The 2022 Effective Development Co-operation Summit comes at a critical moment as national budgets are under strain, economic growth is stalling, inequalities are deepening, and development goals are going off track. Within this context, development assistance and other instruments of development co-operation are more essential than ever to respond to current challenges and promote inclusive sustainable development.

Why Parliaments?
Parliaments ensure inclusive, participatory, and transparent governance by holding governments to account. Parliaments in both developed and developing countries oversee government priorities and adopt legislation to advance the SDGs, particularly through the budget process. Parliaments represent the people, including the most marginalized, and have the responsibility to ensure that all resources — including development assistance — are fully aligned to the needs of the communities they serve.

How? Parliaments as Effective Development Actors
- Consult citizens, civil society, business and other constituencies to inform national development goals, policies and budgets.
- Review evidence of impact and results achieved by development assistance through official audits and other independent evaluations.
- Oversee aid by advocating for its inclusion in the national budget.
- Scrutinize external loans, natural resources concessions, and public-private partnership contracts to provide essential infrastructure or public services.
- Increase domestic resources by reforming tax systems that address effectively all forms of tax evasion and avoidance.

Transforming the Way We Work Together

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