



# **Pan American Health Organization**



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## **HARMONIZATION, ALIGNMENT AND COORDINATION**

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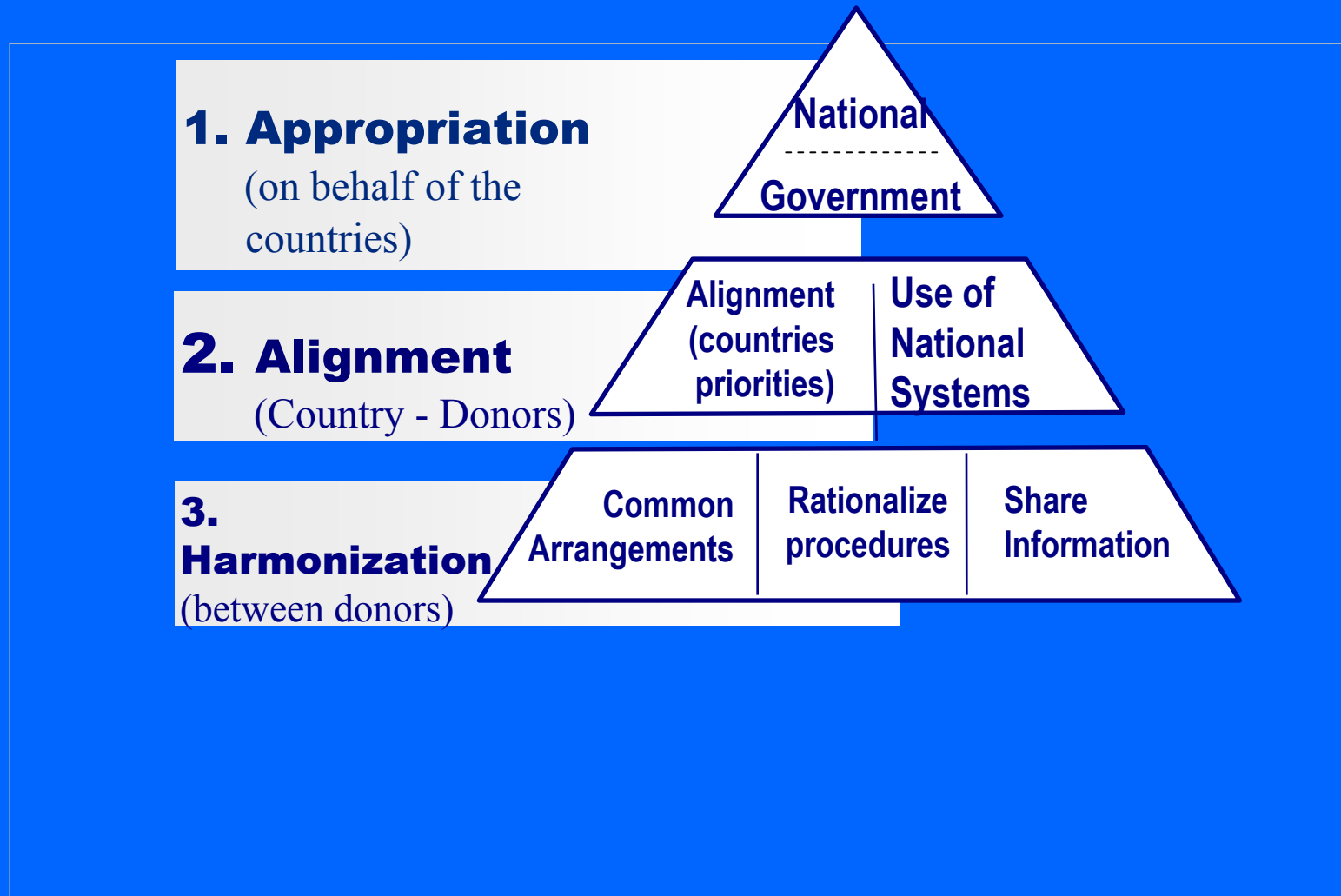
## **Recent Events:**

- **United Nations: Millennium Summit, New York (2000)**
- **United Nations: International Conference on Financing for Development, Monterrey (March 2002)**
- **OECD/Assistance Development Committee: High Level Forum on Harmonization, Rome (February 2003)**

## **Recent Regional Events:**

- **IDB and World Bank: Regional workshop on harmonization and coordination in Latin America and the Caribbean, Tegucigalpa (November 2004)**
- **PAHO/WHO and SIDA: Regional workshop on harmonization and coordination of international cooperation and emphasis on health sector, Managua (December 2004)**

# Model to improve the effectiveness of international cooperation and other development results (Rome Declaration, 2003)



## High Level Forum of Rome

- **Participants:** donor countries, bilateral agencies, international financial institutions, partner countries (in LAC: Bolivia, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Jamaica, Nicaragua)
- **Commitments:** to eradicate poverty, to achieve a lasting economic growth, to promote a sustainable development, to advance toward an integrating and equitable global economic system

## **Rome Declaration: recommendation (1)**

- **Conform the assistance of development to the priorities of the partner countries**
- **Harmonize policies, procedures, and practices**
- **Apply progressively these principles and standards, taking into account the specifics of each country**
- **Intensify the activity delegation of cooperation to the countries**

## **Rome Declaration: Recommendations (2)**

- **Introduce incentives for the harmonization**
- **Support the strengthening of the capacity for the governments in order to assume a more predominant role**
- **Expand and systematize the overview of the procedures and practices of the donors**
- **Lend support to the budget, sector or to the balance of payments depending on whichever is necessary**
- **Promote the criteria of harmonization in the global and regional programs**

## **Principal Objectives to be Discussed (II HLF)**

- **Strengthen the authority and national capability for development**
- **Align cooperation in relation to strategies and national systems**
- **Intensify the harmonization and supplement**
- **Strengthen the coordination countries/donors and between donors**
- **Improve the results and the accountability of accounts in the use of resources for development**

## **For health, to increase the effectiveness of assistance, you should...**

- **Carryout principles and values in regard to health already approved within WHO**
- **Improve the level of health of all the population**
- **Accelerate the rate toward the achievement of the Objectives of the Millennium Declaration**
- **Achieve greater reduction of the inequities and of the lags existing in health**
- **Strengthen the health sector and its institutions in a sustainable manner**

# Potential Strengths of the Health Sector

- **Priority of the social sector (together with education)**
- **Policies and national health plans, plans of investment, etc.**
- **Systems of monitoring and measurement instruments and evaluation (situation analysis, sectoral analyses, etc.)**
- **Essential Functions of Public Health**
- **Regulatory institution**
- **Sectoral and interagency commissions**

# Requirements for Harmonization

- **Leadership and political will**
- **State Policy - medium and long term**
- **Establishment of opportunities for consensus-building**
- **Dialogue on policies and sectoral objectives**
- **Intersectoral and decentralization collaboration**
- **Citizen participation**
- **National institutional capability**
- **Sustainable financing**
- **Transparency and accountability of accounts**

# **National Response to Global Challenges?**

- **Globalization**
- **Integration (regional, subregional, interregional)**
- **Collective initiatives in public health**
- **Cooperation among countries: added value of a collective response**
- **Responsibility of the State with regard to international health**
- **New financing representatives for development: Global Fund, Gates, Pefpar, Millennium Account, “partnerships” (WHO: 57), IFF, NGOs, etc.**

## **Questions and Doubts**

- **Top-Down (“irrigated of the benefits”)**
- **Priority to the health**
- **International health**
- **Intersectoral activities**
- **Unfinished agenda and inequities**
- **Technical cooperation role**
- **Multilateral cooperation role (UN System)**
- **Approach country per country**
- **Multiplicaton of representatives and mechanisms of assistance**

## **From projects to SWAP... and from SWAP to Budgetary Support...**

- **Health/Macroeconomics**
- **Targeting/Totality**
- **Local/National**
- **Priorities/Comprehensive Approach**
- **Short term/Medium-long term**
- **Institutional/Sectoral**
- **Mandates/Leadership**
- **Government/Civil Society**

## **Outlook to the Future**

- **Active presence of the health sector to influence these processes**
- **Growing appropriation and political will of the countries**
- **Solid process of strengthening of the health sector, integrated in the economic and social development**
- **National capability building**
- **Strengthening of processes of sectoral planning within the framework of the national development**
- **New Cooperation of PAHO/WHO**

# Outlook to the Future

