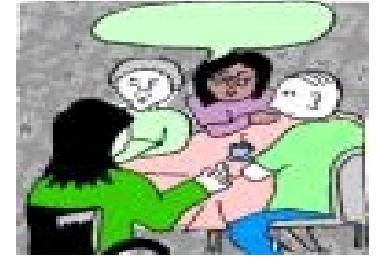
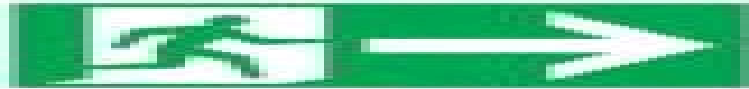
- Political setting *vis a vis* parly & other non-executive functionary still tenuous



- Dealing with parly „too sensitive“ ∴ → ↑ CSOs-external actor ties



- Capacity building small & short-term

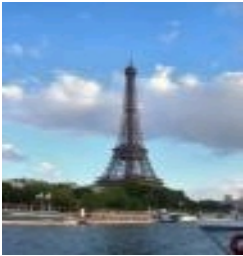


CURRENT IMPLEMENTATION PITFALLS (CONT.)

- PRSPs etc miss key element of participation by the poor, parliaments & truly repr. CSOs
- Planning above politics



SUGGESTED ACTIONS



- Paris declaration & other commitments

- „Good governance“ conditionality as an entry point good



- Empower parliamentarians, and other state oversight organs

- Support CSOs

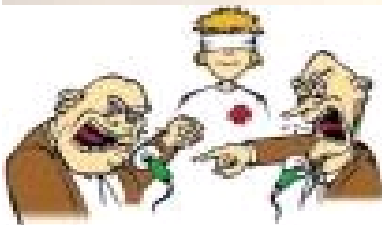


- Donor alignment to support PRSs, local plans and IA



ISSUES & DILEMMAS

- Local ownership
- Limited time horizon
- Political party inclusiveness versus country sovereignty & resources
- Partisanship
- Political party vs CSOs assistance



ISSUES & DILEMMAS (CONT.)



- **Channelling aid**
- **Credibility of CSOs**
- **Heterogeneity of donors**
- **Shadow systems**

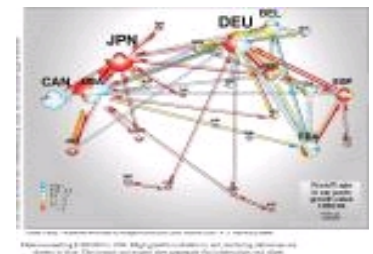




CONCLUSIONS



- Donor support of IA welcome
- Ideals of new aid architecture mostly in tandem with democracy
- Even more debates & beefed up actions needed on strengthening IA
- Donors must further address issues too, e.g. international trade



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