

Welcome to the quarterly news update for the Global Partnership monitoring community

This update of news and events related to monitoring aims to maintain connections within our monitoring community.

Second monitoring round to be launched soon after endorsement by the Steering Committee in September. Learn more in this [brief information leaflet](#)

RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

Progress in Strengthening the Global Partnership Monitoring Framework and preparing the second monitoring round

On the basis of lessons learned from the first monitoring round and from consultation with Global Partnership stakeholders, the Joint Support Team (JST) of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation (GPEDC) has been working to strengthen the monitoring framework ahead of the second monitoring round, which will be launched in the coming months.

- **Refining the pilot indicators** (1. use of country results frameworks; 2. CSO enabling environment; 3. private sector engagement; 4. transparency): The JST undertook several actions described below to collect feedback and recommendations from GPEDC stakeholders in order to finalise the methodologies and processes for the four pilot indicators. Key features of the refined indicators will be presented for endorsement at the Steering Committee meeting in Mexico (3-4 September).
 - Indicator 1: refinement of the methodology in consultation with a range of stakeholders, including with results experts from several developing countries, presentation of the proposed methodology at a regional workshop co-organised by the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency and the Global Partnership Initiative on Results and Mutual Accountability on 20-21 April in Nairobi, Kenya, light-testing in Zambia and Bangladesh, consultation with the DAC's "result community" at a workshop on 4-5 June in Paris.
 - Indicator 2: refinement of the methodology in consultation with the informal multi-stakeholder working group on indicator 2, which met in Paris on 1 May, consultation with the Task Team on CSO Development Effectiveness & Enabling Environment (including CPDE), light testing in El Salvador and Rwanda.
 - Indicator 3: on-going outreach with relevant stakeholders to define the monitoring modalities.
 - Indicator 4: on-going exchanges with the OECD DAC and IATI secretariats, update at the Steering Committee meeting of the International Aid Transparency

Initiative (IATI) in June.

- Exchanges with the monitoring Advisory Group to finalise the methodology and process of all pilot indicators.
- Consultation on indicators 1, 2 and 3 with several regional platforms (including NEPAD, Asia-Pacific Forum for Development Effectiveness, and a network of practitioners in Panama).

- **Preparing for the second monitoring round:**

- **Revising the structure and process of the monitoring exercise:** The JST would like to express appreciation to those who provided their feedback through the online consultation to strengthen the second monitoring round. The feedback received – from over 20 partners – has been very useful for the JST to refine the monitoring process and tools (including the Monitoring Guide and country spread sheets) ahead of the second round. The proposed process and timeline for the second monitoring round will be presented for endorsement at the Steering Committee meeting in Mexico (3-4 September 2015).

- **Sensitisation and communications:** The JST has intensified efforts to communicate with its various stakeholders about the upcoming monitoring round. A call for focal points has been sent to national coordinators and providers of development co-operation, accompanied by key information on timeline, tools and how to join the exercise. GPEDC Co-Chairs and Steering Committee have been reaching out to constituencies to encourage stronger participation in the second monitoring round. The website is being updated to provide user-friendly and timely information. The JST has also presented to DAC members an update on forthcoming key milestones for the GPEDC, including the second monitoring round, during a Major Policy Issues Focus Group meeting of the DAC in July.

- **Gender equality and women's empowerment:** The JST consulted with UN Women to fine-tune indicator 8 for the second monitoring round.

- **Synergies with other monitoring exercises:** The JST initiated discussions to strengthen synergies between the second monitoring round and other upcoming monitoring exercises, in particular the 4th UN Development Cooperation Forum survey on mutual accountability, the International Health Partnership monitoring and the New Deal monitoring. Enhanced complementarity between the GPEDC monitoring and these processes will contribute to amplify evidence-based efforts for more effective development co-operation, while reducing the reporting burden for countries.

- **Monitoring Advisory Group:** This group of 12 high-level technical experts was established to provide guidance to strengthen the Global Partnership's monitoring framework and to ensure its relevance to the post-2015 context. The group met for the first time on 20-21 May in New York (more details [here](#)) and has provided the JST with recommendations on how to finalise the methodologies for the pilot indicators. In addition, feedback from the Group on how to further strengthen the second monitoring round will guide the JST in its final preparations for the exercise in September. At its next meeting on 28-29 September, the Advisory Group will define an approach to steer a broad review of the monitoring framework in view of strengthening its relevance to the post-2015 context.

<p style="text-align: center;">Engaging with Parliamentarians</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Positioning the Global Partnership in the post-2015 and FfD implementation and accountability efforts</p>
<p>The Inter-Parliamentary Union recently published a guidance note on “National aid policies: Key pillars of mutual accountability”. This tool provides a useful contribution to strengthen mutual accountability at country level and illustrates IPU’s critical role in ensuring parliamentarians’ engagement in our collective efforts to enhance development co-operation at all levels. The JST and AWEPA, the Association of European Parliamentarians with Africa, are exploring ways to strengthen parliamentarians’ engagement throughout the second monitoring round of the GPEDC. Evidence gathered by the IPU and AWEPA on parliamentary scrutiny and mutual accountability will provide complementary qualitative information for JST’s analysis on Indicator 6 (aid on budget) and 7 (mutual accountability) in the second monitoring report.</p>	<p>The Co-Chairs and Steering Committee members have been active in positioning the Global Partnership in the post-2015 and FfD negotiations. In Addis Ababa Action Agenda – the Outcome Document of the third International Conference on Financing for Development recently concluded in 13-16 July, 2015 in Addis Ababa – reference was made to the GPEDC (paragraph 58) in the context of underlining the need for further improving the quality, impact and effectiveness of development co-operation including through adherence to development co-operation effectiveness principles. This is a major accomplishment which will provide a legitimate foundation for GPEDC’s continuous contributions to track progress and trends in development co-operation and consolidate the efforts of multi-stakeholders on the ground.</p>
<p>UPCOMING EVENTS</p>	
<p>GPEDC Steering Committee meeting</p>	
<p>The Global Partnership Steering Committee will hold its next meeting on 3-4 September in Mexico City. This will be a key milestone for the monitoring process as the finalised proposals for the four pilot indicators and the structure and timeline for the second monitoring round will be presented for endorsement.</p>	
<p>2nd Advisory Group meeting</p>	
<p>The Monitoring Advisory Group will meet for the second time on 28-29 September to brainstorm on a more detailed proposal regarding the work on track 3 (review of the relevance of the monitoring framework for the post-2015 context).</p>	
<p>Pre-monitoring regional workshops</p>	
<p>The Joint Support Team will organise a series of regional workshops working closely with relevant regional platforms/organisations to provide detailed guidance to national co-ordinators on how to participate in the second monitoring round. Participants will be informed about the resources and tools available and will be able to share experiences with</p>	

each other. The first workshop will take place in **Bangkok on the 7 & 8 October** for the Asia-Pacific region. The other workshops will happen throughout October and November in different locations to be confirmed shortly.

STAY ENGAGED

Second monitoring round of the GPEDC to be launched soon

Learn more about the upcoming second round of monitoring progress in implementing Busan commitments, and join other countries, development co-operation providers and recipients, to help create a key source of evidence to inform political dialogue and enhance accountability within the international development co-operation community. More information available in this leaflet (in [English](#), [Spanish](#) and [French](#)), including “How to join” (page 3), which outlines the key steps stakeholders should follow in the coming months if they wish to start engaging in the process.

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We want to keep in touch with you!

Send us your updates and stories, let us know how you are making progress towards achieving the Paris and Busan Commitments. Entries in English, French and Spanish are welcome.

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