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## The Way Forward

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Outside Perspective

# Where are we now?

- I AM RIGHT ..... YOU ARE WRONG ....
- CONFRONTATION, POWER STRUGGLE
- NO SHARED OBJECTIVES
- INEXACT MUTUAL PERCEPTIONS VS. REALITIES
- “PREACHING TO THE CONVERTED”

# What are the consequences if we remain on the present course?

- NO WINNERS .... LOST OPPORTUNITY (BETTER TO LOOSE THAN TO GIVE UP)
- READY TO GIVE ..... AND TAKE
- GLOBAL GOODS REQUIRE MORE AND BETTER PARTNERSHIPS

# What can be done?

## **BUILD TRUST .....**

- AGREE THERE IS A CONFLICT
- AGREE ON “WHAT TO DO”: STRATEGY, NEW FACES, METHODS OF EVALUATION AND CONTROL, SOURCES OF INFORMATION, SAFEGUARDS, DISPUTE RESOLUTION, ....
- BREAK AWAY FROM THE “JAPAN / WEST” DEADLOCK

# Conclusions/Recommendations

- A HIGH LEVEL COMMISSION
- **TWO** CONVENERNERS / CO-CHAIRS REPRESENTING THE 2 MAIN PARTNERS
- CONSENSUS STRATEGY
- REACH OUT TO “THE OTHERS”