Board of Directors:

An Overview

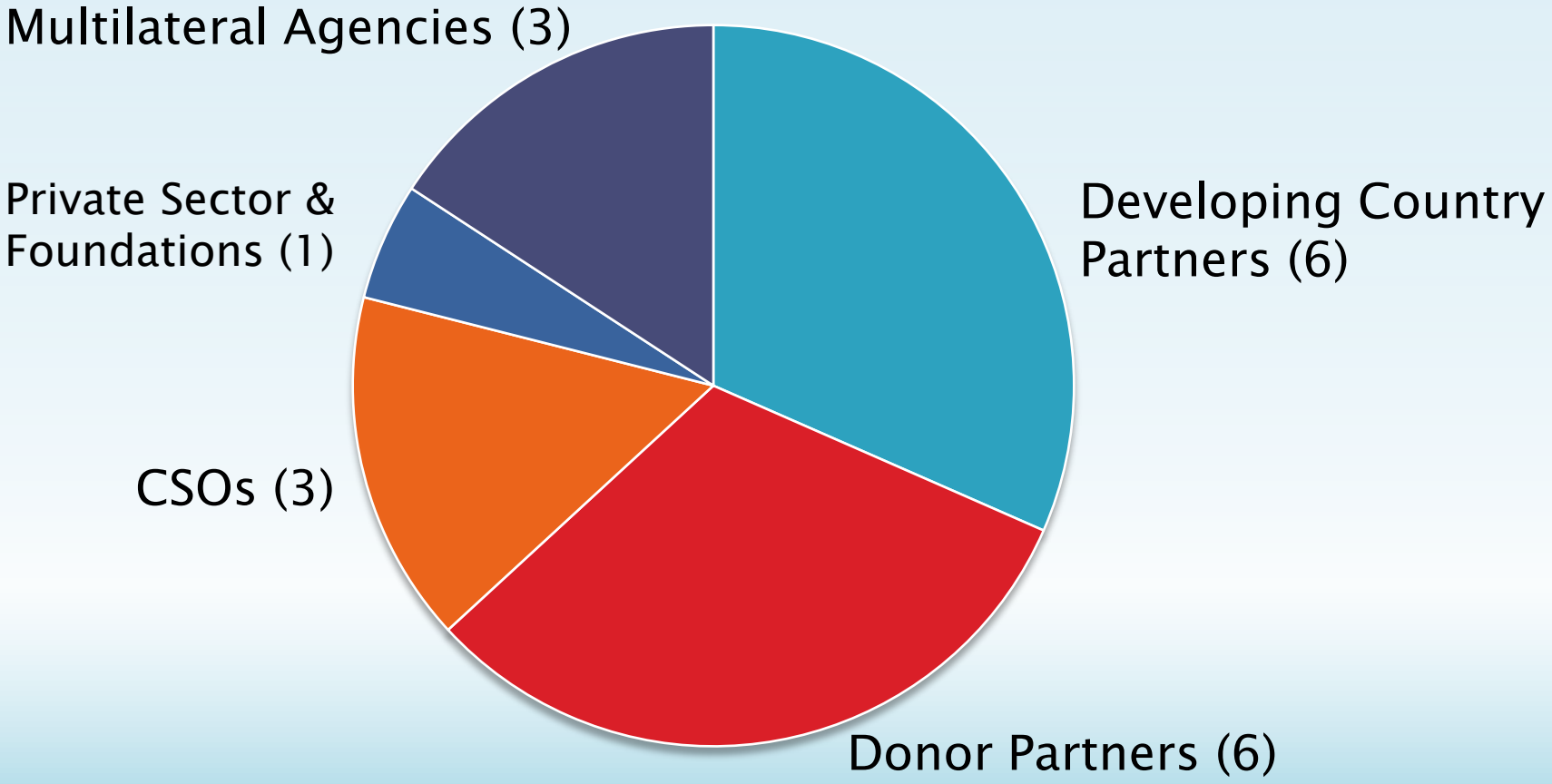
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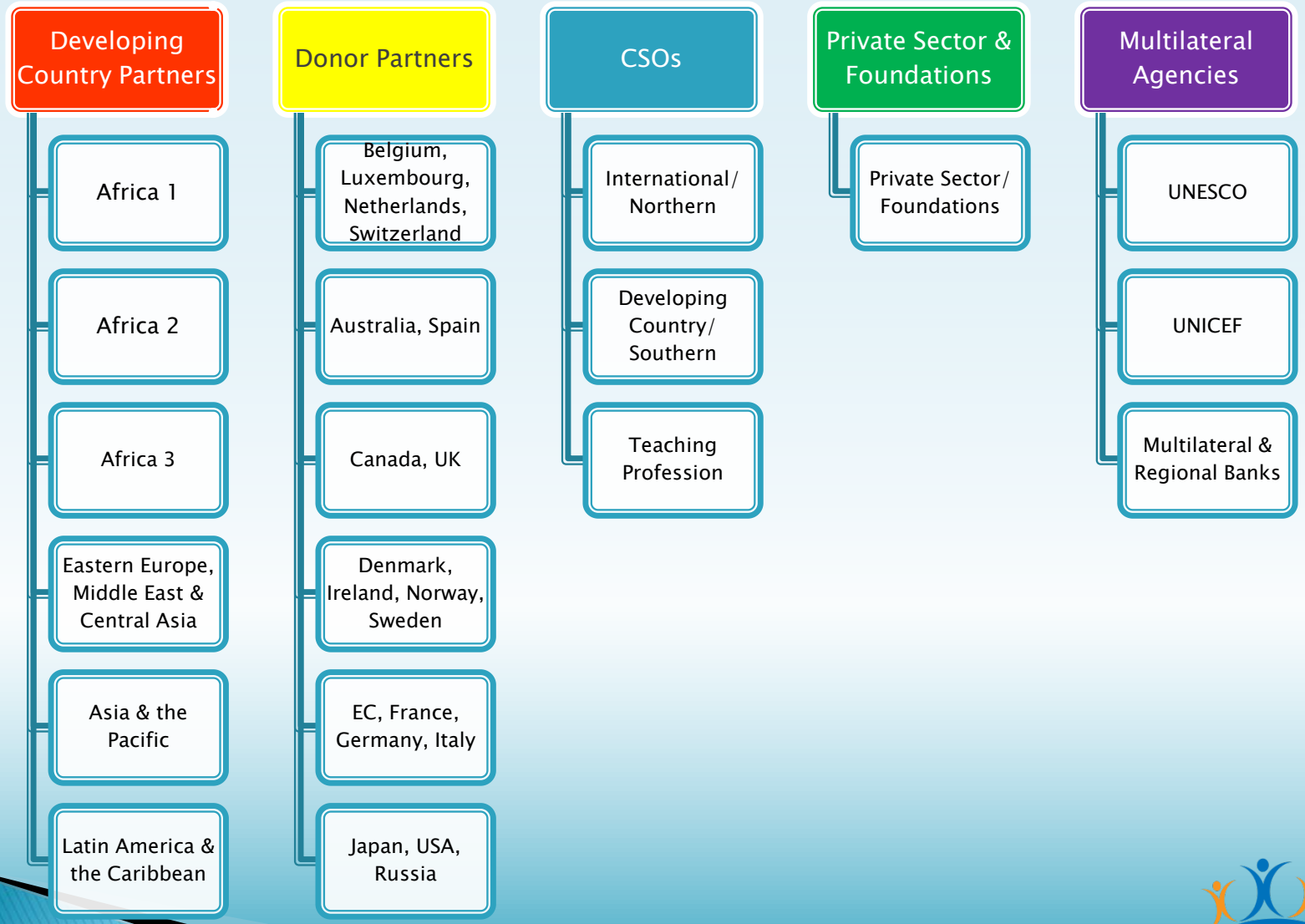
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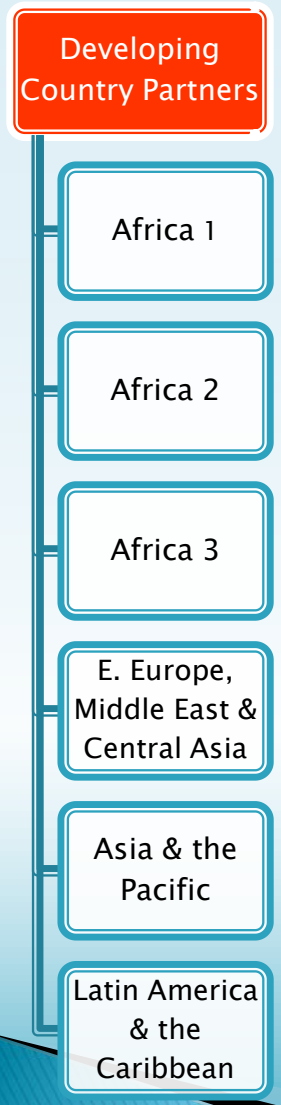
Composition



Constituencies



Developing Country Partners



Africa 1: Kenya, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, Zambia

Africa 2: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, CAR, Guinea, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal, Togo

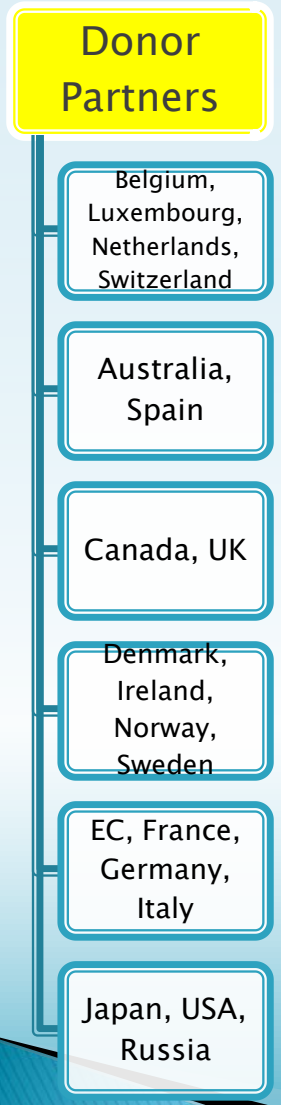
Africa 3: Djibouti, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea-Bissau, Ethiopia, Liberia, Sao Tome, Sierra Leone

E. Europe, Middle East & Central Asia: Afghanistan, Albania, Georgia, Kyrgyz Rep., Moldova, Tajikistan, Yemen

Asia & the Pacific: Bhutan, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Mongolia, Nepal, PNG, Timor Leste, Vietnam

Latin America & the Caribbean: Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Nicaragua

Donor Partners



Donor 1: Belgium, Luxembourg, **Netherlands**, **Switzerland**

Donor 2: **Australia**, **Spain**

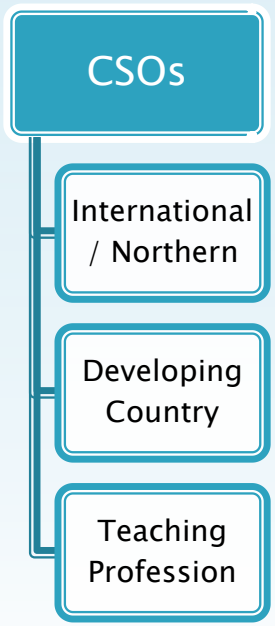
Donor 3: **Canada**, **UK**

Donor 4: **Denmark**, Ireland, Norway, **Sweden**

Donor 5: **European Commission**, **France**, Germany, Italy

Donor 6: **Japan**, **United States**, Russia

Civil Society Organizations



International/Northern: Action Aid, Save the Children

Developing Country: ZANEC Zambia, SNEFA Sudan

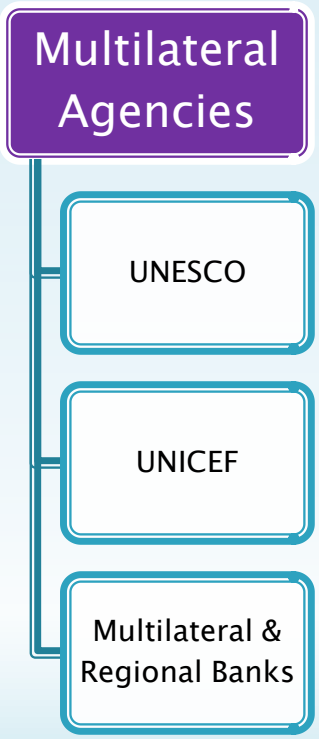
Teaching Profession: Education International

Private Sector & Foundations



Private Sector/Foundations: The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, Microsoft/Intel

Multilateral Agencies



Multilateral Agency 1: UNESCO

Multilateral Agency 2: UNICEF

Multilateral Agency 3: World Bank

What does a constituency-based governance model entail?

- All constituencies are represented by 2 persons: **Board Member** and **Alternate Board Member**

- Each **represents a larger group of countries**, agencies or organizations (other than UNESCO and UNICEF)

- Each Board member **consults with the full constituency** to represent the views of the entire group

Board Member Selection and Terms

- Each constituency:
  - Is **self-governing**
  - **Manages its own selection process** and notifies EFA FTI Secretariat/Chair of result
  - **Serves for 2 years** (free to re-elect if so choose)

Board Roles and Responsibilities

- Supreme **governing body** of the EFA FTI
- **Sets policies and strategies**, and reviews and approves objectives for the EFA FTI Partnership
- **Makes funding decisions** for the Education for All Fund and monitors its utilization, upon recommendations from the Financial Advisory Committee (FAC)
- **Gives direction to the EFA FTI Secretariat and Chair**, and reviews and approves their annual budget and work plan
- **Advocates for the EFA FTI Partnership and mobilizes resources** to achieve quality basic education for all children

Board Roles and Responsibilities (cont.)

- Commissions and **provides oversight to EFA FTI working groups** and task teams
- Enhances links among the various partners of the EFA FTI Partnership by **strengthening channels of communication** and collaboration
- **Oversees the preparation** of the EFA FTI Partnership Meeting
- Exercises other powers as required to **carry out the purposes of the EFA FTI**

What is the specific role of a Board Member?

- **Represent the interests** of the EFA FTI Partnership
- **Primary spokesperson** for the constituency
- **Lead consultations** among the constituency to determine common position and build consensus
- Be prepared to **represent differences** that may exist within the constituency
- **Vote on Board decisions** on behalf of constituency
- **Note: significant time commitment**

What is the specific role of an Alternate Board Member?

- **Additional representative** of constituency
- **Facilitates** constituency **consultations**
- **Acts on behalf of Board Member** when s/he is unavailable (e.g., for voting)
- **Coordinate with Board Member** to ensure effective representation from constituency
- **Attend all Board meetings** along with Board Member

Board Decision-Making and Quorum

- **Decisions made by consensus** or majority of seats (i.e., 10)
  - Must include at least one donor, developing country, CSO/private sector and multilateral agency
- **Quorum is majority of Board** members
  - Must include at least one donor, developing country, CSO/private sector and multilateral agency
- Each constituency has **one vote only**
- **Voting may occur by email** (usually no-objection)

Board Meeting Participation

- **Only Board Member and Alternate Board Member** (or delegate) **may attend Board meetings** on behalf of their constituency
- Only **one constituency member may speak** on any agenda item
- **Head of Secretariat** or his/her designee attends to **represent the Secretariat**
- Costs of participation for **developing country partners**, including southern CSO Board and Alternate Board members, **funded through EFA FTI Secretariat budget**

Support from the EFA FTI Secretariat

- EFA FTI **Board Operations Team serves as a liaison** between the EFA FTI Secretariat and the EFA FTI Board of Directors and FAC and their respective Chair
- EFA FTI **Secretariat acts as *facilitator*** for constituency communications to ensure separation of roles between the EFA FTI Board and the EFA FTI Secretariat
- **Board Manual** will be circulated shortly

Thank you



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