Implementing the Paris Declaration: Implications for the Promotion of Women’s Rights and Gender Equality

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General Critiques:

- The PD implementation is a highly technical Process.

- There is a lack of clarity in the role donors play in the implementation of the PD principles.

- There is no clarity on what do the PD Principles mean on the ground…

- In abstract the Principle are positive but the implementation has risks and opportunities that we need to clarify and understand better…
Opportunities:

- The PD Principles and the AE agenda are an opportunity to advance gender equality.
- Women will only benefit from the new aid architecture if gender equality is recognised as a key component of poverty and inequality reduction and national development.
Recommendations (paper and women’s consultation):

- promote mechanisms for effective participation from citizens and CSOs, including women’s organisations, in the planning, monitoring and evaluation of development processes (democratic ownership).
- Existing and **new ODA management review and performance assessment tools and measures must reflect a results-based monitoring and evaluation component** with a special focus on how gender equality and women’s empowerment targets are being met, in both donor and developing countries.

- The operational development strategies established by developing countries for 2010, related workplans and the monitoring system of the PD implementation, **must fully integrate gender equality targets and indicators**.

- The **acquisition and improvement of sex-disaggregated data must become predictable, regular and consistent** to support planning, negotiation, monitoring, and evaluation of development and aid policies.
IN TERMS OF PARTICIPATION AT THE HLF3

- It is vital that CSO delegations, including an important presence of women’s rights organisations, be accredited for participation in the Forum.

- The Round Tables have to integrate gender equality in terms of content (following the Terms of Reference) as well as in terms of women’s participation between the designated speakers.