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**Increasing aid effectiveness through co-financing with multilateral organisations –making it work on the ground.**

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Bilateral aid donors can clearly increase efficiency in the delivery of their development assistance by harnessing the increased resources and specialist skills available through large multilateral organisations. But increasing aid effectiveness is less assured without attention to the organisational and institutional issues impacting on the relationship. Key areas for consideration include the attention given to preparation of the design, the quality and practicality of the monitoring and evaluation frameworks and how well cooperation actually takes place in the field. Well constructed framework agreements between donors and multilateral organisations specifically designed for each country and region involved can help align the realities of development cooperation on the ground with the aspirations of these institutions at their headquarters. All parties need to be satisfied with the quality of the preparation of their joint initiatives and the monitoring and evaluation arrangements so that they are realistic, cost-effective and actually implemented.