

LESSONS FROM THE PREVIOUS MA SURVEYS

Matthew Martin

Development Finance international

UNDCF MA Workshop. Seoul, 8 April 2015

WHAT HAS WORKED WELL

- Much more in-depth questions than Paris/Busan survey, allowing much clearer/more realistic analysis, especially:
- Identifying what works/enables change:
 - Clear strong aid policies going beyond Busan GPEDC/Paris criteria
 - Targets/indicators not just for recipient but also for INDIVIDUAL donors
 - Annual analytical report and meetings holding all to account
 - Strong independent input from/accountability to parliaments and civil society/citizens
- Very close/growing cooperation with organisations representing parliaments/CSOs

WHAT HASN'T WORKED SO WELL

- Identifying how to bring South-South and private cooperation into the discussions (vital given growing role – from 5% to 15% of DC which reaches countries) – what questions to ask ?
- Identifying how to promote/deepen accountability to parliaments, decentralised governments and civil society (also vital given that according to Government Spending Watch, budget revenue funding of national budgets has risen from 38% in 2000 to 77% in 2014) and how best to integrate donor/domestic without donors crowding domestic out – what questions to ask ?
- Integration with Busan survey – less good < in 2010/11 ?
- MA on partnership beyond DC – trade, investment, technology
- Turning findings into systematic capacity-building – little progress on this ?

WHAT NEEDS TO CHANGE FROM 2015

- Focus on MA in South-South and private/CSO cooperation
- Focus on domestic accountability – while still identifying donor role in results
- Adapt to country circumstances – some more aid, some less?
- Track how successfully 3 pillars of SDGs are being integrated at national level through results frameworks and accountability mechanisms which include eg income and gender inequality, climate change/environment
- In “universality” world, questionnaires for providers about their MA – to what degree do they get regular input from “partners”, and how accountable are they to parliaments/CSOs
- Stronger role for parliamentary/CSO /decentralised partners – especially on capacity building ?
- Integration with Busan survey – how to do in future ? Are OECD donors losing interest in MA ?
- MA on other SDG deliverables beyond DC – eg technology – should we be trying to integrate these ?