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Consensus Conclusions

# Basic Premises

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- CD is critical for sustainable development & national ownership
- CD is primarily a developing country responsibility

# Basic Premises (Cont.)

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- CD is a change process requiring that:
  - (a) Developing countries commit to developing their human resources, systems and institutional capacities, and
  - (b) External partners commit to strengthen their own capacity and adapt approaches to deliver responsive support for CD

# How?

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- Six areas of action:
- 1. Developing countries agree to integrate CD as a core element of national, sector and thematic development efforts
- 2. Developing countries will take the lead in addressing key systemic issues that undermine CD, with support from external partners as required

# How? (Cont.)

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- 3. To enable developing countries to exercise ownership of CD through technical Co-operation (TC), external partners agree to:
  - A. Joint selection and management of TC to support local priorities, and
  - B. Expand the choice of TC providers to ensure access to sources of local and South-South expertise

# How? (Cont.)

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- 4. Developing countries and external partners also jointly commit to enable the capacity development of civil society and private sector to play their development roles more fully

## How? (Cont.)

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- 5. In situation of fragility, notably in post conflict, external partners will provide tailored and coordinated CD support for core state functions earlier and for a longer period. Interim measures should be appropriately sequenced and lead to sustainable capacities and local institutions

# How? (Cont.)

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- 6. Beyond Accra, developing countries and external partners jointly agree to a strengthened and consolidated international effort to expand CD knowledge and apply resulting good practice.