

Group 1:

Joint UN Teams and the Division of Labour at Country Level



Key Issues

- Progress made yet few joint UN Teams on AIDS have completed joint plans and programming
- Uneven engagement of agency representatives at country level
- Few incentives in the UN system for joint programming
- Donor funding processes and mechanisms often work against joint programming efforts
- UN Structures not favourable for joint programming: e.g., unsynchronised financial and administrative procedures, and programming cycles



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- Joint team planning must align to national policies, strategies, plans and priorities (sustainability)
- Balancing global policy and guidance with national planning and priorities
- Accountability for results key - lead agency concept (streamlining) potential to make it happen
- Need for clear and strong support from HQs and regional directors
- Need to move from agency projects to joint programmes in support of national plans
- Invest time – ownership and process
- For debate: Reform or rebirth of the UN?



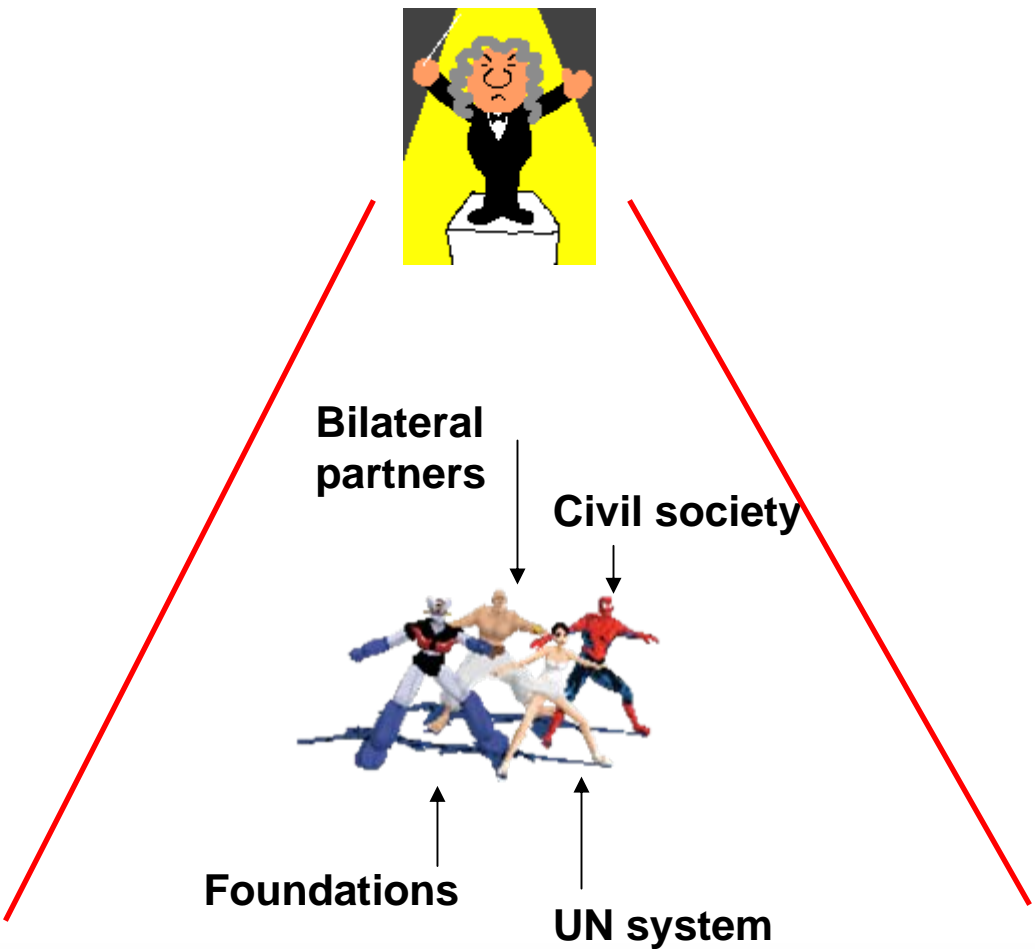
Recommendations

- UN cosponsoring agency executive heads enforce implementation of the Secretary General's directive of December 2005
- Include joint planning and programming in country staff TORs and performance appraisals
- UN and bilateral staff must work closely with national partners and within framework of the national strategy
- Donors – only fund proposals that are part of a joint programme and follow the division of labour
- Agencies to report to governing bodies on progress overcoming obstacles to joint teams and programming



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“Okay guys – 1, 2, 3 – Let’s Go!”

