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# MONITORING ADVISORY GROUP WORK PLAN (2015-2016)

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This document provides a description of the proposed 2015-2016 work plan for the GPEDC Monitoring Advisory Group (MAG), as it was agreed during the MAG's inaugural meeting in New York (May 2015).

This document is shared with the members of the Steering Committee for consideration. Steering Committee members are invited to review and endorse the proposed work plan.

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## MONITORING ADVISORY GROUP: WORK PLAN 2015-2016

### Introduction

1. At its inaugural meeting in New York (May 2015), the Monitoring Advisory Group (MAG) agreed on a three-track Work Plan to fulfil the GPEDC Steering Committee terms of reference. While described in three separate tracks, it is important to note that activities and advice for each track inform and inter-relate with other tracks. For example, MAG discussions for Track 1 in New York raised conceptual issues with a number of pilot indicators, which in turn will inform its discussions in Track 2 and Track 3. The Working Group's advice under Track 1 was necessarily limited by the existing indicator framework and the urgent timeframe for revising the methodologies for indicators 1 to 4 (July 2015). At its upcoming 28-29 September 2015 meeting, the MAG will review with the GPEDC's Joint Support Team (JST) its advice for Track 2 and elaborate in more detail its plans for Track 3.

### Work Plan

#### **Track 1. Providing expertise for technical review of the refined measurement approaches and methodologies of the GPEDC's four global pilot indicators:**

	<i>Deadline</i>	<i>Status</i>
<b><u>A. Indicator 1 - Use of country results frameworks</u></b>		
a. Proposal for unpacking and perform a qualitative assessment of the indicator during the 2nd Round	20-Jun-15	<b>Completed</b>
<b><u>B. Indicator 2 - CSO enabling environment</u></b>		
a. Guidance on the operationalisation of the indicator for the 2nd Round	20-Jun-15	<b>Completed</b>
<b><u>C. Indicator 3 - Private sector engagement</u></b>		
a. Guidance on the operationalisation of the indicator for the 2nd Round	20-Jun-15	<b>Completed</b>
<b><u>D. Indicator 4 - Transparency</u></b>		
a. Recommendations on how to report the results of the assessment taking into account both technical & political challenges	20-Jun-15	<b>Completed</b>

**Track 2. Contributing expertise particularly to quality assurance of the second Progress Report through supporting the translation of the results and key findings into actionable and policy relevant recommendations**

*Deadline*

*Status*

**A. Political buy-in around the monitoring exercise.** In particular:

(a) provide strategic guidance on how to further build incentives for developing countries and providers to participate in the monitoring exercise

15-Sep-15

**Completed**

**B. Incentivising behavioural changes and follow-up to the results/report.** In particular, provide recommendations on ways to incentivize changes and follow-up to the report:

- Preliminary recommendations (01-Aug-2015)

01-Aug-15

**Completed**

- More detailed recommendations (Feb to Jun 2016).

Feb/Jun 16

**Future**

**C. Recommendations on the Structure of the 2016 Report.**

30-Oct-15

**Future**

**D. Peer Review Exercise.** MAG will review and provide recommendations on the preliminary and final drafts of the monitoring Progress Report, particularly around the following dimensions:

Apr-Aug 16

**Future**

(i) how to better feature added-value of the monitoring exercise in the report;

(ii) guidance to strengthen the credibility of policy recommendations emerging from data analysis;

(iii) guidance on the possibility of case studies to demonstrate how commitments are turned into action; and

(iv) preliminary and final stock-taking of potential and current limitations around data, based on inputs from the JST, the data collected through the Monitoring Process, and the Progress Report itself.

**Track 3. Reviewing the GPEDC's monitoring framework to ensure its conceptual relevance to post-2015 SDG and AAAA accountability efforts.**

*Deadline*

*Status*

**A. Scope and coverage of MAG's work on Track 3:**

a. Draft work plan on track 3 at the Advisory Group's September 2015 meeting.

29-Sep-15

Soon

b. Present proposed work plan on track 3 at the 9th meeting of the GPEDC Steering Committee (early 2016), with recommendations ahead of the 2nd High-Level Meeting

Jan/Feb 2016

Future

**B. Stress-testing the current indicators.** A review of strengths and weaknesses in current indicators and identification of ways to strengthen them, in two stages:

a. *Stress-testing data gathering:* MAG to provide recommendations on questions for the stress-testing of all 10 indicators (the questions will be incorporated in the country spreadsheet for data collection).

30-Aug-15

Soon

b. *Assessment:* Based on the inputs received, propose strategic guidance (advice piece) on how to strengthen the current indicators, taking account conceptual relevance to the emerging post-2015 accountability framework.

15-Jun-16

Future

**C. Review the relevance of the Monitoring Conceptual Framework.** On the basis of the underlying theory of change, explore the relevance of the current monitoring framework towards achieving greater behavioural and policy change.

a. *Accountability Follow-Up Mechanism.* Suggest recommendations or options for a mechanism which could strengthen the accountability framework.

01-Jun-16

Future

b. *Monitor the Inter-agency and Expert Group on the Sustainable Development Goal Indicators.* In order to inform MAG advice on a relevant monitoring framework, the MAG will receive updates and will monitor the development of the SDG indicators to be agreed in 2016.

Ongoing

Future

c. *Evaluation of the Monitoring Framework.* If the relevant stakeholders agree to pursue this type of assessment, provide advice on the characteristics and evaluation questions for an evaluation of the Monitoring Framework

01-Jun-16

Future