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critical and catalytic role. At this juncture, the African Gr

The African group would also like to underline the importance of regional integration as a fundamental tool for realizing development effectiveness for inclusive growth and development in Africa. Development cooperation should therefore fully recognize the active role of both the national and regional levels, thus serving to reinforce our own efforts at regional integration for national development.

We call upon Africa's development partners to align their support to the Continent's priorities in attending to the unfinished Aid agenda, thereby ensuring that Aid complements domestic financing and other alternative sources for effective development;

We underline that regional investments in key priority sectors require the expansion of innovative financing mechanisms, such as the leveraging of Aid to mobilize private financing and the possibility for multilateral institutions to directly support regional organizations particularly the RECs. Strengthening the capacity of RECs is a major prerequisite to achieving Development Effectiveness in Africa.

We urge development partners to identify new ways of planning, financing and implementing programmes and projects at the regional level, for example, through the establishment of regionally pooled and basket funds, comprising both domestic and external resources;

Africa's overarching objective is to attain Development Effectiveness by optimizing the management and utilization of all policies, resources and processes. In the African context, for Aid to be effective, it must be fully integrated in the larger development context. We reiterate also, that the global development cooperation dialogue in Busan should shift focus from Aid to the broader context of Development Effectiveness for inclusivity, equity, gender equality, environmental sustainability and better development results.

In conclusion, distinguished co-facilitators, while we undertake this exercise, we must take into account that Africa requires 'transformational capacities' for leadership, inclusiveness and effective institutions to adequately respond to its renewal and growth agenda. Building effective and accountable states, capable of translating development policies into practice, aligning Aid resources with national priorities and delivering sectoral, national and regional development results, is therefore fundamental to creating sustainable conditions for development.

Capacity Development is the core vehicle to actualize the Continent's exit strategy from Aid and take full control of its development. Africa has recognized Capacity Development as an agenda in its own right and has set its own priorities with the Capacity Development Strategic Framework (CDSF) adopted by the 14th African Union Summit of February 2010, as Africa's common reference and policy guide on building, harnessing, nurturing, utilizing, adding value and retaining capacity.

I thank you