Against a canvas of international commitments emerging from successive high level fora on aid effectiveness starting in Rome (2003), through to Paris (2005) and culminating in Busan (2011), the international development community has pledged to improve development effectiveness. Multilateral development banks (MDBs), international organisations and their stakeholders have variously endorsed the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and, most recently, renewed efforts to improve development cooperation. In particular, MDBs, including IDBG, have been pursuing improved techniques to manage for development results (MfDR) in the quest to improve development outcomes: to deploy resources effectively and efficiently to achieve development results. In conjunction with this year’s annual meeting, IDBG is publishing an inaugural development effectiveness review that surveys its effectiveness agenda.

But, how well are we all doing? Are we achieving improved development effectiveness? Is our MfDR agenda still valid? In short, are we making a difference?

Moreover, have we carried our member countries and communities with us? Are they benefitting from improved development outcomes? If not, what more needs to be done to achieve the lofty development goals in these developing countries?

These issues will be discussed at IDBG’s open session Development Effectiveness Roundtable that will bring together featured panelists from member countries, MDBs, academia and an international organisation (UNDP). An international expert and pioneer in development effectiveness reporting will moderate the discussion.