Strengthening the quality of development partnerships

The Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation (GPEDC) is an inclusive multi-stakeholder partnership established after the Fourth High-Level Meeting on Aid Effectiveness in Busan, Korea, in 2011. It brings governments, the private sector, civil society and others together to ensure funding, knowledge and policy produce maximum impact for development.

How can the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation support high-quality development finance?

The legacy of the Monterrey Consensus must be built on; increases in volumes of financing for development must be coupled with action to improve the quality of development finance. As recognised in the report of the United Nations Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing (August 2014), the principles of effective development co-operation – country ownership, focus on results, inclusive partnerships, and transparency and accountability – are critical in achieving sustainable development for all.

The GPEDC can ensure more effective use of all development finance by:
- Strengthening developing country leadership in planning and managing all development finance (strengthened institutions and country systems);
- Ensuring smarter development finance to deliver results (more predictable and transparent, better aligned to developing countries’ own systems and priorities);
- Convening the broad range of development finance stakeholders (aid and beyond) to maximise the impact of development partnerships, based on mutual accountability through a developing country-led process for monitoring the quality of partnerships.

How does the GPEDC support mutual accountability for high-quality development finance?

The GPEDC monitoring framework provides a mechanism for monitoring the quality of development finance and partnerships through ten indicators grounded in the principles of effective development co-operation.

- The mutual accountability framework reaches beyond governments from the North and South to the civil society enabling environment and private sector engagement, providing an international platform to reinforce mutual learning and knowledge sharing, linking national, regional and global levels.
- Monitoring efforts are founded on developing country leadership, building on countries’ own accountability mechanisms and information systems.

Through its existing methodology and inclusive country-led process, the GPEDC provides a complementary, ready-made niche product to support UN-led accountability efforts post-2015.

The OECD and UNDP jointly support the functioning of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation. For more information, please visit the GPEDC website www.effectivecooperation.org.