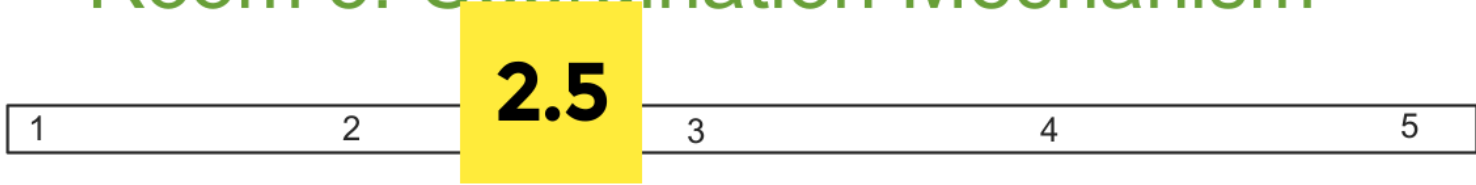


Where are we (the sector) are now on this dimension? 1 =lowest, 5 = highest.

Room 5: Coordination Mechanism

Place sticky note between 1-5 based on the group feedback



What needs to change?

Bigger players, INGOs are often the only ones at the table

Female participation, the lack of women around the table - what is being done? We need to shift how we do things to ensure that we can be inclusive. 'He who shouts loudest', 'has the best English' etc gets heard

Power dynamics - missing out on valuable input through the reluctance of partners to use their voice as 'intimidated' perhaps by the big players

We promote a kind of culture that 'this is a better way of doing things' - sitting at the table with the 'ex-pat' - not inclusive of local partners

What obstacles can we anticipate & how will we overcome them?

Localisation is very technical and complex at the local level

Barriers include transport costs to get to 'the table', language barriers

DE/GCE is needed internally in organisations to grow understanding of why women should be at the table

Resources are an issue - partners/local actors may not have budget to pay for mobile data even to join the table

Respect etc - barriers are not being removed quick enough

Low participation by women in some cultures

We should be coming to the table with our interpreters rather than the other way around

Make sure that no one is at risk by joining the table

What would success look like?

Donors helping partners to build capacity not just the organisation to reach their standards

Bringing those who are impacted - eg DPOs around the table

Large donors willing to work with organisations - consider all the compliance work/documentation that is required by donors.

Donors understanding that localisation is messy at times

Annual training and education on how locally led development is important in organisations

Proactively offering support, seek out, make an the system as easy and safe as possible

Organisations asking the questions at the forums we participate in - will it be done in local language? Will it be done in the local village? And demanding that type of change

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What actions need to be taken collectively (Policy / Advocacy and or practice)?

**Internal
GCE
education
in INGOs**

IA sit on UN level groups - work with them to try and influence the system through their influence

Irish Orgs to come together to make recommendations to the UN and other key coordinating bodies on how coordination round tables are organised

come together as to how we measure participation

Manuals for coordination meetings probably already state these things - not lack of knowledge re local partner participation - Post colonial/culture/power dynamics at play

What is good practice when we are engaging in coordination mechanisms - policy level make recommendations or how we as INGOs should behave in forums

Harvest case studies from partners around their experience of coordination - so we can learn and take action

What are the areas they would like to take forward (Collectively)

We need to define what we want to recommend - data gathering exercise and bring forward 4 recommendations

Talk to IA about using their seat at UN level to be a donor voice

Toolkit from Dochas on localisation

Anonymous evaluation system for partners (through Dochas?) - we need to reflect on ourselves

Onus must not just be on donors - we need to put the spotlight on ourselves