Issues raised during ReSAKSS Conference

Four areas:
• Demand for PAER
• Methodological issues
• Capacity
• Role of country SAKSS
Demand for PAER

• Who? For What?
  – commitments under CAADP for MA
  – Paris Declaration
  – Accra Plan of action, etc
  – Disconnect between high level commitments and operationalization levels – Role of MoA, MoF
  – Understanding impact of PAE
  – Political economy issues (around MA/JSR/PAER)
  – Govts, NSA, DPs need this information
  – Not a mechanism for beating up on Govt!
Methodological issues

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  – What gets counted?
    • Political objective/technical objective
    • Expenditures outside agric definition may be more important in transforming agric (credit, trade/markets, telecoms, infrastructure)
    • What indicator then?
    • Absolute number or rate of growth?
  – Where is the data?
  – What improvements are needed on the data systems
    • Agric Sector ministries and MoF need to collaborate
Methodological issues

• Existing tools
• Frequency of PERs
• What documents are required?
  – Who prepares them?
  – What skills are needed?
Capacity Needs

• Who is currently involved in PAER and where are they?

• What skills are needed?

• What actions are needed to increase the pool and quality of skills at country level?

• Community of practice and networks
Role of Country SAKSS

• A vehicle for harnessing existing local capacity for PAER
• Facilitate networking and access to external expertise on a need basis
• Platform for building local capacity
• PAER to be embedded within existing structures
  – Reconcile adequacy of existing structures and lack of capacity to undertake PAER
Thank You

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