



Progress Report on PRTSR Process - 2006

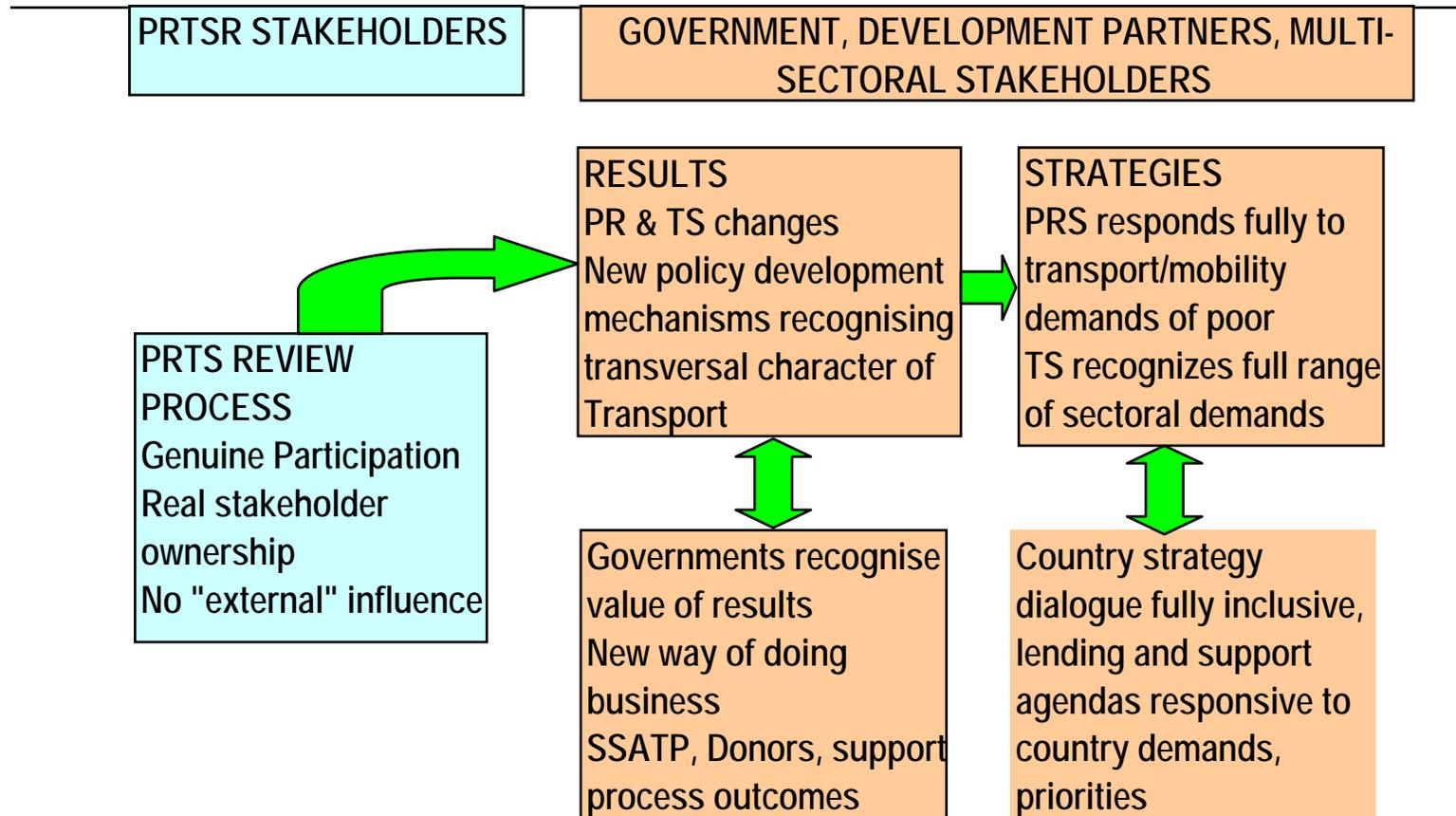
Purpose and Outline

- To present Progress in implementing PRSTR since the previous annual meeting and highlight issues for consideration during current meeting
- Outline
 - Introduction
 - Update on Status of Reviews
 - Key issues for each category of countries
 - Challenges and opportunities
 - Expected results and questions for consideration

Goal and Roots of the Process

- Poverty Reduction Transport Strategy Review (PRTSR) Process initiated in 2002
 - concerns that the transport sector was not demonstrating its contribution to poverty reduction, and was losing out on investment compared to other sectors.
- Process
 - Local ownership of the process, conclusions and recommendations
 - Participation of a range of key stakeholders
 - Chinese proverb: *"Tell me, I forget. Show me, I remember. Involve me, I understand"*
 - Objective: to change policy, involvement of people with influence on policy is critical

Operationalizing PRTSR Outputs to achieve desired Outcomes



Progress so far

- Five countries completed reviews since the last annual meeting: **DR Congo, Kenya, Swaziland, Uganda, Zambia**
- With the above, 15 countries have completed reviews:
 - Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Guinea, Lesotho, Malawi, Mali, Rwanda, Senegal, Tanzania, Zimbabwe
- 8 countries actively implementing reviews:
 - Burundi, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Niger
- 6 other at preparatory stage:
 - Angola, Chad, Gabon, Mozambique, Nigeria, Togo,

Issues for Countries that have completed reviews

- Dissemination of review findings
- Validation of recommendations/action plans by Stakeholder Group
- Sensitization of stakeholders on the action plan
- Approval/adoption of action plan by authorities
- Lobby for implementation of the action plan
- Integrate recommendations in Poverty Reduction Strategy
- Steering Group to follow and monitor implementation of recommendations

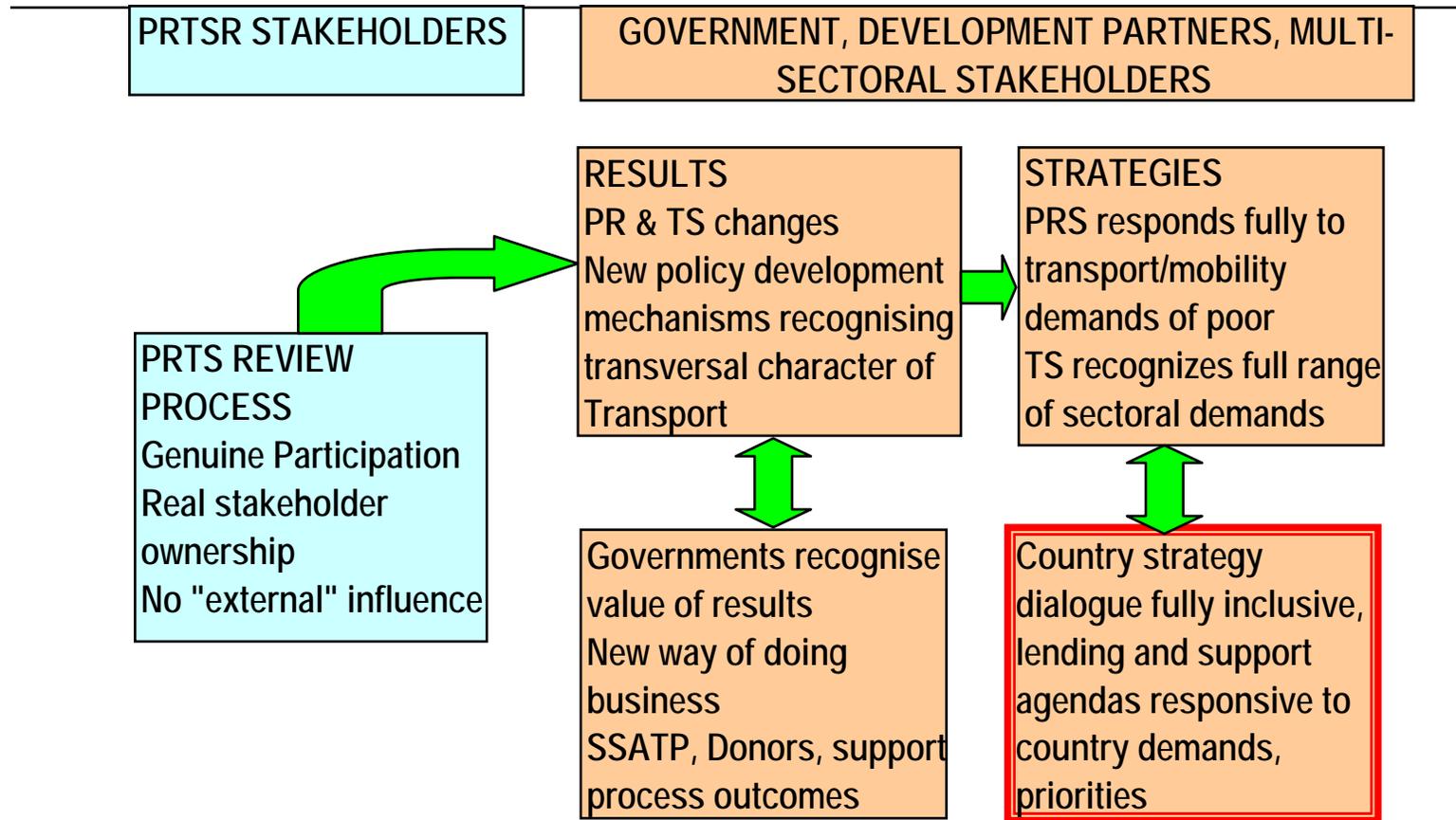
Key result areas

- Three aspects:
 - Strengthening poverty reduction strategies by acknowledging more explicitly the role of transport issues
 - reviewing transport strategies or developing new transport policies that address poverty reduction objectives
 - policy-making processes to link transport and poverty reduction

Some questions

- *What needs to be done now to integrate the PRTSR recommendations into national strategies?*
- *What actions are required by Governments and donors?*
- *What mechanism needs to be put in place to monitor progress in implementing the recommendations?*

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Issues for countries going through reviews

- Complete preparatory actions (procurement of facilitator and service provider, undertake stakeholder analysis, brief the stakeholders and plan the workshops, etc)
- Conduct the strategy review workshops
- Produce recommendations and action plan
- Involvement of donors in review workshops



Issues for countries about to embark on reviews

- Obtain official approval for the process from the relevant authorities (poverty reduction and transport)
- Establish a well-balanced Steering Group (sectors, gender)
- Establish communication with the SSATP management team and the facilitation support team
- Involvement of donors at an early stage

Factors of Success

- Political engagement in the PRTSR process, from Ministries responsible for transport and poverty reduction.
- A dynamic, high-level, cross-sector Steering Group – prepared to invest much time and effort.
- A strategic vision of the role of civil society and the private sector in transport strategy – and openness by the public sector to their involvement.
- Good preparatory work, including a transparent and thorough stakeholder analysis, and careful selection and preparation of documents to analyze.
- A representative stakeholder group, with motivated women and men, knowledgeable in the issues and able to influence national strategies.
- Excellent facilitation by an experienced facilitator.
- Good technical support to Steering Group, e.g. from supporting Ministries.
- Good communication between Steering Groups and SSATP PMT, and rapid feedback and support by SSATP PMT.



Challenges and Opportunities

- High level strategy meeting – Donors, Country Representatives, SSATP PMT, Board
 - Opportunities linked to new aid arrangements:
 - PRSP, PRTSR and MDGs provide opportunities for maintaining country ownership and a focus on poverty reduction
 - Promotion of pro-poor growth, including local employment and private sector development

Risks

- Maintaining the focus on poverty reduction/MDGs, particularly if funding goes to mega-projects
- Lack of country ownership, particularly if country and regional stakeholders are not involved in decision-making



What role can the SSATP play?

- A coherent approach to transport sector planning and monitoring across the program and partnership
- Extend the use of the PRTSR cross-sector method and mechanisms (in particular the Steering and Stakeholder Groups) for policy and strategy development, including at regional level

Strategy meeting: Results expected from Maseru Meeting

- **Shared understanding and approach - donors and partners - of sector programmes and support, taking full account of poverty reduction goals, country ownership and cross-sector stakeholder participation, donor coordination, sustainability, and cross-cutting issues.**
- **Agreement on the roles to be played by SSATP in facilitating sector programmes to ensure alignment with the Paris Declaration and country and regional poverty reduction goals, taking into account broad stakeholder involvement and participatory principles.**
- **Agreement on approaches and processes for effective cross-sector dialogue in the planning of transport investments and services. Participants must include Ministers of Finance/Planning, Ministers of economic and social sectors, civil society, private sector interests and women.**



Session Program (Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday)

Expected Result: Ensure effective linkage between PRSs/2nd generation PRSs and transport policies and strategies

1. Presentations by countries:
 - Recently completed reviews
 - Undertaking preparatory activities for reviews
 - Expressions of interest by “new” countries
2. PRTSR Action Plan Implementation
3. Formulation of Transport Programs
4. Preparation of Presentation to Monday Plenary
5. Work Program for 2007
6. Preparation of Presentation to Wednesday Plenary