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# Donor Reaction to Benchmarks and Standards

## Improving Parliamentary Development Support

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How can we as donors use these frameworks to improve our legislative strengthening assistance?



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These standards can be used by donors or implementing partners as a means of getting buy-in from legislatures for legislative strengthening programs.



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The standards are also useful for working with parliaments to craft and agree upon overall results or objectives for legislative strengthening programs



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These standards can be useful in designing both qualitative and quantitative indicators that more accurately measure the impact of donor assistance on changes in performance of parliamentary institutions over time.



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The standards can be helpful in the development of MP/staff surveys tools which are designed to measure attitudes, behaviors, and perceptions of MPs and staff regarding the performance of their institution.



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The use of self – assessment tools and processes by parliaments based upon these standards or benchmarks represents an important step towards complying with the principles of the Paris Declaration and Accra Agenda for Action



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Public release of the results of self-assessments can promote legislative transparency and accountability.





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These standards or benchmarks have tremendous potential as educational tools.



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Can be used by reform minded legislators or staff within a legislature to push for change or reform of legislative institutions or by civil society or political actors pushing for change from outside the institution.