

Concept note

International Regional Workshop on the Implementation of the Global Partnership for Effective Development and Its Linkage to the Post-2015 Development Agenda: Challenges and Way Forward

Background

The Fourth High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness held in Busan, Republic of Korea, in 2011 represents a critical turning point in development co-operation. In Busan, over 3,000 delegates reviewed global progress in improving the impact and value for money of development assistance. They further proceeded to adopt the Global Partnership for Effective Development as an agreed framework for development cooperation embracing traditional donors, South-South Cooperators, BRICS, CSOs and private funders.

The Global Partnership for Effective Development is a forum to foster political accountability for the implementation of commitments at the political level, whilst facilitating knowledge-sharing. Regular Steering Committee meetings, and inclusive Ministerial consultations stand as key pillars of the Global Partnership's catalytic role to promote strategic and effective political alliances in the name of poverty eradication.

The first Ministerial meeting is expected to take place in the first quarter of 2014 with a view to build consensus around the four shared principles of the Global Partnership [i.e. (i) Country Ownership; (ii) Results; (iii) Inclusive Partnership; and (iv) Results and Accountability], and establish the Global Partnership as "the go-to partnership" in support of the implementation of a vision centred on poverty eradication, wealth creation and inclusion in the context of the post-2015 Development Agenda.

In its inception, the Global Partnership is directly linked to MDG 8 (*Develop a Global Partnership for Development*). The second Steering Committee meeting held in Bali, Indonesia on 23-24 March 2013 recognised the Global Partnership's potential to guide the process of "how" to achieve "what" is being proposed in the post-2015 development framework. As a direct result, the Co-Chairs of the Global Partnership shared an open letter with the UN Secretary General's High Level Panel of Eminent Persons on the post-2015 Development Agenda to highlight the relevance of the Global Partnership's work and the potential for building positive synergies around a successor to MDG 8.

The open letter emphasizes the notion for the Global Partnership to act as a pivotal enabler in the effective implementation of the post-2015 framework. The letter also makes direct reference to the first Ministerial-level meeting scheduled for the first quarter of 2014 as an extremely well-timed occasion for the Global Partnership to reflect on the recommendations of the High Level Panel, and calibrate a series of tailored interventions in support of this agenda.

Scope and Objectives

As a member of the Steering Committee, Bangladesh represents a focal point for the successful implementation of the global agenda on effective development cooperation. In this spirit, the first international workshop for the Asia region on the Implementation of the Global Partnership for Effective Development and Its Linkage to the Post-2015 Development Agenda signals Government's firm commitment to (i) take stock of current development dynamics, on-going successes and persisting challenges; (ii) seek potential areas for deeper engagement in terms of linking the work of the Global Partnership with the post-2015 Development Agenda; and (iii) identify a mutually compatible set of policy initiatives and recommendations to further promote effective development cooperation in the region and beyond.

On the latter, in convening this workshop, the Government of Bangladesh wishes to propose the establishment of a consultative and inclusive regional Peer Support Mechanism (PSM) to support the role of the Global Partnership at regional level. The PSM is expected to play a key role in overseeing the formulation of a regional common plan of action for effective development cooperation to promote national and regional priorities at global level. This pioneering effort is expected to generate high level cross-border consensus and a common policy agenda to foster greater regional cooperation for effective development.

In line with the recommendations from the second Steering Committee meeting, the workshop will address (but not be limited to) the following agenda items preliminary tabled for the first Ministerial meeting:

- Review of progress in the implementation of the vision set out in Busan (e.g. inclusiveness, transparency);
- Strengthen the role of business in supporting development;
- Scale up development knowledge transfer, especially among developing countries and emerging economies;
- Achieve more effective taxation and domestic resource mobilization for development.

This event is ultimately intended to yield a compendium of national experiences on the implementation of the Busan commitments, carefully molded into a clearly articulated regional position for consideration and further deliberation at the first Ministerial meeting. The appended draft agenda remains subject to further feedback from participants and key stakeholders.

Expected Outcomes

The purpose of this consultation is to discuss the effective implementation of the Global Partnership and its nexus with the Post-2015 Development Agenda. As such, the focus of

the workshop's deliberations will rest on (i) assisting participants in identifying new approaches to address common challenges in the implementation of the effective development cooperation agenda through shared perspectives and lessons learnt; (ii) supporting Asian countries in the process of identifying appropriate avenues to link the implementation of the Busan agenda with the Post-2015 development agenda; and (iii) providing an opportunity for all key stakeholders (e.g. host governments, development partners, civil society, and the private sector) to critically review the agenda and put forward policy recommendations.

The expected outcomes of the workshop include:

- A Common Plan of Action for Asia in implementing the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation to effectively support the work of the Global Partnership and contribute to strengthening the link between the post-Busan and the post-2015 Development Agenda as a direct contribution for the first Ministerial meeting;
- Terms of Reference for a Peer Support Mechanism (PSM) to fill the void between the global agenda and oftentimes isolated national initiatives. The PSM will also play a key role in fostering strategic links across relevant knowledge sharing platforms, and in developing greater synergies between various regional and global initiatives.

A unified Asian perspective on the implementation of the Global Partnership and its association with the Post-2015 Development Agenda represents an important step forward in enhancing the quality of Steering Committee deliberations, as well as informing the Ministerial level meetings of the Global Partnership.

Suggested participation

Expected participants in the workshop are:

- Representatives of Government from the Asia region [*Afghanistan, India, Pakistan, Vietnam, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Cambodia, Maldives, Philippines, Myanmar, etc.*];
- Representatives from the Global Partnership Steering Committee;
- Representatives from regional platforms such as CDDE, IATI, etc.;
- Representatives of the Building Blocks (Results & Mutual Accountability, Aid Fragmentation, CSO Development Effectiveness, etc.);
- Representatives from the OECD/UNDP joint team supporting the global partnership;
- Representatives from the Government of Bangladesh and its Development Partners (LCG ExComm and Aid Effectiveness WG members).

Agenda: 25-27 August 2013, Dhaka, Bangladesh

**International Regional Workshop on the Implementation of the Global Partnership
for Effective Development and Its Linkage to the Post-2015 Development Agenda:
*Challenges and Way Forward***

DAY 1: 25 August 2013

08:30 – 08:40 **Opening Remarks**

By Secretary/ERD

08:40 – 08:50 **Key Note Address**

By Hon. Prime Minister

08:50 – 09:00 **Welcome Remarks**

By Hon. Minister of Finance

Session 1: The Global Partnership for Effective Development

09:00 – 09:15 **Presentation 1: Progress and challenges in the implementation of
the vision set out in Busan**

By Korea

09:15 – 09:30 **Presentation 2: Progress and challenges in the implementation of
the Joint Cooperation Strategy**

By Bangladesh

09:30 - 10:30 **Break-out session 1**

- 1. Strengthen aid management capacity by promoting transparency and accountability in an inclusive manner (Chaired* by Cambodia)**
- 2. Scale up development knowledge transfer, especially among developing countries and emerging economies (Chaired* by Chad)**

** Session Chair-persons will be required to identify a rapporteur, and provide a brief introduction (approx. 5 minutes) prior to engaging the group*

10:30 – 10:50 Tea Break

10:50 – 11:30 **Break-out session reporting**

10:50 – 11:10	Strengthen Aid Management Capacity by promoting transparency and accountability in an inclusive manner
11:30 – 11:30	Scale up development knowledge transfer, especially among developing countries and emerging economies
11:30 – 12:30	<u>Plenary Discussion 1: Break-out session 1</u>
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 - 15:00	<u>Break-out session 2</u>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enhance use of country systems, with a focus on achieving more effective taxation and domestic resource mobilisation for development (Chaired* by Nigeria) 2. Promote the role of business in supporting development (Chaired* by Samoa) <p><i>* Session Chair-persons will be required to identify a rapporteur, and provide a brief introduction (approx. 5 minutes) prior to engaging the group</i></p>
15:00 – 15:40	Break-out session reporting
15:00 – 15:20	Enhance use of country systems, with a focus on achieving more effective taxation and domestic resource mobilisation for development
15:20 – 15:40	Promote the role of business in supporting development
15:40 – 16:00	Tea Break
16:00 – 17:00	<u>Plenary Discussion 2: Break-out session 2</u>
17:30 – 19:00	Welcome Reception

DAY 2: 26 August 2013

09:00 – 09:30 **Recap of Day 1**
By Facilitator

09:30 – 09:50 **Presentation 3: The Peer Support Mechanism (PSM)**
By Bangladesh

09:50 – 10:50 **Plenary Discussion 3: Bridging the gap between the global agenda and national strategies – The PSM**

10:50 – 11:10 Tea Break

Session 2: The Post-2015 Development Agenda

11:10 – 11:30 **Presentation 4: The Post-2015 development Agenda and the role of the Global Partnership**
By Liberia

11:30 – 12:30 **Plenary Discussion 4: Strengthening the Global Partnership and its role as an effective enabler of the post-2015 development agenda**

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 14:20 **Presentation 5: From MDG 8 to Goal 12 – Create a global enabling environment and catalyse long-term finance**
By Indonesia

14:20 – 14:40 **Presentation 6: To what extent can climate change financing create greater synergies between sustainable development and environmental management?**
By UK

14:40 – 15:00 **Presentation 7: Sustainable development and disaster management – Insights from Bangladesh**
By Bangladesh

15:00 – 16:00 **Plenary Discussion 5: A Common Plan of Action for Asia in implementing the Global Partnership for Effective Development**

Cooperation to effectively support the work of the Global Partnership and contribute to strengthening the link between the post-Busan and the post-2015 Development Agenda

16:00

Tea Break

18:30 – 20:00

Televised High Level Round Table Discussion
Effective Development Cooperation and the Implementation of the post-2015 Framework: A Southern Perspective

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DAY 3: 27 August 2013

09:00 – 09:30 **Recap of Day 2**
By Facilitator

Session 3: The Global Monitoring Survey

09:30 – 09:50 **Presentation 8: Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation Monitoring Framework**
By Joint OECD/UNDP Joint Support Team

09:50 – 10:20 **Presentations 9-10: Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation Monitoring Framework: Individual Country Experiences**

09:50 – 10:05 Guatemala

10:05 – 10:20 Timor-Leste

10:20 – 10:40 Tea Break

10:40 – 11:00 **Presentations 11: Monitoring for Results – The Development Results Framework**
By Bangladesh

11:00 – 12:00 **Plenary Discussion 6: The Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation Monitoring Framework**

12:00 -14:30 Side Event* on the Global Monitoring Survey and Lunch
** The Side Event will provide an opportunity for all countries participating in the Global Monitoring Survey to showcase their progress and achievements. Each participant to the Global Monitoring Survey will be allocated a small table (and a posting board on request) with a view to create a knowledge sharing platform to mutually enrich country experiences and performances in the successful completion of the Global Monitoring Survey. During the Side Event, each participant will be expected to provide stand by staff to work on their display booth to answer questions from the workshop participants.*

14:30 – 15:30 ***Review and Endorsement of the Peer Support Mechanism***

15:30 – 15:50 Tea Break

- 15:50 – 16:50 ***Review and Endorsement of the Common Plan of Action for Asia in
Implementing the Global Partnership for Effective Development
Cooperation***
- 16:50 – 17:00 **Concluding Remarks**
By Minister of Finance
- 17:00 – 17:15 **Closing Speech**
By Hon. Prime Minister

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