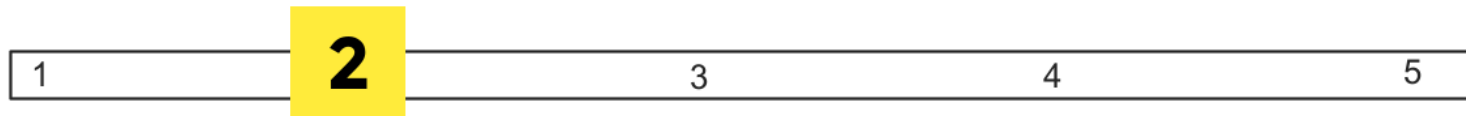


Room 6: Policies and Standards

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



What needs to change?

We need to remove the coloniality out of the 'How' of accountability.

Needs should be defined by the country.

Shifting from an accountability lens to a sustainable, local governance lens.

We need to listen more.

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

We find it very difficult to overcome our pre-conceived values & ideas regarding standards. We can overcome this by allowing local understanding to lead.

If we allow the time for real engagement, and devote sufficient time to the design phase, a more locally focused system of monitoring and evaluation could be developed.

Donors are accustomed to reporting/concerns focused on 'aid effectiveness'. We need to have a conversation about the effects of this approach.

What would success look like?

Systems in ODA which are not led through a colonial way of thinking.

A locally-led system developed in parallel to the current one.

Replacing the current regime with one of complementary international help to assist locally-focused systems of governance.

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

Coalitions of NGOs, larger organisations, Dochas, etc. need to coordinate to deliver strong messaging to donors.

Level of bureaucracy needs to be reduced; we need to collectively advocate for this.

When we represent our work to main donors, we need to present cohesive messaging. 'We won't take that kind of funding as it's too restrictive of localisation'.

Creation of a standard by which localisation is measured and encouraged.

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

How can we change the amount of money being directed to local NGOs? How can we play a role in this? What would be a reasonable target number?

What is our messaging as Dochas members regarding locally led development? Is there a better way to communicate this as a priority?

If some capacity-building and/or training were provided, it could be helpful.