

UN General Assembly Side Event

How to make it happen: shaping International Development Cooperation for the effective implementation of the Post-2015 development framework

26 September, 9:15-10:45, Conference Room 6, General Assembly building

Background:

As the international community draws closer to defining the content of the Post-2015 Development Agenda, there is a growing consensus that it should be unified, inclusive, universal, transformational, and flexible enough to be adapted to national priorities and capacities. However, the issue of how to translate commitments into practical action on the ground, and how to assess progress through strong accountability systems, is still being actively debated.

The Outcome Document of the [Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals](#) has called for revitalizing the global partnership for sustainable development, including through “*multi-stakeholder partnerships that mobilize and share knowledge, expertise, technologies and financial resources to support the achievement of sustainable development goals*”.

The [Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing](#) notes that a “*concerted effort that draws on all actors and mobilizes all resources in an integrated manner, while maximizing their impact, will allow us to finance the investments necessary to achieve sustainable development for all.*”

Faced with a rapidly changing development reality, development cooperation needs to adapt to match emerging needs by seizing the potential of all actors in the international development architecture, and achieving not only multi-stakeholder dialogue, but also multi-stakeholder action at country level.

The principles of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation are an important guideline in this regard. Indeed, the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts recognized that “*ongoing efforts to strengthen the global partnership for sustainable development cooperation should take into account relevant UN conferences and other initiatives, and be based, inter alia, on the principles of country ownership, focus on results, delivery through inclusive partnerships, transparency and accountability to one another.*” The Partnership’s framework for mutual accountability tracks progress in effective partnerships, and facilitates multi-stakeholder dialogue to identify lessons for changing the way we do business on the ground to become more effective partners and maximize the development impact of our interventions.

Objectives:

Hosted by Mexico Secretary of State Jose Antonio Meade, and Netherlands Minister of Foreign Trade and Development Lilianne Ploumen, this high-level event will seek to use concrete examples to demonstrate the potential for effective development cooperation and multi-stakeholder partnership to support the UN's post-2015 development agenda. Key questions include:

- What are concrete lessons learned from multi-stakeholder partnerships on the ground to advance common development objectives and how can effective partnerships be nurtured and scaled up?
- How have principles of effective cooperation, including country ownership, results focus, inclusiveness, and transparency and accountability, worked in practice to strengthen development partnerships on the ground?
- How have development cooperation partnerships been used to leverage other resources for development – including domestic resources – in developing countries and how can this be further supported?
- How can the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation's focus on enhancing the effectiveness of development cooperation contribute to accelerating the implementation of the post-2015 development objectives?

Participants

- **José Antonio Meade Kuribreña**, Secretary of State of Mexico and GPEDC Co-Chair
- **Lilianne Ploumen**, Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Co-operation of The Netherlands and GPEDC Co-Chair
- **George Chabonda**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Malawi on behalf of the GPEDC Co-Chair (TBC)
- **Emilia Pires**, Minister of Finance, Timor Leste
- **María Eugenia Casar**, Associate UNDP Administrator
- **Huguette Labelle**, Chair of the Board of Transparency International
- **Reeta Roy**, CEO of Mastercard Foundation
- **Ted Chu**, Chief Economist of the International Finance Corporation, World Bank

Lead Discussants

- **Clare Walsh**, Chair, G20 Development Group, Australia
- **Mothae Anthony Maruping**, Commissioner of Economic Affairs, African Union
- **Celine Charveriat**, Director of Advocacy and Campaigns, Oxfam International
- **Gonzalo Robles Orozco**, Secretary General for International Development Cooperation, Spain
- **Masami Tamura**, Director, Cooperation and Global Issues of the MFA, Japan
- **Alex Thier**, Assistant to the Administrator for Policy Planning and Learning, USAID.

The event will be moderated by **Henry Bonsu**, International Broadcaster