

**CROSS-CUTTING ISSUE**

# **PROJECT OWNERSHIP AT COUNTRY LEVEL**

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# Problems of Ownership

- Weak linkages between prioritised infrastructure projects and PRSP
- Some prioritised regional projects are not given priority in countries
  - ➔ Lack of financial and administrative support from government
- Government does not function as focal point of project information
  - ➔ Difficulties in consensus building among stakeholders
- Weak implementation capacity
  - ➔ Delay in loan effectiveness, incorrectly prepared tender documents, slow disbursement etc.

## Major Constraints on Ownership for African Governments etc.

- Lack of financial, technical and institutional capacity of governments etc.
- In case of regional projects, lack of clarity of roles and responsibilities of RECs and countries will affect the project ownership .

# Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness

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## **Partner countries** commit to:

- Exercise leadership in developing and implementing their national development strategies through broad consultative processes.
- Translate these national development strategies into prioritised operational programmes as expressed in medium-term expenditure frameworks and annual budgets.
- Take the lead in coordinating aid at all levels in conjunction with other development resources in dialogue with donors and encouraging the participation of civil society and private sector.

## **Donors** commit to:

- Respect partner country leadership and help strengthen their capacity to exercise it.

## Way Forward

### Selectivity

- Focus on projects with strong ownership
- Should donors take up only projects with clear approval in PRSP and capable project sponsors ?

And others ?

Thank you for your attention

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