



Workshop on sector approaches

Concluding remarks

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Main findings

- Recognition that EU integration is the main driver for country strategies
- Countries have progressed in setting up a framework for programme_based/sector approaches
- Building blocks are in place in most countries:
 - a coordinated body at center of government
 - a policy framework to link national strategies and EU integration priorities
 - a programming framework, linked to the budgetary process
- Best practices abound



Main Challenges

- Common understanding still need to be further developed, both in countries and among donors on concepts and methods
- Hierarchy /Integration of strategies in a coherent framework - National plans - sector strategies - NPAA's
- Setting objectives/indicators require a performance assessment system - Decision making/ statistics/ analysis/ feed back
- Linking budgetary processes / programming
- Developing/maintaining capacity (human resources)



Practical issues

- Timing required to develop PBA/Sector approaches (2 years in average)
- Timeline for planning IPA: what can be reasonably achieved in 2010, and in the current financial perspective (by 2013)
- Regulatory constraints
- Synchronisation between donors/with countries



Next steps

- Identification of sector or policy areas - define policy / result oriented indicators
- Continue work at country level by authorities/donors
- Toolkit for programming
- Continued assistance to prepare strategies and make them operational
- Continued development of budgetary and programming processes
- Strengthening human resources



Which sectors should we focus on for the MIPDs 2011-2013?

- Certain criteria:
 - Sector programme exists or under development
 - Full political ownership by the country
 - Broad consensus among donors that the sector programme is sound and should be supported
 - Sector should be a priority for enlargement