



AGI's Fridays: « The Link Between Governance Promotion Instruments and Processes »

In collaboration with the ECA and IDEP and within the framework of its activities of policy dialogue, advocacy and operational reflection for the implementation of the principles of developmental governance, the Africa Governance Institute organised, on 11-12 February 2011 in Dakar, a special session of AGI's Fridays on the question of the link between governance promotion instruments and processes.

The meeting was chaired by Professor Adebayo Olukoshi, AGI Acting Executive Director, and was attended by high level experts, representatives of African international organisations, ECDPM and resource persons. The special session of AGI's Fridays was held in a dual context. On the one hand, while AGI is undertaking an evaluation of the European instrument for governance support and promotion and of its incentive tranche. On the other hand, while AGI is setting up a space for dialogue and operational reflection that enables Africans to speak with one voice in the perspective of the high level forum on aid efficiency (HLF) that will be held in Busan, Republic of Korea, on 29 November and 1 December 2011. This meeting will review the dynamic context of aid marked in particular by the growing number of aid actors, new global development challenges such as climate change and pressures on Official development aid, as a result of the international crisis.

The participants to this special session of AGI's Fridays agreed on the following strategic message:

- A. **A change from the effectiveness of governance support and promotion to the effectiveness of governance and development must absolutely be made**
- B. **The support to governance cannot be limited to a unilateral act of giving, on modalities and procedures imposed by the donor. Instead, support and promotion to governance must be anchored in a set of mutual obligations, around with five main principles:**
 - * Link/coherence with national initiatives supported by regional and sub-regional dynamics;
 - * Alignment with the regional and sub-regional instruments and processes;
 - * Coherence of the instruments and processes of development partners (in particular the EU and its member countries) with the regional and sub-regional instruments and processes, e.g. APRM, that Declaration 1(XVI) on the Theme of the Summit : "Towards Greater Unity and Integration through Shared Values" sees as "a catalyst for unity, policy harmonisation, convergence and integration on the Continent"
 - * Results-based management with prior identified and shared results and accountability.
- C. **To be effective, support to governance must be legitimate and avoid bypassing national, sub-regional and regional instruments and processes.**



- D. The evaluation of progress in governance must necessarily integrate an inescapable variable which is the alignment of sub-regional and regional processes; it cannot be based on a formal expression of good intentions or an amount of money to be spent. It must be based on the implementation of commitments regarding poverty reduction and promotion of developmental governance.

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