

This is related to the fourth question: how to avoid that aid effectiveness is stymied by turning into a technocratic exercise? Let me stress that the aid effectiveness agenda is not an abstract exercise in coordination for its own sake. It is highly relevant to the effectiveness with which the complex international aid architecture can address complex development challenges such as the food crisis and climate change.

It is important that aid effectiveness work has direct operational relevance. And because of the concreteness, a degree of specification is necessary. But we cannot over-define things to death. We need to make sure that it remains simple enough to work, that we have clear messages that everybody understands. At the Accra High Level Forum, we do not look to add complexity. Rather, we want to identify bottlenecks and leverage the political action that is necessary to overcome them.

So what will we be doing together in Accra?
want to invent something new. But rather, we want to take stock and ensure that we can move forward