



*PGA Seminar on the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness - The Role of Parliamentarians in
Achieving Alignment: Health and Economic Growth in the Americas*

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*Recommendations for Parliamentary input into The Accra High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness
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1. We recommend a better alignment of the medium to long term indicative programmes of donors with the medium term budgets of recipient countries
2. We recommend, in the interest of greater transparency and accountability, that governments present to Parliaments, on an annual basis, as part of its budgeting process, a list of all donors from which funds are currently being received and the respective amounts
3. We recommend that Parliaments and civil society be allowed to participate more fully in the stages of planning, implementation, follow-up and evaluation of development aid programmes, not merely in budgetary oversight
4. We recommend to include in Annex 3, as indicators, of success of aid effectiveness, the criteria contained in the Millennium Development Goals
5. We call for appropriate means to strengthen domestic capacities on harmonizing the priorities to the aid flow and monitoring and evaluating the results according to the Paris Declaration
6. We call for greater coordination with donors missions and shared analysis on development initiatives and programmes
7. We call for instruments that will hold donors accountable for making adequate resources available and we also call more generally for the importance of gender considerations to be reflected in development aid agreements
8. We recommend that governments invest in oversight institutions, including auditor generals and parliamentary committees, to monitor the flow of aid entering into recipient countries to ensure effectiveness
9. We recommend that Parliament be involved by both donor and aid recipient governments in the formulation of policy regarding aid through both plenary debates and parliamentary committees
10. We recommend that there be a Parliamentary audit of good governance criteria as part of the assessment of the effectiveness of aid programmes. Good Governance should include, but not be limited to, respect for the freedom of the media, independence of electoral commissions, regular, free and fair election, the rule of law and the independence of the judiciary
11. We recommend that questions of fair trade between donor and aid recipient countries be included in future discussions, debates and conferences regarding what constitutes effective aid

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