DRAFT Terms of Reference (TOR)
GPEDC Working Group on Country-Level Implementation of Development Effectiveness Principles

Background

The Mexico City Steering Committee meeting (3-4 September 2015) identified the GPEDC's country-focused, multi-stakeholder approach as a key strength, and emphasized the importance of using the GPEDC to accelerate country-level implementation of development effectiveness principles and commitments as a key contribution to support progress toward the SDG agenda. The Steering Committee also agreed on the importance of ensuring that all key stakeholders are engaged in country-level implementation, participating in inclusive dialogues that promote actions and accountability for change.

It was decided that the GPEDC should take concrete actions to advance its contribution in this area, establishing a working group to look at how the GPEDC can support progress on country-level implementation of development effectiveness principles and strengthen in-country multi-stakeholder platforms in support of SDG implementation.

This work should build on and complement scoping work undertaken by UNDP for the Joint Support Team on country experiences in implementing development effectiveness principles. It should take account of existing country-led dialogue platforms in developing countries.   It should also complement the annual Busan Global Partnership Forum hosted by Korea, which provides an established platform for taking stock of progress and challenges in implementation, mutual learning and signaling substantive follow-up actions; as well as regional-level platforms, including regional workshops convened around the monitoring process.

Purpose

To make concrete recommendations on how to advance country-level implementation of development effectiveness principles, and strengthen in-country multi-stakeholder dialogues, in support of SDG implementation.

Tasks

- Prepare concrete proposal(s) for the GPEDC to support country-level multi-stakeholder dialogue between development partners, and implementation of development effectiveness principles in support of SDG implementation. In doing so the group might:

  o Identify critical actions that can advance progress on country-level implementation and multi-stakeholder dialogue in selected countries from different regions, including opportunities for supporting in-country multi-stakeholder dialogue among partners building on existing mechanisms where present.
  o Identify issues that facilitate or limit multi-stakeholder dialogue and partnerships, and gather evidence on examples of country-implementation, building on work being done by UNDP.
  o Identify opportunities where these issues might be discussed systematically (e.g. Annual Global Partnership Forum hosted by the Korean Ministry of Foreign Affairs, regional workshops).
  o Identify innovative initiatives that could be launched at the HLM.

Timeline and deliverables
A final report should be prepared for the Steering Committee by June 2016. A note with preliminary recommendations and proposed next steps should be prepared by late January 2016 and presented at the next Steering Committee meeting (expected Feb-Mar 2016). At this meeting the SC may advise on whether to augment the work of the group.

Membership

The Co-Chairs of the GPEDC will select the group's members based on expressions of interest received. The Working Group will comprise a maximum of 5 members, and be led by a Steering Committee member. Membership will be open to all GPEDC stakeholders. Members should reflect the diversity of development actors within the GPEDC, and demonstrate familiarity and expertise in the areas of the group's tasks. In addition, a member of the OECD/UNDP Joint Support Team will participate in the group.

Working Methods
The Working Group will be expected to conduct its business by teleconference and electronic means (e.g. email, Skype). Its members will arrange coordination of meetings, notes, and outputs. Meetings in person can be considered at times when all or most members are at an existing event.