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# **‘Progress towards development effectiveness’**

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## **Talk outline**

1. Brief history of process and CSO engagement
2. Open Forum & Istanbul event
3. Speculations for 2011



# Open Forum for CSO Development Effectiveness

**2011**  
Discussions at national levels to engage governments and CSOs with the Open Forum processes.

**December 2011**  
High-Level Forum in Busan.  
Intent: First ever declaration on **development effectiveness.**

**2005 Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness.**

**2010 Open Forum**  
Consultations are held around the world.

**September 2008**  
High-Level Forum in Accra: AAA officially recognizes the CSO **development effectiveness** process.

## Paris Declaration Principles 2005

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- **Ownership**: Developing countries set own strategies to reduce poverty, improve institutions, tackle corruption.
  - **Alignment**: Donor countries align behind these objectives and use local systems.
  - **Harmonization**: Donor countries coordinate, simplify procedures and share information to avoid duplication.
  - **Results**: Developing countries and donors shift focus to development results and results get measured.
  - **Mutual Accountability**: Donors and partners are accountable for development results.
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## The Accra Agenda for Action 2008 (paragraph 20)

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We will deepen our engagement with CSOs as independent development actors in their own right whose efforts complement those of governments and the private sector. We share an interest in ensuring that CSO contributions to development reach their full potential. To this end:

- a) We invite CSOs to reflect on how they can apply the Paris principles of aid effectiveness from a CSO perspective.
  - b) We welcome the CSOs' proposal to engage with them in a CSO-led multi-stakeholder process to promote CSO development effectiveness. As part of that process, we will seek to i) improve coordination of CSO efforts with government programs, ii) enhance CSO accountability for results, and iii) improve information on CSO activities.
  - c) We will work with CSOs to provide an enabling environment that maximizes their contributions to development.
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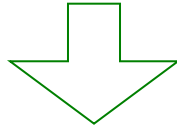
# The Open Forum consultative process

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**2009**

**Start of the process**

*Regional preparatory workshops to initiate and trigger process*



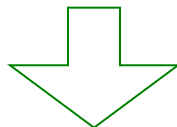
*Country-level and thematic consultations to define a CSO development effectiveness framework*

*Political dialogue and outreach at all levels*

**2010**

**First Global Assembly**

*To build consensus on the CSO development effectiveness framework*



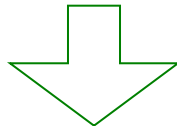
*Country-level consultations to react to proposed CSO development effectiveness framework and to discuss implementation*

*Political dialogue and outreach at all levels*

**2011**

**Second Global Assembly**

*Stock-taking and evaluation of the process; CSOs mobilise for the 4th High-Level Forum*



**4th High-Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness**

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## Open Forum process in NZ 2010

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1. Open Forum held – May 2010
  2. Draft of principles included:
    1. Human rights
    2. Te Tiriti o Waitangi & respectful partnership
    3. Environmental responsibilities & sustainability
    4. Power sharing & complementarity
  3. Further discussions now required to finalise.
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## Outcomes from Istanbul 2010

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1. Principles for development effectiveness
    - global agreement by CSOs
  2. Identifying pre-conditions for effective development: the '*enabling environment*'
  3. Planning for Busan and beyond
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## Istanbul Principles

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1. Respect and promote human rights and social justice.
  2. Embody gender equality and equity while promoting women's and girl's rights.
  3. Focus on people's empowerment, democratic ownership and participation.
  4. Promote environmental sustainability.
  5. Practice transparency and accountability.
  6. Pursue equitable partnerships and solidarity.
  7. Create and share knowledge and commit to mutual learning.
  8. Commit to realising positive sustainable change.
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## **Istanbul: 'enabling environments' (1)**

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1. Commitment to respect and promote human rights and social justice.
  2. Promotion of dialogue and mechanisms for participation for CSOs
  3. Establishment of political agreements and compliance with such agreements.
  4. Strengthening sustainability of CSOs.
- Other impacts: war, corruption, elites, etc.
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## Istanbul: 'enabling environments' (2)

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Some donors see the importance of working on 'enabling environment' issues.

Need more donors to ask "*How can we support CSOs?*" rather than "*How much money would you like?*"

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## Speculations for 2011

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### Issues

- How much engagement will CSOs get with governments – globally and locally?
  - Donor and government commitments to ‘development effectiveness’ rather than ‘aid efficiencies’?
  - Coordination, capacity & focus of CSOs.
  - Beyond Busan – mechanisms for dialogue?
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