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Session 4: Evaluating the Impact of South-South Cooperation

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Recalling Delhi 2013

- ***Strengthening the evaluation*** of SSC programmes and projects
- ***Establishing platforms*** to address issues of common concern and interest

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- ***Better availability and communication*** of usable data, and ***knowledge management*** in development cooperation, will be key.
- ***Build on existing national and regional mutual accountability*** mechanisms, their findings and lessons learned.

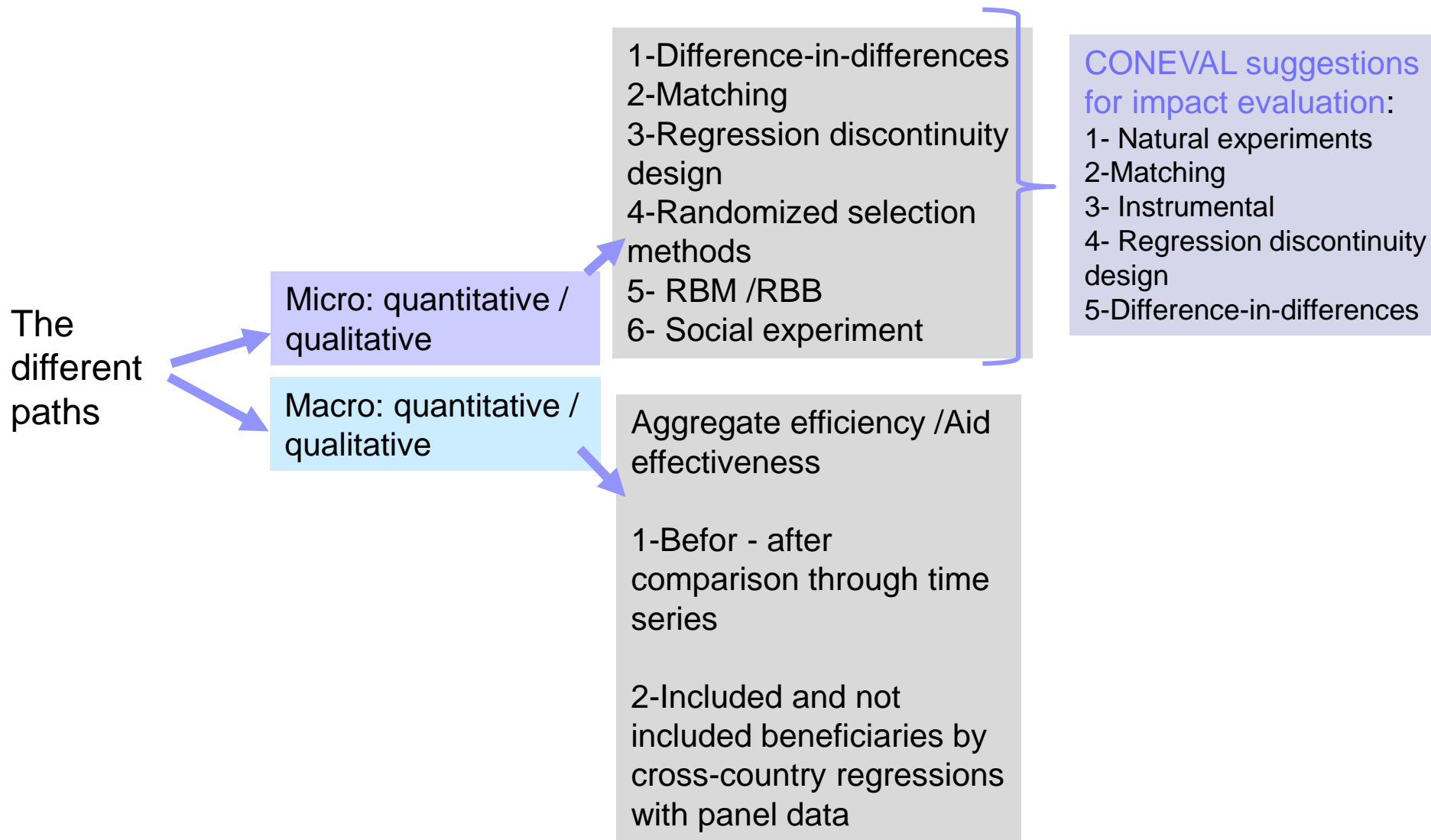
Remarks

- Pre conditions:

1st stage: Political commitment, that means **Develop a platform** (Regional, local, own (NEPAD? UNDESA?))

2nd stage: **Develop a framework**, that means have a concept, monitor, account, quantify, define indicators, aggregation levels and cut variables, common standards (collect)

3rd stage: **Generate and Improve metrics**, that means consider impact evaluation, effectiveness, and quality (helpful to improve TOR's, enhance feedback) (Analyse)



SEGIB proposal on SSC indicators 2011-2013



Unit Analysis	Aggregation levels	Cut variables
Programmes Projects Actions	Donor country Recipient country All the donor countries All the recipient countries Iberoamerican region Others	Modality Length Cost Sector Others

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SEGIB 2012:24

Reason to measure (attending to the “what, why, and how”)	Measure construct SEGIB (2012:67) and Xalma(2013:8)
Visibility	Dimensions
Planning	Priorities / development strategy Capacity/Needs effectively executed Availability of human resources Availability of material resources Availability of financial resources
Evaluation (principles)	Horizontality Equity/reciprocity Mutual responsibility Relevance Efficiency Effectiveness Sustainability Innovation Replicability
Know level of institutionality	Institutional strength of the unit of SSC

Evaluating the Impact of South-South Cooperation

- 1- How do we empirically measure the Impact of South-South Cooperation?
- 2- Is a focus on development results and the use of RBM useful and applicable also to SSC?
- 3-What quantitative and qualitative methods and techniques are appropriate for the evaluation of SSC?
- 4-How do we address the issue of causality, attribution and isolating the effects of SSC projects from the other internal and external forces and interventions in developing countries?
- 5- Which evaluation approaches are rigorous and scientific, yet practical, cost-effective and easy to use by Southern policy-makers?