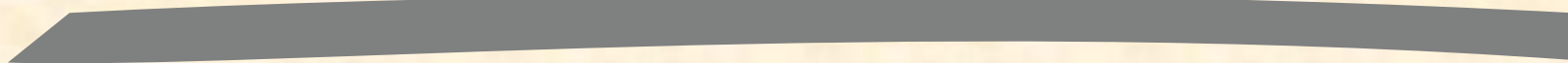


Open Forum on CSO Development Effectiveness as a Response to Paris Declaration

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Limits of the Paris Declaration

Paris Declaration has been a very important step towards necessary improvements of development agenda. On the other hand, civil society actors criticized the Paris declaration mainly for two aspects:

- 1) The preparatory process was missing participatory approaches. The voices of other actors than donors and governments were neither required nor listened to.**
- 2) Five PD principles are really significant but the concrete targets and indicators remain focused on technicalities only and they do not reflect CSO priorities – human rights or development partnerships based on diverse roles that CSO plays and they do not care of real impacts.**

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Ownership

PD measures only number of national operational development strategies and does not care about involvement of citizens.

We are calling for democratic ownership - for multi-stakeholders participation since preparation of development strategies and for their stronger links to people and their human rights.

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Alignment

PD speaks about financial management and national procurements systems but also about predictability and untied aid.

We would like to stress also the diversity and complementarity of different development actors and systems as well as the need of capacity building and of inclusive and enabling policies. The alignment principle must not undermine diversity and autonomy of civil society and its critical voice.

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Harmonization

PD speaks about programme-based approach and joint work of donors.

We can add topics of transparency, partner-driven (not donor-driven) programmes, autonomy and diversity of all development actors, and especially need for partnership across sectors based on our common goals.

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Mutual Accountability

PD speaks about mutual reviews only.

There is no remark about accountability to people, about accountability for impacts, about partnership principles, or about country-led evaluations that might enhance both local ownership of and responsibility for development programs.

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Managing for Results

PD mentions transparent and monitorable performance but many interventions are still activity-driven with a limited focus on impacts.

We would like to widen the space for innovations and right of initiative, for more flexibility at activity level and for more responsibility for real and sustainable results. This point is also closely linked to enabling environment and cross-sectoral multi-actors cooperation.

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Road to Accra

Civil society played a strong role in the lead-up and at the third High-Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness in Accra. Participation of civil society organisations in the debate was primarily organized by the International Steering Group of Better Aid Platform (now called Better Aid Coordinating Group, BACG) and the Advisory Group on Civil Society and Aid Effectiveness (AG) to the Working Party on Aid Effectiveness (WP-EFF) of the OECD DAC.

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Road to Accra

There has been a growing interest on both government and CSO side in widening the debate from its initial sole focus on the effectiveness of donors and governments to also include CSO effectiveness.

CSOs have taken up this challenge by proposing, in 2008, a CSO-led multi-stakeholder process towards defining and promoting CSO development effectiveness (Open Forum).

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Results of Accra

Preparations for the 3rd High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness in Accra 2008 as well as its results opened new dimension of multiactors cooperation.

Firstly, civil society organisations (CSOs) launched their own global process of identifying principles of CSO Development Effectiveness;

and secondly, the governments and donors recognized this process and also the importance of mutual consultations.

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Results of Accra

Donors and governments have, in the AAA – Accra Agenda for Action (paragraph 20), welcomed the multistakeholder process of promoting CSO Development Effectiveness and committed to engage in it and to promote it by providing an enabling environment that maximizes CSO contribution to development.

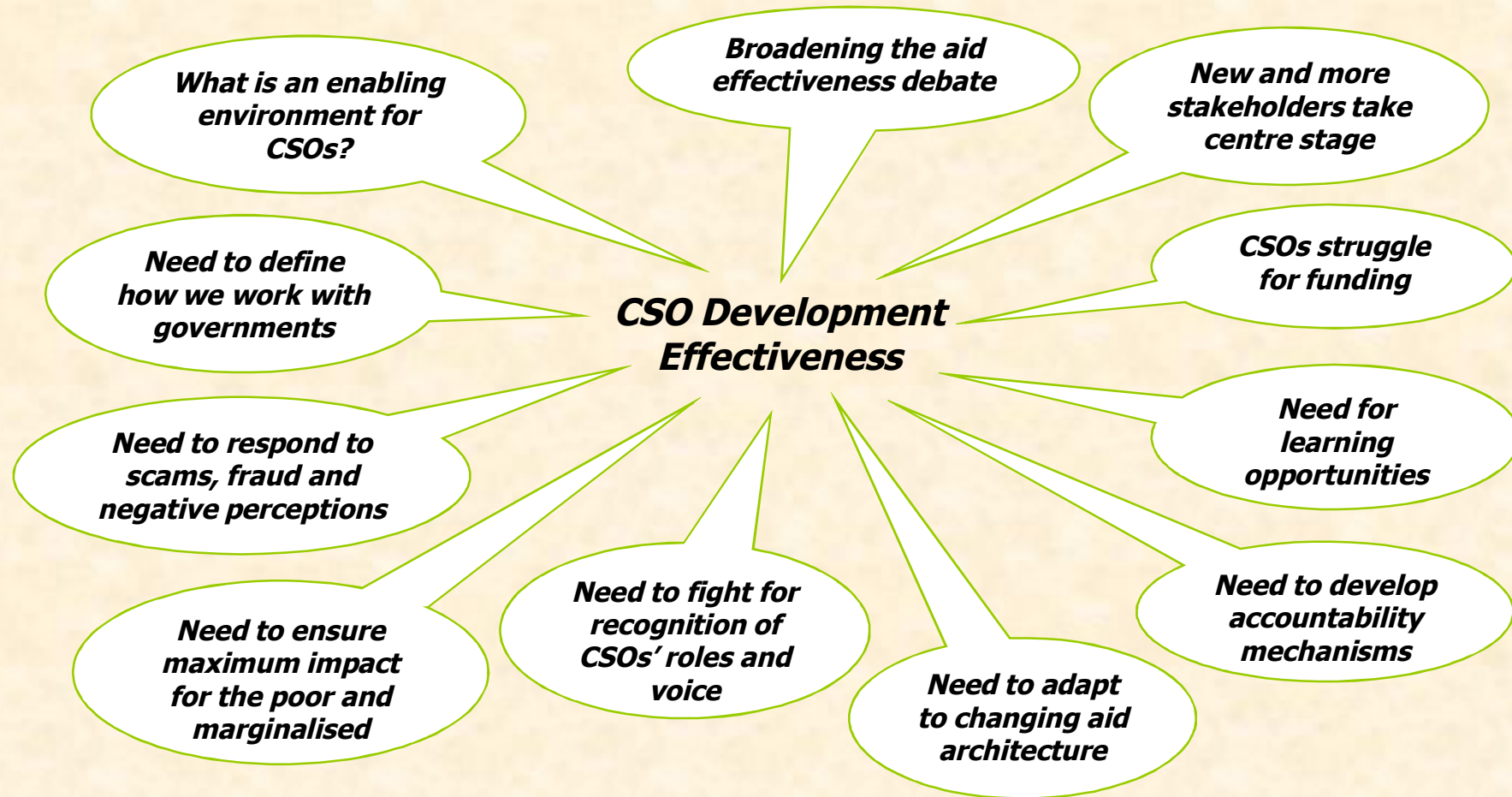
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Follow-up to Accra

There are today two separate, but complementary global CSO processes:

- The policy and advocacy process of the **Better Aid Platform**, led by the BACG, to ensure a CSO voice in the discussions on aid effectiveness in the lead-up to the fourth High-Level Forum in 2011.
- The **Open Forum**, led by the GFG - Global Facilitation Group, to define and promote a development effectiveness framework for CSOs.

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Open Forum for CSO Development Effectiveness

Objectives of the Open Forum

- 1. An open process inclusive of all CSO development actors**
- 2. A vision on development effectiveness**
- 3. An agreement on common principles**
- 4. An agreement on guidelines on how to apply these principles and a documentation of good practices for context-relevant mechanisms**
- 5. A CSO proposal for a tripartite agreement on minimum standards for an enabling environment**

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Approaches of the Open Forum

Mutual consultations among all stakeholders incl. national, regional, thematic and global events

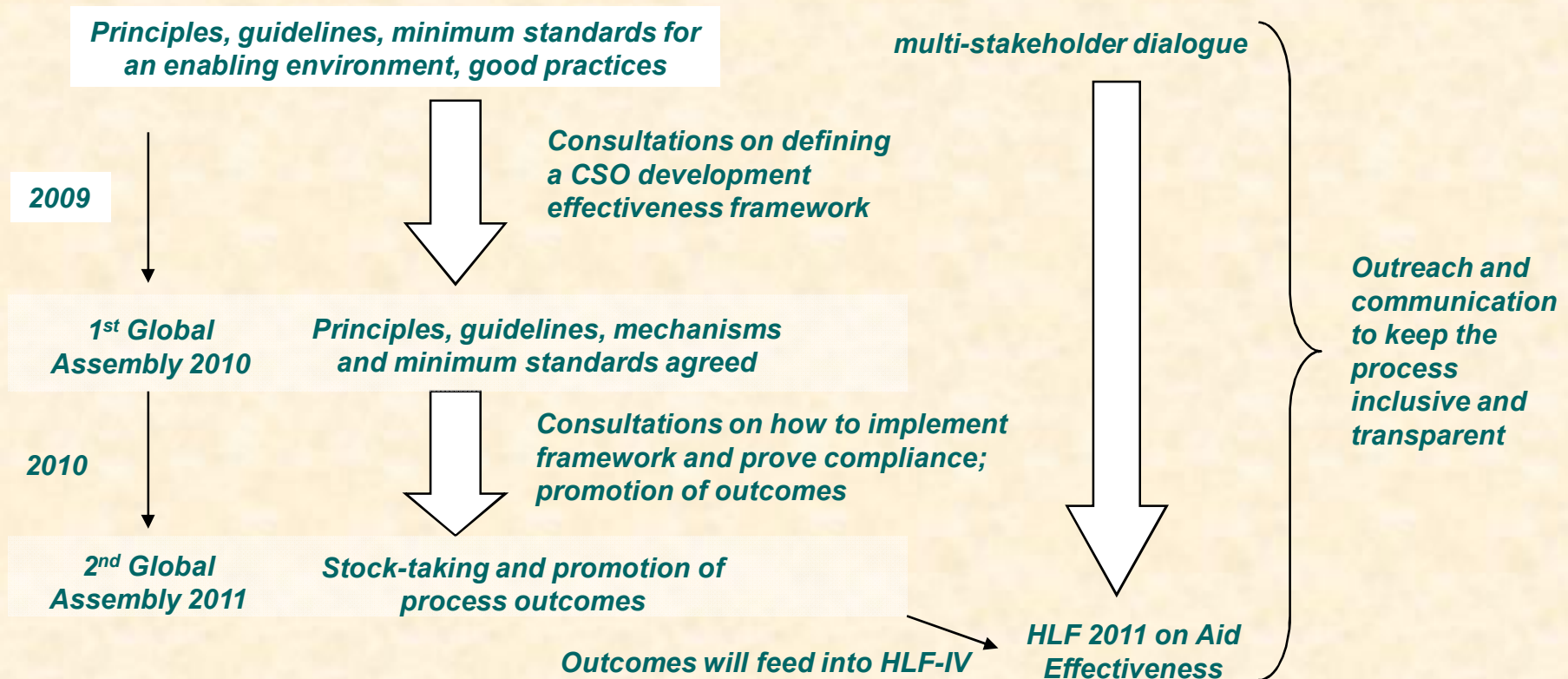
Bottom-up and cross-sectoral approach with a support from the Global Facilitation Group

Analyzing, sharing and dissemination of lessons learned, best practices and codes of conduct

Inclusiveness and full ownership of the process leading to generally agreed CSO commitments

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Framework of the Open Forum



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Global Facilitation Group

Supported by a consortium of 6 organisations

25 members:

4 from Africa

4 from Asia

3 from Europe

3 from Latin America and Caribbean

1 from Middle East and North Africa

2 from North America

1 from Pacific

6 from international CSO networks

1 representative of women organisations

Open Forum for CSO Development Effectiveness

Program of the Open Forum

Preparatory phase – until June 2009

**Fundraising; Inception consultations; Outreach toolkit;
Conference and GFG meeting in Prague 06/2009**

Consultation phase – until June 2010

**Min. 50 national, regional & thematic (multi-stakeholders)
consultations; Research and analysis of existing mechanisms**

Synthesizing phase – until October 2010

**Analysis and synthesis of the bottom-up activities; Building
consensus on common principles; 1st Global assembly**

Finalization and Promotion phase – until HLF IV

**Multi-stakeholders consultations; Evaluation and promotion of
outcomes; 2nd Global assembly; HLF IV**

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Key questions for the Open Forum

What are the main principles of development effectiveness? What are the crucial lessons learned from PD evaluation and from our own experience?

What are the best roles and added values of CSOs and other development actors and their networks?

Are CSOs self-critical, honest, fair, transparent and predictable enough to prove their reliability?

Is there enough empathy and understanding among partners? Does competition or partnership prevail?

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Key questions for the Open Forum

What are the internal constraints for effectiveness of CSOs in developed and developing countries?

What are the core principles of and constraints for partnership at national and international level?

What external condition do CSOs need for improving their effectiveness?

What are the best arguments for building trust with donors and other actors?

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www.cso-effectiveness.org

Better Aid Coordinating Group:

www.betteraid.org

Czech NGDO platform:

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