

Key messages and conclusions from the DAC Workshop on “Preparing for Mexico”

“The DAC’s ambition for the First High Level Meeting of the Global
Partnership”

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Overall highlights from the workshop

- DAC members showed real **enthusiasm and commitment** to attending the Mexico meeting at the highest political level possible.
- Some DAC members (Slovak Republic, Australia, Norway and Germany) announced **new financial contributions to the travel facility** for developing countries to attend the Mexico High Level Meeting.
- DAC members supported a **strong focus on core aid effectiveness commitments** as the DAC's main contribution to the Mexico Ministerial. The US called for a **pre-day workshop** on aid effectiveness issues (14 April 2014) as well as a **longer substantive Session 1 on Progress since Busan and Inclusive Partnerships**. There was strong support for both proposals.
- DAC members praised the **unique and inclusive nature** of the Global Partnership as the **most innovative multi-stakeholder platform** bringing together different modalities of co-operation to achieve development results for all.
- DAC members agreed that the **Global Partnership combines well the “technical” and the “political”** – it provides a **monitoring framework** to look at how development policies and resources are being implemented on the ground, as well as a **forum for multi-stakeholder discussion on how to improve the quality of development co-operation and find solutions to development challenges** through political dialogue and knowledge sharing.
- Further efforts will be needed to **improve communication** about the Global Partnership and agree on a **stronger narrative for what it is, what it does, and how it can** help address today's key development challenges including the eradication of absolute poverty, fostering domestic resource mobilisation, and using aid better and more efficiently.
- The Global Partnership provides the world with a place to **have a global conversation on what the right policies are and how to act them out**.

The DAC and the aid effectiveness agenda

- **DAC members reaffirmed their commitment to implementing aid effectiveness principles** (use of country systems and results frameworks, transparency, predictability) and **supporting partner countries on the ground**. The DAC has an important role to play in the world's new development architecture where **aid still remains an important pillar of the development equation** particularly in low-income and fragile states.
- The Mexico Ministerial is a **stepping stone** in a long tradition of processes (Paris, Accra, Busan) focused on improving the quality and effectiveness of aid and development co-operation which brought forth one key lesson – the **way in which aid is delivered matters** to the world.
- The Global Partnership provides DAC members with an opportunity to reinvent “**the way we do business**” and come back to the basis of our work – aid – so as to respond more effectively to partner country demands.

The Global Partnership beyond the Mexico High Level Meeting

- It will be crucial to fine-tune and **refresh the Global Partnership's focus on 'global light'** with a **stronger system for the future**. A discussion on the governance restructuring and broader composition of the Global Partnership will be needed ahead of or by the Mexico Ministerial.
- **The post-2015 framework will require the Global Partnership and the UN Development Co-operation Forum to act in unison**, ensuring synergies, avoiding duplication, and making greater use of each forum's individual strengths. Their **close collaboration and joint action** will enable the effective delivery and implementation of post-2015 objectives.
- It will be important for the Global Partnership to define a **positive narrative for the future on how it can contribute to achieving development results beyond 2015**, as well as on **how it fits the development architecture** of the years to come. The **Mexico meeting** will be an important **step in crafting the Global Partnership's contribution to the post-2015 agenda**.
- The Global Partnership adds value to post-2015 discussions because it focuses on identifying the **practical challenges to development co-operation at the country level**. It will be important for the Global Partnerships to draw on its experience in building systems and capacity for development results at the country level.
- Whilst the future post-2015 development agenda is the *"what"*, the **Global Partnership** can rise up to be an important **part of the "how"**. The Global Partnership is a key **tool for enhancing the quality of development co-operation** and an existing **vehicle for supporting the implementation of the post-2015 agenda**.