

# Group 2

## Increasing UN technical support through TSFs and other regional mechanisms



# Key Issues from presentations

## ICTC

Successes of horizontal cooperation, donor harmonisation

- Need for better harmonisation and alignment at national level for political, financial and technical sustainability of TA support
- Need to increase use of local consultants
- Increase South-South and other horizontal collaboration
- Reduce bureaucratic obstacles to cooperation
- Benefits of strengthening cooperation between TSFs



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# Key Issues from presentations

## Technical Support Facilities

- All 5 TSFs now functional
- Almost 2000 days of technical assistance commissioned
- Around 80% of consultancies by local and regional consultants
- Clients responsive to with country-led approach and quality assured services
- Capacity development of partners and consultants initiated
- Innovative partnership models with civil society, private sector
- Refinement of service coverage and efficiency ongoing





# Key Issues from presentations

## Knowledge hubs

- TA is a critical part of any implementation
- Need to make long term investment in TA
- Invest in building local expertise
- Prioritise and proactively source TA needs through KHs
- Harmonise TA – avoid parallel structures



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# Issues arising in Discussion

- Challenges to address capacity development and retention within countries
- Benefits if GIPA and involvement of CSOs as providers not just recipients of TA
- Need to address other gaps in TA availability - technical areas, OVC, regions etc
- Need to harmonise TA systems
- Need to address sustainability of regional mechanisms



# Recommendations

Consolidate early successes in innovative regional TA provision mechanisms to realise the long term vision

1. Support ongoing investment in TS system refinement and capacity development
  - Ensure sustainability
2. Improve partner coordination and cooperation with TS to maximise benefits
  - Limit duplication and parallel structures
3. Reinforce country leadership of TA
4. Increase UNAIDS support for facilitating country TA planning
5. Reinforce use of South-South, local/ regional and strategic North-South TA
6. Reinforce capacity development approach in commissioning TA to build country level capacity
7. Use regional TS mechanisms as a way to support implementation and make money work
8. Reinforce cooperation with CSOs in TA provision

