

ROUNDTABLE 3: **HARMONISATION**
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**RESULTS OF THE BONN WORKSHOP:
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We recognize that capacity development is critical for sustainable development and national ownership. It is primarily a developing country responsibility.

Capacity development is a fundamental change process requiring that:

- a) Developing countries commit to the capacity development of their human resources, systems and institutions at all levels, and
- b) external partners commit to strengthen their own capacity and adapt their approaches to deliver responsive support for capacity development.

Six areas of action:

- Developing countries agree to integrate capacity development as a core element of national, sector and thematic development efforts.
- Developing countries will take the lead in addressing key systemic issues that undermine capacity development, with support from external partners as required.
- To enable developing countries to exercise ownership of capacity development through technical cooperation; external partners agree to a) the joint selection and management of technical cooperation to support local priorities and b) expand the choice of technical cooperation providers to ensure access to sources of local and South-South expertise.
- Developing countries and external partners also jointly commit to enable the capacity development of civil society and the private sector to play their development roles more fully.
- In situations of fragility, notably in post conflict, external partners will provide tailored and coordinated capacity development 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.
- Beyond Accra, developing countries and external partners jointly agree to a strengthened and consolidated international effort to expand capacity development knowledge and apply resulting good practice.