



PRS DAY – APRIL 21

Session D: Integrating PRS into decision making--Budgets

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Main Points in Summary:

- a. Continued concerns about disconnections between CSOs. Government (local and central) and parliament.
- b. Greater attention to capacity and accountability issues.
- c. Obstacles for transforming policy into action (continue below).

Three to five issues that require action in the PRS process:

- a. Capacity building of CSOs for themselves, by themselves in order to participate in the budgetary formulation, implementing and monitoring.
- b. CSOs should deepen their knowledge and their ability costing.
- c. CSOs should build alliance with Parliaments and civil servants in key departments.
- d. CSOs should educate the public about the PRSP and enhance their participation.

Any brief points that are not covered elsewhere:

- e. Institutional weaknesses
- f. Resource constraints
- g. Time lag in accessing resources for budgets
- h. World Bank, IMF are not always on the same page with national government.
- i. Information and knowledge gap at all levels (Parliament, executive branch, local government and CSOs).
- j. Lack of decentralization in budgeting and planning
- k. Lack of contact between CSOs and officials