

## Side Event Concept Note

### GPEDC Side Event at World Bank Spring Meetings: “How to strengthen management of multi-source development financing – perspectives from the receiving end”

14:00-15:30 17 April, 2015, Washington, D.C.

#### Background:

As recognised in the Monterrey Consensus, increases in volumes of financing for development must be coupled with more effective actions. Since Monterrey, international efforts to improve the quality and effectiveness of development co-operation have helped to strengthen standards of partnerships and supported the demand from developing countries that commitments and good practice be observed by development partners.

The principles of effective development co-operation – *country ownership, focus on results, inclusive partnerships, and transparency and accountability* – have contributed to strengthening the ability of developing countries to manage the diversity of finance, resources and partners required to deliver the MDGs, and will remain critical to achieving sustainable development beyond 2015. As the international community is devising an ambitious global development framework that will call for the mobilisation of a broad array of resources to finance different dimensions of the post-2015 agenda, this Global Partnership side event will aim to explore how the principles of effective development co-operation can further strengthen the use and management of existing resources, as well as help leverage new and diverse sources of public, private and innovative finance for sustainable development.

The Third International Conference on Financing for Development (Addis Ababa, 13-16 July 2015) will provide the international community with an opportunity to reiterate its commitment to ensuring that development co-operation in support of the post-2015 agenda is effective and aligned with developing country priorities and needs. This will include stepping up efforts to deliver on commitments to strengthen the quality of Official Development Assistance (ODA) in areas such as predictability, transparency, use of country systems, and untying. While ODA remains an important source of development finance particularly for low-income and fragile states, non-concessional, blended and private finance have also become increasingly critical for many developing countries in recent years. In light of these changes in the current development financing architecture, this GPEDC side event will attempt to understand how to use development co-operation more effectively and in a way that helps to further support and scale up domestic resource mobilisation, as well as to better leverage private finance for development.

The Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation (GPEDC) will help drive these efforts forward by bringing all development stakeholders together to ensure that funding, knowledge and policy produce maximum development impact at country level. As Co-Chair of the Global Partnership, Minister

Goodall Gondwe of Malawi will convene developing country finance ministers to identify joint priorities for ensuring that the quality and effectiveness of all sources of development finance remain front and centre of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development.

### **Objectives:**

The side event will aim to explore how the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation can best support the strengthening of developing country leadership over planning and managing all development resources. In addition to identifying and exchanging joint priorities among developing countries for the Financing for Development negotiations in the lead up to the Addis Ababa Conference in July 2015, this GPEDC side event will also discuss how the principles of effective development co-operation can contribute to making better use of existing resources for development, as well as to leveraging more quality private finance for achieving sustainable development for all.

### **Expected outcomes:**

Participants will share their perspectives and insights on the aforementioned issues with the objective of producing a set of Key Messages as concrete inputs for the Financing for Development negotiations in Addis in July 2015.

### **Key discussion questions:**

- How can the Addis Ababa conference help ensure high-quality development finance that is fully geared to support countries in achieving their own priorities in pursuit of the future Sustainable Development Goals?
- How can the conference drive progress on commitments by providers of development co-operation to improve the quality of ODA, including by untying aid, using country systems, improving transparency and accountability, and making aid more predictable?
- How can the international community help developing countries manage the wide range of development finance modalities and development partners required to implement the post-2015 agenda? How have the principles of effective development cooperation supported strengthening country systems, including fiscal planning and budgetary process to manage development finance for results?
- How can development co-operation be used to strengthen developing country efforts to mobilise domestic resources for development?
- How can the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation, through its inclusive multi-stakeholder set-up, best support developing countries in the above areas?

### **Format and Participation:**

The event will be in round-table style, with a caucus meeting setup and a focus on open dialogue and exchange. Expected participants will include developing country finance ministers, as well as selected senior representatives of key development partners within the Global Partnership, including representatives of the Partnership's other Co-Chairs – Mexico and The Netherlands. While the focus will be on interactive discussion, introductory remarks will be provided by:

- **Goodall Gondwe** (Minister of Finance, Malawi and Co-Chair of the GPEDC), and

- **Juan Manuel Valle** (Executive Director of AMEXCID, Mexico)

This will be followed by interventions from key Global Partnership stakeholders, with concluding remarks being offered by the Malawian Minister and a representative of the Netherlands.