

GROUP B

What should be the role of the international development partners in the planning and implementation processes of EFA?

1. Recommended strategies that would enable IDPs to support planning at national level:

- Ownership at country level by all stake holders, at all levels, including indigenous people, minority groups, private sector
- Support innovations and south-to-south experience sharing. Creating opportunities for reflection
- Need for coherent messages, and transparency of roles and responsibilities
- Decentralised planning and the use of “bottom-up” approach that is country driven rather than donor driven
- Harmonise social services and macroeconomic reform policies
Include cross-cutting issues such as HIV/AIDS and child labour
- Enlarge donor table to include INGOs and other development partners, as equal partners. Build capacity of all players at the table, including civil society
- Include in resource package finance, expertise and experience

2. Strategies to enable International Development partners (IDP's) support implementation at National level.

- Although the Country remains in charge of the process, IDP's need to ensure support to a quality process of implementation.
- The concept and process of IDP's 'accompanying' should have its base in the principles of flexibility and responsibility for success or failure.
- Build capacity for leadership at community levels in order to sustain EFA strategies for implementation
- Ensure the inclusion and partnership of the academia and the private sector

ACTION POINTS

- Elaborate on the concept of ‘accompanying’ as one strategy for supporting EFA partnerships
- The Fast Track Initiative, in the spirit of an initiative owned by the IDP’s and a concrete response to the promises made at Dakar, should include the following criteria
 - a. Partnership
 - b. Consultation
 - c. Flexibility
 - d. Process driven