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on Aid Effectiveness  
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CONCEPT NOTE

## Fragile States Building Block

### New Deal for Engagement in Fragile States

#### Background

##### Context:

Violent conflict wastes lives and reverses development. Current ways of working in fragile states are ineffective and – despite significant investment, the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness (2005) and the Accra Agenda for Action (2008) – results and value for money are modest. Three key changes are required to doing business in fragile states: *i*) efforts should be focused on key peace- and statebuilding goals as the framework for engagement; *ii*) national actors must be given full responsibility to lead their own transitions out of fragility; and *iii*) domestic and foreign resources must deliver rapid, transformative results that strengthen trust and the critical capacities to building peaceful states and societies.

##### Objectives:

The objective of the Fragile States Building Block (BB) is to change the way national and international actors work in situations of fragility and conflict. The New Deal for Engagement in Fragile States presents a set of commitments which are expected to be agreed by participating countries and organisations of the International Dialogue on Peacebuilding and Statebuilding (the International Dialogue), under the leadership of the g7+ group of fragile countries<sup>1</sup> and the International Network on Conflict and Fragility (INCAF),

##### Proposal:

Members of the International Dialogue and supporters of this BB will endorse the New Deal for Engagement in Fragile States.<sup>2</sup> By doing so they commit to:

- Use five **Peacebuilding and Statebuilding Goals** to guide work in fragile states and to promote them as part of the new post-MDGs framework. These goals are: legitimate politics (a state for all), security for all, justice for all, economic foundations (jobs for all), revenues and services (services for all).
- Enable **country-led and -owned transitions out of fragility** through country-led fragility assessments, national visions and plans that focus on peace- and statebuilding, and inclusive political dialogue. International partners commit to use country compacts as the frame for their collaboration in fragile countries.
- Undertake action to **provide aid and use domestic resources more effectively** in support of peace- and statebuilding priorities, in the areas of transparency, predictability, risk management, capacity development and the use of country systems.

The International Dialogue will support partner countries and international partners in the implementation and monitoring of the New Deal for Engagement in Fragile States.



## Fragile States Building Block - A New Deal for Engagement in Fragile States

### Plenary Session, 30 November (16:30-17:10)

#### Introduction

Building on the conclusions of the thematic sessions on conflict and fragility (29 November), this plenary session will feature the participation of five panellists from the g7+ group of fragile countries and international partners, and selected interventions from the floor. During this plenary session, the New Deal for Engagement in Fragile States (*i.e.* the Building Block on Fragile States), which is expected to be agreed by all members of the International Dialogue, will be presented.

#### Panel Members:

##### *Moderator*

- H.E. Ben Knapen, Secretary of State for Development Co-operation, The Netherlands

##### *Panellists*

- Dr. Mustafa Mastoor, Deputy Minister of Finance (also rapporteur from the thematic session on conflict and fragility), Afghanistan
- Hon Kevin Rudd, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Australia
- H.E. Sylvain Maliko, Senior Minister of Planning and Economy, Central African Republic
- H.E. Kosti Manibe Ngai, South Sudan, Minister of Finance and Economic Planning
- H.E. Emilia Pires, Minister of Finance (also lead of this building block), Timor-Leste

##### *Interventions from the floor*

- H.E. Andrew Mitchell, Secretary of State for Development, United Kingdom
- Ms. Josette Sheeran, Executive Director, World Food Programme, United Nations
- Amb. Martin Dahinden, Director-General, Swiss Agency for Development and Co-operation, Switzerland

#### Format:

The plenary session will begin with a report on the main conclusions from the thematic session on conflict and fragility from day one of the HLF4. It will feature a presentation of the New Deal by Timor-Leste as the Building Block lead. Panellists are then invited to make a brief intervention focusing on the following points:

- Statement of support for the International Dialogue and the New Deal
- Announcement on what their country/organisation will do to implement the New Deal. Donor representatives are invited to make a statement on both HQ and country-level related implementation, *e.g.* offer partnerships with one or more countries represented in the panel.

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<sup>1</sup> For a full list of International Dialogue members please visit [www.pbsbdialogue.org](http://www.pbsbdialogue.org).

<sup>2</sup> For specific commitments, please refer to the full text of the New Deal for Engagement in Fragile States, which will be made available on [www.pbsbdialogue.org](http://www.pbsbdialogue.org).

