

PRE-HLM SPECIAL SESSION

Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation: Sharing, supporting and spreading development success

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GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR EFFECTIVE DEVELOPMENT CO-OPERATION:

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1. Our objective for this High-Level Meeting is to ensure that development co-operation is credible and fit-for-purpose to fully contribute to the achievement of the post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals. It is essential to get development finance right. But the right policies are even more important, and success will also require that we contribute our full development expertise to the international development community – particularly the poorest countries, those most in need of support.
2. We agreed at the Senior-Level Meeting to make full use of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation to share practical policy experience on what works for development. The Global Partnership holds unique potential to become the hub for good development policy – a mechanism to incubate and grow initiatives that help its many stakeholders to deliver the results we all want.
3. The Global Partnership Steering Committee will meet in The Hague 19-20 January 2015. Right after this the EU will host a workshop 21-22 January to bring together all the champions leading Global Partnership initiatives and ensure real synergies between all efforts. We need to set the course now to ensure that the Global Partnership becomes *the* platform for sharing, supporting and spreading development success.
4. This calls for identifying and compiling success stories. This should not be difficult – the world is replete with development success stories. Developing countries are in the lead, demonstrating enormous development progress throughout all regions, and development partners including ourselves are finding more and better ways to support these countries. This has been confirmed in the Mexico High-Level Meeting, in Seoul during the Global Partnership annual workshop (6-7 November), and in Kinshasa where African countries recently came together around the Africa Action Plan for Development Effectiveness (19-21 November).
5. What we are missing is the transmission line back to gather these success stories, inspire replication and match-making, and transfer and adapt successful policies to local country needs and contexts. Work is on-going to strengthen these feedback lines, including by the Global Partnership Co-Chairs and joint support team, but as holders of many of these examples and successes the DAC together with our partners can provide the ‘cables’ to construct these transmission lines.
6. We propose to equip the Global Partnership with a platform to enable systematic sharing of policies underlying concrete development success stories. The DAC’s more than 50 years’ experience of development co-operation gives us significant, collective policy expertise. Poverty reduction is the DNA of our business model. But means and demands for poverty reduction are evolving. A survey among our developing country partners indicates their expectation that DAC partners shift from ‘implementers to enablers’. This means more provision of public policy support – rather than filling financing gaps – and more leveraging of private finance to help our partners reach equitable growth.

7. Developing countries want from us policy support and leveraging private finance – the Global Partnership can help us deliver both. It promises a way forward in today’s multipolar world which is increasingly diverse and complex, yet at the same time holds great opportunity for an increasing number of nations to exercise leadership, influence and affirmative action. As politicians and policy makers take an increasingly pragmatic approach and are open to emulate policies that have proven successful elsewhere, the Global Partnership brings those directly responsible for the policy and delivery of development programmes together with broader stakeholders to find shared solutions to shared challenges. Strengthening its nature as a policy hub will help to crystallise issues that are attractive topics for political debate, and help us to communicate successes more effectively.

8. You will find attached a concept for a Policy Platform to “Share, support and spread development successes”, and this will shortly be accompanied by concepts elaborating in more detail how policy sharing could focus specifically on poverty reduction and the private sector.

9. Discussions at the High-Level Meeting are important to help us advance quickly in ensuring that the Global Partnership reaches its full potential as the policy hub it has all the ingredients to be. It is up to all of us, now, to make use of this novel, inclusive partnership to improve our development co-operation efforts.

Questions for discussion:

- Do you support a more deliberate use of this inclusive partnership to systematically share policies that would inspire replication, match-making and transfer of successful policies among broader Global Partnership members?
- Are you prepared to identify and contribute your and your partners’ success stories (particularly on leveraging private finance and poverty reduction) to showcase initial examples at the next Global Partnership Steering Committee meeting in January 2015?

DAC CHAIR'S PROPOSAL TO THE CO-CHAIRS OF THE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR EFFECTIVE DEVELOPMENT CO-OPERATION

Concept for a Policy Platform to “Share, support and spread development success”

10. At the High Level Meeting of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation in Mexico, on 15-16 April 2014, and at subsequent discussions, there was strong support for the Global Partnership to become the hub for good development policy, and a mechanism to incubate and grow initiatives, making use of its broad range of stakeholders. This note outlines a basic concept for creating a platform for successful development policies, including with a view to inspiring and facilitating multi-stakeholder initiatives.

Sharing development policies that work – a platform for development successes

11. With the broadening representation in the Global Partnership, there is increasing interest in sharing and using practical policy experience that has shown to be successful in promoting development. The world has seen enormous development progress throughout all regions over the last 20 plus years. In all areas of development, and on all Millennium Development Goals, impressive successes have been achieved. That means that the world is replete with of development success stories.

12. This has happened at the same time as ideological fissures have subsided. Politicians and policy makers have increasingly taken a pragmatic approach, are open to emulate policies that have proven successful elsewhere, and adapt them to local needs and context.

13. No global mechanism has as yet established itself that supports the systematic sharing of policies underlying the many concrete development success stories. The Global Partnership has excellent assets to take on a central role in sharing these success stories and the policies underlying them. A particular strength is that participation in the Global Partnership is essentially drawn from those directly responsible for the policy and delivery of development programmes. Creating a policy platform would provide the Global Partnership with a mechanism to engage the full range of actors – public and private, international, national or sub-national – in the partnership on the basis of their proven success and demonstrated comparative advantage.

14. *“From sharing to doing” - A concept for a ‘development success’ platform.* To translate this ambition into reality in a concrete and tangible way, the Global Partnership could:

- **Identify success stories:** mobilises its broad range of stakeholder to identify concrete success stories of countries making significant progress against particular development indicators.
- **Compile evidence of development success into a platform:** The development success stories are compiled in a repository categorised by development challenge or indicator (progress against individual MDG indicators/other relevant indicators).

- **Mobilise countries to share their stories:** actively encouraged countries/states/regions to use the Global Partnership to share their success stories, providing them with an opportunity to generate positive news, and to shine on the international stage.
 - Ownership of the success by countries, and their communication about them, is a key factor for their authenticity and credibility; it would also allow bringing practical South-South dimensions into the Global Partnership in a constructive and tangible way.
- **Inspire replication and support match-making:** the Global Partnership can increase awareness of these successes, through its policy and practitioner networks. Where demand emerges to learn about the policies underlying the success and replicate it, the Global Partnership can help facilitate matchmaking among relevant policy makers.
- **Mobilise partnerships:** Where there is clear demand, the Global Partnership can play a key role in creating a broader support base for the transfer/implementation/roll out of policies in interested other developing countries, adapted as appropriate to the respective context.

15. ***Build-up to High Level Meetings:*** The compilation of successful policies, together with communication, sharing practical, direct exchange can crystallise issues that are attractive topical themes to feed into High Level Meetings.

- The time between High Level Meetings can be used to prepare and build up momentum around policy issues with strong demand and evident potential.
- Beyond showcasing selected original success, by the time of High Level Meetings, momentum may be ripe to publicly launch specific, practical policy initiatives supported by multi-stakeholder partnerships.
- More generally, one feature of the High Level Meetings could be that it becomes a ‘fair’ of successful policies.

16. **Generating further support for international development co-operation:** Nothing speaks louder than success. That is, why communicating success is essential. Despite the enormous development over the last decades, however, reporting and communication by media, but even from within the development community, tends to focus on negative stories.

17. A more systematic compilation of success stories can provide a practical evidence base that serves to communicate more generally a positive picture about development and international cooperation, and generate public and political support on the basis of a positive message.

Potential next steps

- Seek the support for/reaction to the concept from Co-Chairs and institutional partners.
- Flesh out the concept and relevant resource implications.
- Activate Global Partnership networks to provide success stories in their respective countries, areas of interest, etc.
- Scan early information, with a view to planning an initial demonstration/showcasing of success stories at the next Global Partnership Steering Committee in January 2014; and obtain formal endorsement for launching the platform.

