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Workshop 3 – Challenges of Present Aid Modalities

General objective

- Effective integration of biodiversity into development cooperation, including better use of existing tools.



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Key questions

1. How can biodiversity and ecosystem services issues identified in environmental analysis receive adequate support?
2. How can budget support and sector wide approaches mainstream biodiversity and ecosystem services?
3. What indicators are needed to have effective reporting on how environmental/biodiversity issues are taken into account in policy/programming bilateral cooperation documents?
4. What role can civil society play in ensuring this?



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Overall focus on **implementation**
i.e. Put the theory & tools into practice

Overarching issues:

Coherence, process & institutional failures, capacity
& expertise (N&S), role of civil society.

BUT also about 'priorities'...

? Who's priority is the env and biodiversity

? What opportunities for poverty reduction and SD



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Rich & informed discussion.... SSA, SIDS, OTs, Asia, Pacific, EU, NGO, Research.

Recommendations

- Make 'asks' relevant to donor/development audience e.g. link to sustainable use and good governance.
- Build on and use MA (framework & arguments)
- Use BS and SWAps to open (high level) dialogue for mainstreaming ES and BD
- Explain benefits of EU tools (CEPs, EIA, SEA etc) to partner countries – well informed decision making.



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Recommendations

- Use in-country expertise for CEPs - greater buy-in and internalisation of issues. Or at least visit the country!
- MS to raise concerns over poor reflection of environmental issues in CSPs
- Include env experts in DBS planning and follow up (not just economists)
- DBS and SWAps need clear SD indicators
- EU leadership & support for BD & PA's should continue – review & assess past & current initiatives and build on lessons learned.



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Recommendations

- Funding: greater flexibility; smaller amounts, new modalities; OT access
- Consider specific funding mechanisms for biodiversity challenges – programmatic interventions linked to livelihoods; Africa PA initiative (cf. infrastructure)?
- Better support for regional issues
- Better use existing instruments (e.g. CBD)
- Appoint ombudsman/contact for partner countries to address constraints or problems with system
- Strengthen civil society in development dialogues (N&S)



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Required action - EU

- Commission to finish and formalise Environment Implementation Manual by end of 2006 (self imposed).
- Recognise cost of mainstreaming - make funds available for this function.
- Increase and improve internal environmental capacity
- Systematically mainstream ES & B issues in support to productive sectors such as agriculture, fisheries, tourism, transport, infrastructure, including through SWAps - use SEA as a tool to achieve this.
- Set up appropriate exchange platforms about DBS and SWAps to share EU donor knowledge and experience



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Required action – EU cont.

- Make CEPs public & available, including for MS use and support capacity building in-country to keep CEPs “live”.
- Improve coherence between EC DGs (are too compartmentalised), between donors, between development and non-development policies and practices
- Address overly bureaucratic rules and procedures - communicate this to chairs of Budget Committee and Budget control Committee.



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Required action – EU cont.

- Strengthen reporting and tracking mechanisms for BD (fully utilising OECD-DAC/CBD Rio markers)
- Develop (publicly available) indicators framework for the EC to monitor its own progress, from the country level to Brussels.
- Support partners countries to develop quantifiable indicators to monitor environmental conditions - ensure full integration with existing national economic and social indicators to inform national and sectoral policy planning.



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Required action - others

- **Partner countries** could appropriate CEPs to become their own unified instrument to help raise profile of env & BD issues and opportunities.
- **Donor** coherence at all levels e.g. WB & bilateral aid
- **NGOs and donors** support CSO & local communities whose livelihoods depend on BD to participate effectively in policy and planning at relevant level.
- **NGOs & CSO** request env & BD are a government priority, resourced and mainstreamed.
- Role of the **private sector**?