

Synthesis Note on the Building Blocks and Voluntary Initiatives

Global Partnership Steering Committee meeting
19-20 January 2015, The Hague, Netherlands

This document aims to stimulate fresh thinking and discussion on how to strengthen the contribution of the Building Blocks (BBs) and Voluntary Initiatives (VIs) to the overall work of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation, as well as sets out an overview of the efforts made to track BB/VI progress, and encourage further reporting going forward.

This document is shared with Steering Committee members for information and discussion. Steering committee members are invited to provide feedback, particularly on the guiding questions set out at the beginning of the document.

Contacts:

Ms. Teresita Kelly Lopez-Treussart, tel. +1 33 45 24 19 79, email: teresitakelly.lopez-treussart@oecd.org

Mr. Derek Kilner, tel. +1 212 906 5742, email: derek.kilner@undp.org

PURPOSE AND GUIDING QUESTIONS

The main objective of this document is to stimulate fresh thinking and discussion on how to strengthen the contribution of the Building Blocks (BBs) and Voluntary Initiatives (VIs) to the overall work of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation (GPEDC). Members are invited to discuss the following questions:

- What can be done to support and reinforce the ownership of BB/VI leads respectively for advancing the work of their initiatives, and to strengthen engagement and integration of the BBs/VIs into the overall work of the Global Partnership?
- How can the BBs and VIs further reinforce implementation of Busan commitments on the ground, and strengthen their contribution to the ‘common’/overall results achieved by the Global Partnership?
- What can Steering Committee members do to ensure further synergies and flows of information between the BBs/VIs, and from their work to the Steering Committee and broader Global Partnership membership? How can members ensure that such synergies are appropriately identified and reinforced at the EU Planning Workshop? What Steering Committee key messages on the BBs and VIs can be brought to the Brussels workshop to support effective discussions and concrete results?

OVERVIEW

The Building Blocks and Voluntary Initiatives constitute “coalitions of the willing” focused on taking forward specific Busan commitments, as well as advancing progress in new and innovative areas of GPEDC work, including domestic resource mobilisation and the engagement of the private sector in development. The BBs and VIs represent member-led implementation vehicles to spearhead the achievement of results at country and regional levels.

Ten Busan Building Blocks

During the Fourth High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness in Busan in 2011, countries and organisations came together around a variety of thematic issues or “Building Blocks”. The Building Blocks united those interested in accelerating progress in ten key areas listed in Annex 1. The official list of supporting countries and organisations for each Building Block, along with the summaries of the Building Block sessions at the Busan High-Level Forum can be found [here](#).

39 Mexico Voluntary Initiatives

At the first High-Level Meeting of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation in Mexico City (15-16 April 2014), several stakeholders of the Global Partnership agreed to make concerted efforts to accelerate progress in key development areas through a variety of “Voluntary Initiatives”, which were annexed to the [Mexico Communiqué](#). Annex 2 of this document provides an overview of the 39 Mexico Voluntary Initiatives, their intended outcomes, and their level of engagement with the GPEDC to date. They have been grouped into 10 categories for ease of reference.

Both the BBs and VIs are *voluntary* alliances which provide “hubs” for identifying and sharing lessons, best practices and knowledge on how to better achieve development outcomes and make development co-operation more effective. They illustrate ongoing efforts to meet Busan commitments, and provide an engine for driving implementation forward.

TRACKING BB/VI PROGRESS

Because the Building Blocks and Voluntary Initiatives are intrinsically member-driven, the leaders of each BB and VI have the primary responsibility to take their individual initiative’s

work forward, including monitoring and reporting progress to the GPEDC Joint Support Team on a regular basis. All BB/VI focal points and leads will be invited every six months to provide the Joint Support Team with periodical updates on the progress made in implementing their initiatives through the submission of a progress report (see *template in Annex 3*). The Joint Support Team will keep track of BB/VI feedback and inform the Co-Chairs about the level of response. For initiatives not reporting on progress, the Co-Chairs will consider whether these initiatives should remain on the Global Partnership initiatives list. Closer engagement from the BBs and VIs will enable them to use the Global Partnership to showcase successes, gain visibility for their results, and address any implementation related issues requiring political attention.

The Joint Support Team of the Global Partnership currently provides **support in keeping track of the progress** made in implementing individual Building Blocks and Voluntary Initiatives through a dedicated online space where BB/VI leads can showcase their initiatives' latest news and updates. This online platform is part of the official Global Partnership website and offers three dedicated webpages (one for general information and background on the BBs and VIs; a webpage highlighting the latest news from the BBs and VIs; and a third page listing all the links to already existing BB/VI external websites) for BB/VI leads to share information on their implementation efforts with other members of the Global Partnership, as well as with the broader public.

The Joint Support Team has put together a **database** of all the BB/VI focal points and leads to date, and has sent two **email news updates** (16 September and 17 October 2014) to invite them all to use and take ownership of the new online platform, as well as to inform them about all the different communication channels at their disposal, including the *Global Partnership Blog*, and the recent *Call for Case Studies*. Alongside this, BB/VI leads have also been encouraged to contribute to the *Global Partnership Newsletter*, which is sent to the full membership every 6-8 weeks. The Joint Support team has ensured the collection and uploading of all BB/VI contributions onto the aforementioned online communications platforms in a regular and timely manner.

ACHIEVING RESULTS THROUGH THE BBS AND VIS

While all Building Blocks and Voluntary Initiatives aspire to be as effective “delivery” mechanisms for achieving results on the ground, most initiatives are currently focused on taking steps towards strengthening the regional/global synergies and knowledge transmission lines needed to have an inclusive and open dialogue with all relevant stakeholders. The fourth column on the “Intended Outcomes” of the Mexico Voluntary Initiatives (Annex 2) clearly shows that **further efforts are needed to transform all the energy and momentum** around them (from workshops, meetings, studies, assessments, etc.) **into concrete action and results at the country level**. On this point, it will be vital for Steering Committee members and the Global Partnership membership as a whole to start **drawing more systematically on developing country partners' holistic understanding and knowledge** of what is happening on the ground. Steering Committee members may wish to consider ways in which to encourage more exchanges of information and perspectives with developing country governments and other country-level stakeholders that can then be captured and fed into Steering Committee discussions. The Hague Steering Committee meeting will provide a key entry point for identifying key messages on the BBs and VIs that can, in turn, be brought to the EU Planning Workshop on 21-22 January 2015 to benefit from, and be complemented with the inputs and ideas of additional developing country partners.

Based on BB/VI feedback received in response to the Joint Support Team's calls for inputs/updates for the online dedicated space and Global Partnership Newsletter, the Building Blocks appear to be more broadly active and engaged with the overall Global Partnership's work, with the Building Block on *Results and Accountability* and the *Effective*

Institutions Platform promptly responding to both calls for inputs. The Building Block on *Managing Diversity and Reducing Fragmentation*, the *Partnership for Climate Finance and Development* and the *Task Team on CSO Development Effectiveness and Enabling Environment* have also contributed to both the BB/VI online dedicated space and the Global Partnership Newsletter. This proactivity should be encouraged through periodical reporting, as well as providing the chance for the most successful BB/VIs to present their results to the Steering Committee as an incentive. It will be important for Steering Committee members to start reflecting on the way forward once a Building Block or Voluntary Initiative has achieved its intended outcome (e.g. Korea's Learning and Accelerating Program).

The contribution of the Busan Building Blocks and Mexico Voluntary Initiatives to the overall work of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation is essential to ensuring the much needed **diversity of approaches and innovative solutions** to the complex development challenges of our time. Steering Committee members are encouraged to consider ways to further support and reinforce the ownership of BB/VI leads for advancing the work of their individual initiatives; enhance BB/VI integration into the core of the Global Partnership's work; and, further stimulate their contribution to the overall Global Partnership's focus on country-level results.

BUILDING BLOCKS AND VOLUNTARY INITIATIVES VALIDATION PROCESS

To have a more robust understanding of the pivotal contribution of the BBs/VIs, the Co-Chairs of the Global Partnership are proposing to put in place a **validation process of the results** of each Busan Building Block and Mexico Voluntary Initiative. Such validation should be on request of the BB/VI and can only be done after a result has been completed. The Co-Chairs envisage developing a clear process for validation of the results of all BBs/VIs in the forthcoming months, with the goal of granting recognition to those initiatives which are most actively advancing and contributing to the overall work of the Partnership.

All interested partners are invited to reach out to existing Building Blocks and Voluntary Initiatives if they wish; or to contribute new voluntary initiatives to the Joint Support Team at info@effectivecooperation.org. Upon submission, your initiative will be added to the list of Mexico Voluntary Initiatives and showcased in the dedicated online platform for the Building Blocks and Voluntary Initiatives of the Global Partnership. The key criterion for inclusion is that any new initiatives respect the four Busan principles and that they aim to improve development co-operation. Please find below some **guidelines for submitting new Voluntary Initiatives** to the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation.

1. Announcements/Engagements/Pledges should contain a short description of the initiative, outlining concrete deliverables, expected outcomes, and relevance to the GPEDC agenda. This description must not exceed 200 words. Please make sure to keep your text short, as well as action and outcome-oriented.
2. Please specify partners involved and ideas/ways for interested partners to get involved with your initiative.
3. Please provide a timeline for your initiative's deliverables until the second High Level Meeting of the Global Partnership (2016).
4. If available, please provide relevant **website and online links** to further information on your initiative.
5. Please provide the name of a contact person or focal point for your Voluntary Initiative. This name will be added to the Joint Support Team's database of VI/BB "leads" and will be shared publicly for information related to the initiative.

Should you wish to remove your Busan Building Block or Mexico Voluntary Initiative from the current list of Global Partnership-associated initiatives (see Annexes 1 and 2), please email the Joint Support Team at info@effectivecooperation.org.

ANNEX 1: BUSAN BUILDING BLOCKS

| BUSAN BUILDING BLOCK | CONTACT | COMMENTS | REPORTED PROGRESS SINCE MEXICO HIGH-LEVEL MEETING |
|---|---|---|---|
| Fragile States | g7+ Helder da Costa hdacosta@mof.gov.tl | March 2014: The New Deal continues to be promoted by national and global leaders as a key reference for effective engagement in conflict-affected and fragile states. Concrete examples of its application are the country-led fragility assessment conducted in 5 New Deal pilots. The latest and most visible achievement the New Deal has contributed to is the Somalia compact, a breakthrough partnership agreement to support the delicate Somalia transition. A similar process is on-going in South Sudan. Based on the New Deal, the Co-chairs of the International Dialogue, and other members are working to promote the integration of Peace in the post-2015 discussion. | |
| South-South and triangular co-operation | Juanita Olarte Suescun Juanita.olarte@accionsocial.gov.co ; Ana Cristancho Rocha ana.cristancho@cancilleria.gov.co | March 2014: about 28 countries and organisations supported the creation of a building block on South-South and Triangular Co-operation at the HLF-4. The building block had its first meeting in March 2012 in Brussels to decide on its governance structure and agree on a workplan. No other meetings have been held since then. The ACP Group of Countries attended the Policy Dialogue on Triangular Co-operation and is involved in the follow-up actions agreed at that meeting. | |
| Private sector | Albena Melin, IFC amelin@IFC.org ; Steve Pierce spierce@usaid.gov | <p>December 2014: Together with its members and championed by DFID, P4P has conceptualized and delivered the Plenary Session “Business as a partner in development” (with business representatives from Africa, South America, Asia, Europe, and international organizations, DFIs and Justine Greening) and Focus Sessions for the First High-Level Meeting in Mexico City in April 2014. A Roadmap for “unleashing the power of business” was launched.</p> <p>The Country-level Action: Roadmap and Platforms work stream is managed by TPI (The Partnering Initiative) and supported by the Netherlands and Sweden. The Business Partners for Development Facility (BPDF) has been set up to build the essential ‘infrastructure’ both to drive the collaboration necessary to achieve the post-2015 development agenda, and to deliver on the Busan Commitments at the country-level. UNDP commodity platforms scale up sustainable production (e.g. in Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, Ghana and Nigeria), including all stakeholders in the value chain. Due to internal restructuring at UNDP, an update on the Commodity Platforms is pending.</p> <p>The Building Evidence work stream is led by BMZ (Germany) and the laDB. The work stream aims at improving results measurements in partnerships by prioritizing what to measure and by harmonizing terminologies between the private and public sector. A study that provides practical solutions for these challenges has been conducted and was finished in January 2014.</p> | ✓ |
| Climate Finance | Tom Beloe, UNDP tom.beloe@undp.org ; Alexis.Robert@oecd.org ; Juan.Casadoasensio@oecd.org | November 2014: This BB has contributed updates to the online dedicated space for the BBs/VIs, as well as to the Global Partnership Newsletter. | ✓ |

| | | | |
|--|--|---|---|
| Transparency | Alma Kanani, World Bank akanani@worldbank.org ; Per-Ola Mattsson, Sweden per-ola.mattsson@foreign.ministry.se | | |
| Effective Institutions Platform | For more information: www.effectiveinstitutions.org ; Steve Pierce spierce@usaid.gov ; Neil Cole neil.cole@cabri-sbo.org | November 2014: The EIP Annual Meeting (28-29 October 2014) presented key outputs and next steps with respect to <i>the use of country systems, domestic resource mobilisation, and accountable and inclusive institutions</i> . In addition, EIP members were invited to comment on a draft discussion note on 'EIP's Contribution to the post-2015 framework'. The members of the EIP also approved work on a new methodology which includes using <i>learning alliances</i> as a peer learning mechanism. The first learning alliance workshop on the theme <i>Supreme audit institutions and citizen engagement</i> was piloted as a side event. This Building Block was extremely active in the Korean Global Partnership Annual Workshop. | ✓ |
| Results and accountability | Bangladesh: Monowar Ahmed ahmedmonowar@hotmail.com ; Switzerland: Suzanne Mueller Suzanne.mueller@eda.admin.ch | November 2014: Bangladesh and Switzerland organised a side-event at the DCF in July 2014 and actively participated in the Korean Global Partnership Annual Workshop where this Building Block was proactive in presenting their work and outreaching to Latin American countries to explore possibilities of joint work. | ✓ |
| Managing diversity and reducing fragmentation | Uganda: Fled Twesiime fred.twesiime@finance.go.ug ; Germany: Claudia Hiepe Claudia.hiepe@bmz.bund.de | November 2014: This building block has conducted some analysis of country efforts in managing diversity and organised some consultations around it to inform Mexico preparation. Germany and Uganda as Co-Chairs of this Building Block addressed a letter to the new Global Partnership Co-Chairs in July 2014, outlining the key work undertaken by the Building Block in 2013/14. This Building Block has contributed regular updates to the online dedicated space for the BBs/VIs. | ✓ |
| The Gender Initiative | Zohra Khan zohra.khan@unwomen.org Emily Esplen Emily.esplen@oecd.org | July 2014: The DAC Network on Gender Equality (GENDERNET) has continued to work with UN Women to support implementation of the post-Busan global indicator on gender equality. This measures the proportion of countries with systems that track and make public allocations for gender equality and women's empowerment. There has been a strong take-up of the indicator: out of the 35 countries that reported on the indicator, 12 have systems in place to track and make public allocations on gender equality and 5 have a tracking system but allocations are not made public. Voluntary Initiative 20 on gender equality, launched at the Mexican Ministerial meeting, calls for an increase in the number of countries engaged in monitoring of the post-Busan gender equality indicator. | ✓ |
| The Busan Action Plan for Statistics | Johannes Jutting Johannes.jutting@oecd.org | At the PARIS21 Annual Board meeting held in April 2014, the Chair of the Task Team on Defining Implementation Arrangements for the BAPS presented the progress made so far by the Task Team. The majority of the efforts were focussed on the finalisation of the logical framework (logframe), which mirrors the BAPS itself, with three outcome indicators, one for each of the BAPS objectives and 10 additional indicators for the five BAPS actions. Eight of 13 of these indicators are the same or similar to indicators in the PARIS21 Logframe, including 4 of the five key indicators. In terms of performance, milestones were achieved for 1 of the 3 outcome indicators and four of the five output indicators for which data is available. | |

ANNEX 2: MEXICO VOLUNTARY INITIATIVES

The table below provides an overview of the **39** Mexico Voluntary Initiatives to-date. The Voluntary Initiatives have been grouped into 10 categories. Some cross-referencing of Voluntary Initiatives (VI) and Busan Building Blocks (BB) has been undertaken where relevant. For more details and information on each individual Voluntary Initiative, please refer to Annex 1 of the [Mexico Communiqué](#).

| CATEGORY | VOLUNTARY INITIATIVE (NO. IN COMMUNIQUE ANNEX) | CHAMPIONS AND CONTACT | INTENDED OUTCOME | REPORTED PROGRESS SINCE MEXICO HLM |
|------------------------------|--|--|---|------------------------------------|
| RESOURCE MOBILISATION | 1. Active support to “Tax Inspectors Without Borders” | OECD Task Force on Tax and Development, Belgium, France, Netherlands, UK Contact: TaxandDevelopment@oecd.org | Provide expert tax auditors for building audit capacity in developing countries by early 2015 | |
| | 8. Commitment to increase aid to tax matters, and to refine ways to measure aid going to tax system development | OECD Task Force on Tax and Development, Australia Contact: TaxandDevelopment@oecd.org | Commitment to increasing aid targeted at tax matters by the next GPEDC High-Level Meeting (HLM) | |
| | 9. Commitment to perform risk analyses against exposure to illicit financial flows | OECD Task Force on Tax and Development, Belgium, Netherlands, WB Contact: OECD TaxandDevelopment@oecd.org ; World Bank Kuntay Celik kcelik@worldbank.org and Emile Willebois evanderdoes@worldbank.org | A tool for proper risk assessments in developing countries by the time of the next GPEDC HLM | |
| | 13. Development Impact Bonds | UK (overlaps with private sector initiatives) Contact: Tim Stern T-Stern@dfid.gov.uk | An instrument to design new investments and set up a new online ‘open source’ | |
| | 16. Endorsement of the “Principles for International Engagement in Supporting Developing Countries in Revenue Matters” | OECD Task Force on Tax and Development, Australia, Belgium, France, Germany, UK, WB Contact point: TaxandDevelopment@oecd.org | Partnerships with developing countries to perform self-assessments against these Principles; report back to the next GPEDC HLM | |
| | 26. Launch of Coalition for Sustainably Resourced Public Service Delivery | OECD Task Force on Tax and Development, US, WB Contact: David Dod, USAID ddod@usaid.gov and OECD TaxandDevelopment@oecd.org | A coalition with developing countries interested in performing assessments of their domestic expenditure requirements and revenue needs | |
| | 36. Welcome the development of the “Tax Administration Diagnostic Assessment Tool” (TADAT) | IMF, TADAT Steering Committee and Belgium More information can be found at: www.tadat.org . | An assessment tool to provide a framework for assessing the strengths and weaknesses of a country’s tax administration | |
| | 38. Strengthening comparable tax statistical indicators (added on 12 May 2014) | OECD Task Force on Tax and Development, ATAF Contact point: Dr. Nara Monkam, Director: Research, African Tax Administration Forum (ATAF) Tel: +27 12 451 8811 Email: mailto:nmonkam@ataftax.org | The construction of comparable revenue statistics in interested developing countries | |
| PRIVATE SECTOR (see | 4. Business Hubs | UK, Sweden, Netherlands Contact: Tim Stern T-Stern@dfid.gov.uk | Business Hubs are being developed in Zambia, Mozambique and | |

| CATEGORY | VOLUNTARY INITIATIVE (NO. IN COMMUNIQUE ANNEX) | CHAMPIONS AND CONTACT | INTENDED OUTCOME | REPORTED PROGRESS SINCE MEXICO HLM |
|----------------------------|--|--|--|------------------------------------|
| also BB on Private sector) | | | Colombia ; scoping work for new hubs in Nigeria and Kenya | |
| | 5. Business Roadmap | Partnering Initiative with support from UK Contact: Tim Stern T-Stern@dfid.gov.uk | A roadmap to engage business as a core partner in development | |
| | 23. Inclusive Business Action Network | Germany https://www.giz.de/Wirtschaft/de/html/1745.html Contact: Arne Theissen, Inclusive Business Action Network - ib-action-network@giz.de | A Network aimed at unleashing the potential of the private sector for greater development impact | |
| | 37. Working Group on Good Practice Principles for Value Chain Development in FCS | IFC, Clingendael Institute, Spark, Shell Contacts: Magdi M. Amin, IFC, Mamin2@ifc.org ; Yannick du Pont, y.du.pont@spark-online.org . Also, please email valuechainFCS@ifc.org | A set of tools to identify risks, gaps and constraints in the enabling environment; a methodology ; a dialogue mechanism | |
| EFFECTIVENESS AND QUALITY | 3. Additional efforts on International Aid Transparency Initiative (see also BB on Transparency) | IATI members Contact: info@iatistandard.org http://www.aidtransparency.net/ | A light touch assessment of IATI progress in early 2015; further actions necessary to meet commitments by the December 2015 deadline | |
| | 10. Country Dialogues for Using and Strengthening Local Systems (see also BB on Effective Institutions Platform) | Effective Institutions Platform (EIP) (US is Co-Chair) http://www.effectiveinstitutions.org/ , Contact: Steve Pierce, USAID - spierce@usaid.gov ; Neil Cole neil.cole@cabri-sbo.org | Implementation of 'Country Dialogues for Using and Strengthening Local Systems' | ✓ |
| | 17. EU Joint Programming: Helping to Manage Diversity (see also BB on Managing diversity and reducing fragmentation) | EU http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/how/ensure-aid-effectiveness/index_en.htm . Contacts: Michael Kirosingh, Lino Molteni, Jost Kadel; European Commission, EUROPEAID-A2@ec.europa.eu , Alex Gerbrandij, Marie-Laure de Bergh; European External Action Service VI-B2@eeas.europa.eu . | Having joint programming processes operational in 40 or more partner countries by 2017; EU guidance issued by the end of 2014 and regional seminars on joint programming held in five regions by mid-2015 | |
| | 18. Further work on Managing Diversity and Reducing Fragmentation (see also BB on Managing diversity and reducing fragmentation) | Diversity and Fragmentation building block (Germany) www.fragmentation-diversity.org Contact: Dr. Claudia Hiepe, BMZ info@fragmentation-diversity.org | Further actions by the end of 2015; supporting regional workshops for peer learning; gathering and communicating evidence | |
| | 22. Highlighting the problem of potentially under-aided countries (see also BB on Managing diversity and reducing fragmentation) | Diversity and Fragmentation building block (Germany), DAC www.fragmentation-diversity.org , www.oecd.org/dac/aid-architecture/fragmentation-orphans.htm . Contact: Dr. Claudia Hiepe, BMZ, info@fragmentation-diversity.org | Individual and joint efforts to improve predictability and transparency in process of aid allocation; deepen the knowledge about the subset of fragile states that seems under-aided | |
| | 27. Launch of Learning Alliances on Public Sector Reform' initiative (See also BB on Effective institutions and | Effective Institutions Platform (EIP) (US and CABRI are Co-Chairs) Contact: Steve Pierce, USAID - spierce@usaid.gov ; Neil Cole neil.cole@cabri-sbo.org | An initiative to map Peer Learning approaches in public sector reform; develop a methodology toolbox ; a workshop in autumn 2014 | ✓ |

| CATEGORY | VOLUNTARY INITIATIVE (NO. IN COMMUNIQUE ANNEX) | CHAMPIONS AND CONTACT | INTENDED OUTCOME | REPORTED PROGRESS SINCE MEXICO HLM |
|--|--|---|---|------------------------------------|
| | policies) | | | |
| | 28. Launch of the 'ichallenge' (see also BB on Effective institutions and policies) | Indicators of the Strength of Public Mgmt. Systems (ISPMS) Steering Committee and EIP www.worldbank.org/ichallenge . Contact: Jordan Holt, Vivek Srivastava World Bank, vsrivastava@worldbank.org | An initiative to crowd-source ideas from the public for better indicators to measure the strength of country systems | |
| | 30. Open Government announcement (see also BB on Results and accountability) | Open Government Partnership www.opengovpartnership.org . Contact: joe.powell@opengovpartnership.org | GPEDC members who are part of OGP should ensure they have an ambitious citizen engagement commitment in their next National Action Plan | |
| | 39. Collaborative partner-donor evaluation initiative (added on 8 July 2014) | Public organisations from 18 partner countries; 15 donor institutions committed to providing financial and/or technical support http://www.oecd.org/dac/evaluation/collaborativepartnerdonorevaluation.htm Contact: claudelerothemeze@dgtrésor.gouv.fr | The initiative focuses on collaborative evaluation activities that are intended to strengthen country evaluation systems; a series of partner country studies | |
| SOUTH SOUTH COOPERATION (see also BB on South-South and triangular co-operation) | 19. Future International Cooperation Policy Network | Articulacao SUL, China International Development Research Network, Participatory Research in Asia (PRIA) and the Institute of Development Studies http://www.ids.ac.uk/project/future-international-cooperation-policy-network . Contact: Jennifer Constantine j.constantine@ids.ac.uk | Commitment to engaging in research-based mutual learning and knowledge dissemination; hosting dialogues ; producing research | |
| | 29. Network of Southern Think-Tanks | NEST Contact: Sachin Chaturvedi, chaturvedi_s@hotmail.com | A conceptual framework and a roadmap for South-South Co-operation; developing indicators | |
| GENDER EQUALITY (see also BB on Gender initiative) | 20. Gender Equality: delivering on the Busan Commitments | UN Women, OECD, CPDE Contact: Zohra Khan zohra.khan@unwomen.org | Commitment to intensifying efforts to support countries to strengthen their systems to track and make public allocations for gender equality | ✓ |
| CIVIL SOCIETY | 6. Civil Society Continuing Campaign for Effective Development | CPDE with support from Canada, Ireland and Sweden www.csopartnership.org . Contact: Roberto Pinauin rpinauin@iboninternational.org | A three-year programme "Civil Society Continuing Campaign for Effective Development" | |
| | 7. Collaboration to strengthen Civil Society-led South-South Cooperation through evidence and experience sharing | Articulacao SUL, Participatory Research in Asia (PRIA) and the Institute of Development Studies http://cso-ssc.org ; http://cso-ssc.org/forum/#/20140415/mexico-focus-session-debate-2-3852100/ Contact: info@cso-ssc.org | Commitment to continuing the civil society - academic collaboration on CSO-led South-South Cooperation; meetings; debate | |
| | 12. CSO Enabling Environment Framework and Guidelines | Task Team on CSO Development Effectiveness and Enabling Environment taskteamcso.com . Contacts: Jacqueline Wood, Task Team Secretariat, woodjacqueline@hotmail.com ; Brian Tomlinson, Task Team Co-chair, brian.t.tomlinson@gmail.com | A framework and a set of guidelines on the CSO enabling environment (EE) | ✓ |
| | 33. The Big Development DataShift (see also BB on Statistics) | CIVICUS www.thedatashift.org Contact: danny.sriskandarajah@civicus.org | An initiative to build the capacity of civil society to collect and use citizen-generated data; promote | |

| CATEGORY | VOLUNTARY INITIATIVE (NO. IN COMMUNIQUE ANNEX) | CHAMPIONS AND CONTACT | INTENDED OUTCOME | REPORTED PROGRESS SINCE MEXICO HLM |
|---|---|---|---|------------------------------------|
| | | | comparability of data | |
| | 34. The Big Idea: Youth-led, data-driven accountability and governance (see also BB on Results and accountability) | Restless Development http://restlessdevelopment.org/big-idea Contact: markn@restlessdevelopment.org . | A partnership to equip young people with knowledge and skills to use data to mobilise citizens to take action; the project will be implemented in Nepal, Tanzania and Ghana | |
| REGIONAL AND COUNTRY-LED EFFORTS ON DEVELOPMENT | 24. Japan's ODA Charter | http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/oda/index.html . | Commitment to reviewing Japan's ODA policy to align it with GPEDC principle of inclusiveness | |
| | 25. Korea's GPEDC Learning & Accelerating Program | Contact: Hye R. Song, hрсong01@mofa.go.kr | A training program by KOICA for practitioners and mid-career officials from partner countries | ✓ (achieved) |
| | 32. Statement of Resolve by the National and Regional Arab development finance institutions, the Islamic Development Bank and the OPEC Fund for International Development | National and Regional Arab development finance institutions , the Islamic Development Bank and the OPEC Fund for International Development | Commitment to deepening the GPEDC processes; a follow-up meeting by mid-June 2014 in Jeddah; and to a round table early in 2016 on ways and means of enhancing the frameworks of South-South cooperation | |
| | 35. The Partnership in Mozambique – An Agenda for Action | Mozambique, Ireland, Finland and Switzerland, Mozambican Debt Group Contacts: hibrahimo@mpd.gov.mz ; earnan.ocleirigh@dfa.ie ; Ulla.Jarvela-Seppinen@formin.fi ; suzanne.mueller@eda.admin.ch ; humbertozaqueu@gmail.com | A Joint Agenda for Action to lay out measures to be implemented over the next two years, aimed at strengthening and adapting Mozambique's development cooperation | |
| | 15. Eastern and Southern Africa and Indian Ocean (ESA-IO) Reference Centre for Regional Development Effectiveness Diplomacy | Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD) and Inter-Regional Coordinating Committee (IRCC) Contact: Vikramdityasing Bissoonauthsing, coordinator.ircc@gmail.com | A forum for facilitation; partnerships; guidance; region's capacity; regional diplomacy skills | |
| | 2. Africa Action Plan on Development Effectiveness | AUC/NEPAD Platform for Development Effectiveness Contact: Florence Nazare, florecen@nepad.org | Africa Action Plan on Development Effectiveness | |
| | 11. Country owned transition toward resilience and sustainable development (see also BB on fragile states) | g7+ Further information can be found at www.g7plus.org . | Fragility assessments ; six g7+ countries have undertaken the fragility assessment; other member countries are intending to do so | |
| LOCAL | 14. Development of country roadmaps for local and regional governments | UCLG and FOGAR Contacts: Edgardo Bilsky, UCLG, e.bilsky@uclg.org , Carles Llorens, RU-FOGAR carlesllorensvila@gmail.com . | A set of country roadmaps for an initial 10 pilot countries by 2016 | |
| PHILANTHROPY | 21. Guidelines for Effective Philanthropic Engagement | NetFWD, European Foundation Centre, Stars Foundation, UNDP, WINGS, support from Rockefeller Foundation Contact: | A set of voluntary and non-binding Guidelines for Effective Philanthropic | |

| CATEGORY | VOLUNTARY INITIATIVE (NO. IN COMMUNIQUE ANNEX) | CHAMPIONS AND CONTACT | INTENDED OUTCOME | REPORTED PROGRESS SINCE MEXICO HLM |
|---|--|---|--|---|
| | | bathylle.missika@oecd.org http://www.starsfoundation.org.uk/resources/guidelines-effective-philanthropic-engagement | Engagement; a series of country pilots in late 2014/early 2015 | |
| CLIMATE FINANCE (see also BB on Climate finance) | 31. Partnership for Climate Finance and Development | Multi-stakeholder Contacts: Alexis.Robert@oecd.org ; Juan.Casadoasensio@oecd.org http://climatefinance-developmenteffectiveness.org/busan-partnership-for-action.html ; http://www.oecd.org/development/environment-development/climate-partnership | A partnership to support lesson learning and dialogue on the management of climate finance for development through strengthened platforms for dialogue in Africa, Asia-Pacific and Latin America/Caribbean | ✓ |

ANNEX 3: TEMPLATE FOR REPORTING BB/VI PROGRESS

1) Is there any progress on the work of your BB/VI that you would like to report through the dedicated online platform on the Global Partnership website and/or the Global Partnership Newsletter? Have you organised any recent event on the work of your Building Block or Voluntary Initiative?

2) How is your BB/VI reinforcing and addressing the implementation of the key Busan principles of ownership, focus on results, inclusive development partnerships, and transparency and accountability?

3) How can your BB/VI strengthen its contribution to the common/overall results achieved by the Global Partnership?

4) How can the Global Partnership support your BB/VI work?