

# ***The Paris Declaration as a tool to promote gender equality***

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# ***Does the Paris Declaration matter?***

- Opening up dialogue and space – and thus entry points for gender equality and women's empowerment
- Creating new institutions, modalities and mechanisms
  - gender-responsive or gender blind?
- Five principles which resonate well with gender equality objectives and strategies

## Ownership

Partner countries take the lead over development policies & strategies

*Ownership of what by whom? PRS/NDP; SWAp etc.*

*Include wo/men, civil society voices, line ministries, parliamentarians etc.*

*Donor incentives to address gender equality*

## Alignment

Donors base their support on partner countries' strategies, institutions, procedures

*Alignment to gender commitments and platforms e.g. CEDAW, BPFA, MDGs etc*

*Need gender in policy dialogue & in capacity building programmes (esp. PFM)*

## Harmonisation

Donors act together (article 42) *Advance GE&WE through joint work*

*Need to locate gender in changing institutions & practice of aid e.g. JAS*

*Safeguards and gender capacity in division of labour*

## Managing for Results

Managing resources better and improving decision-making to achieve results

*GE&WE in monitoring, reporting & assessment frameworks*

*Needs disaggregated data, commitments into action – incl. links to budget*

## Mutual Accountability

Donors and partners are accountable for development results

*Accountability mechanisms need to be developed/strengthened, roles clarified*

*Significant 'challenge' role for civil society & women's groups – needs capacity*

# ***What does the PD Offer?***

- A commitment to joint gender analysis/gender impact assessment (Paragraph 42)
- Opportunity to show where/how we can add value to implementing the Paris Declaration – thus engaging other players
- Encouragement towards coordinated support for gender equality and women's empowerment institutions and capacity

# ***What is happening?***

- OECD-DAC led agenda and related agendas e.g. One-UN, EC Code of Conduct
- Baseline, Monitoring and Evaluation of PD
- Engagement, debate and dissemination of information – multilateral, bilateral, CSOs
- Studies –Health Tracer study; EC/UN Mapping; DFID & Others evidence-gathering; Irish Aid study on JAS
- Bilateral agencies guidance and training on PD for gender specialists and advocates
- Strategic alliances – post-Dublin workshop

# ***Next Steps***

- Preparing for roundtable at Ghana HLF3? Or other forum? And beyond
- Skilling gender specialists/advocates in the new aid architecture – joint work with macro-economists & technocrats?
- Review influencing strategies and alliances – ‘CCI or functional necessity’?
- Gather evidence and demonstrate value-added
- Anticipate, re-strategise, keep going ...