



Pacific Aid Effectiveness Principles (2007)



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Preamble

These principles derive from the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness (2005). They have been work-shopped and consulted upon widely across the Pacific region, and are designed to fit the Pacific context. The Pacific Aid Effectiveness Principles, like the original Paris declaration, include actions and approaches for both countries and development partners (donors). References to the relevant section in the Paris Declaration, and related monitoring indicators, have been included.

Principle 1

Country leadership and ownership of development through an accountable and transparent national development planning and financial management system/mechanism which is adequately resourced from the national budget - including longer term operation and maintenance of donor sponsored development. (Paris Declaration Section 14, 19; Indicator 1, 2)

Principle 2

Multi-year commitments by development partners and countries aligned nationally identified priorities as articulated in national sustainable development strategies, or the like, with agreement on performance indicators and monitoring and evaluation mechanisms. (Paris Declaration Section 16, 26; Indicators 3, 5, 7)

Principle 3

Greater Pacific ownership of regional development, Development Partners' Pacific Regional Strategies designed and formulated with the Pacific Plan and other Regional Policies as their corner stone. (Paris Declaration 14, 15; Indicator 1)

Principle 4

Pacific Development Partners and Countries pursue a coordinated approach in the delivery of assistance.

Encouraging harmonization will be a priority for both. (Paris Declaration 32- 42; Indicators 9, 10)

Principle 5

Strengthened institutional mechanisms and capacity in countries to enable increased use of local systems by development partners. (Paris Declaration 17, 21, 22-24, 31; Indicator 4, 6, 8)

Principle 6

(i) Provision of technical assistance (TA), including in aid coordination/management, in such a way that ensures that capacity is built with tangible benefits to the country to support national ownership. Provision of an appropriate level of counterpart resources through established procedures and mechanisms.

(ii) Short term TA, that address local skills gaps to conduct studies, are culturally sensitive. (Paris Declaration 22-24; Indicator 4)

Principle 7

Use of an agreed monitoring and evaluation framework that will ensure joint assessments of the implementation of agreed commitments on aid effectiveness. (Paris Declaration 43-46; Indicator 11)

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The Government of Japan and the European Union have expressed reservations to the principles.



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