

16 October 2014

To: Ministers and Heads of organisations endorsing the
Busan Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation (all)

Dear Colleagues,

We, Goodall Edward Gondwe, Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Development of Malawi; José Antonio Meade Kuribreña, Secretary of Foreign Affairs of Mexico, and Lilianne Ploumen, Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation of the Netherlands, are honoured to write to you in our capacity as Co-Chairs of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (GPEDC). We are determined to continue the political momentum we gained at the Partnership's successful first High Level Meeting in Mexico in April of this year. In this regard, we would like to share with you information on the progress of the GPEDC and kindly request your input and action to advance the GPEDC's agenda.

In July, the GPEDC Steering Committee discussed a vision for the Partnership as a voluntary platform for all stakeholders to share experiences and improve the way we work together at country level. It monitors progress on mutually agreed commitments and sustains political momentum for high-quality development partnerships. Through this role, the Partnership aims to make a significant contribution to *"how"* to achieve the agreed post-2015 development agenda.

This vision resonated well in discussions on the margins of the **UN General Assembly**, where we hosted a high-level side event focusing on the role of development cooperation in the effective implementation of the post-2015 agenda. The Partnership also co-hosted high-level events on multidimensional poverty measurement for the effective implementation of the SDGs (together with Mexico), and on the contributions of the private sector to the SDGs (together with the Netherlands, Unilever and the UN Foundation).

These events re-confirmed that the effectiveness of development cooperation and high-quality partnerships will be critical to the implementation of the post-2015 agenda, and that the GPEDC has a unique contribution, complementary to other processes, in supporting achievement of current and future development goals. We will convey this vision to UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon as an input to his forthcoming **Synthesis Report**. We also count on a concerted effort from all of you to reaffirm this message in the coming months as discussions on the post-2015 agenda advance.

To continue demonstrating the relevance of the Partnership, we must move from talk to action and accelerate **country level implementation of agreed commitments**. All Global Partnership stakeholders have a role to play in improving their own co-operation practices and translating agreed commitments into action at the country level. Building Blocks and Voluntary Initiatives represent important vehicles for collectively walking the talk, and we encourage members to contribute updates and lessons to a new dedicated space on the Partnership's [website](#). To help collect further complementary evidence, the Partnership will be issuing an

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invitation in the coming weeks for you to share experiences (both good and bad) of such partnerships on the ground.

Alongside collective action to implement commitments, a key feature of our Partnership is to monitor implementation and progress towards shared goals. It will be critical to build on and strengthen the **monitoring framework**, which uses developing countries' own data and processes to track progress at the country and global level, and to support country led efforts for more effective cooperation on the ground. Building on this year's monitoring report, we are working with the UNDP-OECD Support Team to strengthen the process via two tracks:

- Strengthening the existing framework and monitoring process that was agreed in 2012. This includes finalization of the methodology of the global pilot indicators relating to the civil society enabling environment; private sector contribution to development, and country results frameworks; reaching agreement on refining the methodology for assessing transparency; and preparing the roll-out for the next monitoring round.
- Examining ways to further improve the monitoring framework, with a particular view to ensuring relevance for the post-2015 development agenda and processes.

In January, the Steering Committee will endorse a roadmap for the first track – including guidance on pursuing the pending indicators - and receive an update on the second track. The Committee will also be asked to endorse the establishment of an independent advisory group to provide technical expertise and a sounding board to ensure a methodologically sound approach that effectively engages all GPEDC stakeholders.

To help us in our role as Co-Chairs – including to ensure that our political leadership reflects the views and ambitions of all GPEDC stakeholders - we invite you to fill in the **survey of GPEDC members** ([Spanish](#), [French](#), [English](#)) by **Monday 10 November 2014**.

The outcomes of this survey will inform the next meeting of the **Steering Committee – which will take place in The Hague** on 19-20 January, 2015. An agenda and relevant documents will be shared with you well in advance of the meeting.

We, Co-Chairs of the GPEDC, call upon you to work with us and with each other to demonstrate results on the ground, and show that member-led alliances foster innovation and synergies. These efforts will allow us to anchor effective development co-operation in the post-2015 development agenda so that we can be assured that high-quality partnerships deliver the results that citizens and countries need.

Yours sincerely,

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Attachment: Guiding document 2014-16, including contact information for Co-Chairs' and Joint Support Team focal points.