

## **Roundtable 4: “Managing for Development Results”**

Key messages to the Ministerial Dinner, on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

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These are in shorthand the main points of the discussion of yesterdays Roundtable on Managing for Development Results which convened 200 participants from a broad range of stakeholders.

Managing for Development Results is about public sector management. It is about supporting political decision-making based on evidence. Within the Paris Declaration arena, the implementation of Managing for Development Results is unfortunately lagging behind.

### **Results require a Country System**

- Managing for Development Results requires high-level political support over time. You can run, but you cannot hide. This captures the overall sentiment from participants on the urgency of Managing for Development Results – and this was clearly different from previous discussions in Paris and Hanoi. Tools are now developed and partially in place, awaiting action. Now we are clearly at the implementation stage.
- Managing for Development Results needs to be seen as a country system. Since it is political, it is also overridingly country-specific. Notwithstanding international engagements, it can only be successfully applied at national level using national systems.
- It is about development, not about aid. Aid could continue to act as a catalyst, provided that it is aligned and harmonized.

### **Results require Leadership**

- It is inclusive. Since it is political, it requires the involvement of a broad range of stakeholders that is, beyond governments, such as parliamentarians and civil society. This requires political will of both partners and donors.
- Managing for Development Results is an opportunity, but not without risks. Although it sounds positive, it is a mixed bag. It has the good, the bad and the ugly. Since it also implies risk-taking and openly being held accountable.

### **Results require Capacity**

- We need champions, not just enthusiasts, to install and institutionalize national skills and capacities.
- Incentives must be applied over time.
- We need strong peer-to-peer learning mechanisms amongst partner countries such as the regional Communities of Practice. Learning mechanisms with sustained funding. Are partner countries willing to invest in learning? Are donors prepared for long-term funding?

You can run, but you cannot hide. Now its up to you, Ministers and Heads of Agencies.