

# CSOs on the road to Busan:

A summary of key messages and proposals from civil society organizations towards the Fourth High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness

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## Fully evaluate and deepen the Paris and Accra commitments through reforms based on democratic ownership.

Redress the failure to make progress on Paris and Accra commitments.

Carry forward and strengthen the Paris and Accra commitments through realizing democratic ownership in development cooperation:

**Establish democratic ownership as the core aid and development effectiveness principle.**

**Give priority to inclusive multi-stakeholder policy dialogue.**

**Use country systems as the first option.**

**End policy conditionality.**

**Fully untie all forms of aid.**

**Implement demand-driven technical assistance.**

**Address the unpredictability of aid flows.**

**Orient private sector development for self-sustaining livelihoods.**

Implement full transparency as the basis for strengthened accountability and good governance:

**Create and work with clear inclusive accountability frameworks at country and global levels.**

**Adhere to and implement the highest standards of openness and transparency by all aid actors.**

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## Strengthen development effectiveness through development cooperation practices that promote human rights standards and focus on the eradication of the causes of poverty and inequality.

Commit to and implement rights-based approaches to development.

Promote and implement gender equality and women's rights.

Implement the Decent Work Agenda as the cornerstone for socially inclusive and sustainable development strategies.



## **Affirm and ensure the participation of the full diversity of CSOs as independent development actors in their own right.**

Endorse the Istanbul Principles and acknowledge the Open Forum's International Framework for CSO Development Effectiveness to put these Principles into practice.

Agree on minimum standards for government and donor policies, laws, regulations and practices that create an enabling environment for CSOs.



## **Promote equitable and just development cooperation architecture.**

Launch an inclusive Busan Compact at HLF4, which brings together specific time-bound commitments and initiates fundamental reforms in the global governance of development cooperation.

Create an equitable and inclusive multilateral forum for policy dialogue and standard setting.

**BetterAid and Open Forum are two complementary civil society processes committed to collectively advocating for the effectiveness of development cooperation and CSO development activities.**

**BetterAid aims to monitor and influence current commitments on aid effectiveness. It also strives to broaden the policy agenda from aid effectiveness to development effectiveness, and advocates for the substantial reform of the international aid architecture.**

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**Through the Open Forum, CSOs are striving to build a consensus on commonly accepted principles to improve their own development effectiveness and on minimum standards for an enabling environment where CSOs can fully apply and strengthen their specific roles in development.**

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