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John Roberts (1943-2005)
Questions for Discussion (Session 1)

- Where are we with the 2005 agenda? Are substantial increases in aid flows likely to materialise? If so, what would be the implications?
- Is there a real momentum towards relying more on country systems? Are the DAC indicators on harmonisation and alignment adequate and sufficient?
- Are effective mechanisms for ensuring mutual accountability being put in place?
Questions for Discussion (Session 2)

- What is the evidence on donor-supported PFM reform programmes? Have they delivered on their objectives? If not, why?
- Has the move towards General Budget Support contributed to PFM improvements in poor countries?
- What are the main domestic constraints to PFM reforms? What can donors do to improve their support to PFM reforms?
Questions for Discussion (Session 3)

- What is the impact of conditionalities on accountability relationships?
- How does a possible increase in aid flows affect accountability frameworks?
- How can donors support PFM reforms without interfering extensively?
Questions for Discussion (Session 4)

- What is the role of domestic accountability mechanisms around the budget process in poor countries?
- How can they be strengthened, including through donor support?
- What can be done to shift budget accountabilities so that governments respond more effectively to domestic agendas?
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