



## *GPEDC Side Event at Financing for Development Conference*

### **Effective Cooperation and Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships for Addressing Sustainable Development Challenges in Middle Income Countries**

The geography of poverty has been evolving so that middle-income countries (MICs) now represent almost three quarters of the global poor. While a considerable number of countries have reached middle-income status through rapid economic growth, many MICs encounter diverse development challenges including persistent poverty, growing inequality, vulnerability to macro-economic shocks and climate change. Against the backdrop of rapidly changing development architecture with the emergence of new transformative SDGs, there is a growing consensus that this is an opportune time to re-assess the role of development cooperation in the context of MICs.

This high-level multi-stakeholder panel discussion will consider the principles of successful development cooperation practices in MICs. Hosted by **Japan** and **Mexico** under the framework of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation; **GPEDC**, and moderated by international broadcaster **Henry Bonsu**, the side event will include perspectives from a range of governments, as well as international organizations, CSOs, and the private sector on key questions including:

- *How can development cooperation play a catalytic role in addressing impediments to further development in Middle Income Countries?*
- *How can the GPEDC as a multi-stakeholder platform promoting behavioral change on the ground support these efforts?*

**When: July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – 13:15-14:45**

**Where: Hotel Intercontinental (Warka), Addis Ababa**

*\* A complimentary light lunch will be served.*

Attendance is open to all registered participants at the FFD Conference. Should you have any question, please contact: [anna.whitson@undp.org](mailto:anna.whitson@undp.org)

# Programme

## Arrival and Registration

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### Introduction

**Moderator: Henry Bonsu**, International Broadcaster

### Opening Remarks

- **Japan:** TBD
- **Malawi: H.E. Goodall Edward Gondwe**  
Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Development / GPEDC Co-Chair (TBC)

### Panel Discussion

- **The Netherlands: Mr. Christiaan Rebergen**, Director-General for International Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs/ GPEDC Co-Chair (TBC)  
*Lessons learned from multi-stakeholders partnerships*
- **Mexico: Mr. Juan Manuel Valle**, Executive Director, Mexican International Development Cooperation Agency (AMEXCID)  
*Multidimensional poverty perspectives*
- **UNDP: Mr. Magdy Martínez-Solimán**, Assistant Administrator and Director of the Bureau for Policy and Programme Support (TBC)  
*"The Role of Development Cooperation in MICs" (Japan-UNDP Partnership Fund Survey)*
- **Viet Nam** (TBC)  
*Perspectives from LMIC in Asia*
- **Ghana** (TBC)  
*Perspectives from LMIC in Africa*

### Interactive Discussion from the Floor

- **UNICEF** (TBC)
- **CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness (CPDE)** (TBC)
- **Private Sector representative** (TBC)