

Draft Terms of Reference
GPEDC Working Group on Knowledge Hub on Effective Development Co-operation

Introduction

One of the key success factors for the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation (GPEDC) will be its contribution to implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The GPEDC is making progress in this direction and is positioned for even greater impact, having been recognised in the Addis Ababa Action Agenda as one of the “relevant forums” to pursue “efforts to improve the quality, impact and effectiveness of development co-operation and other international efforts in public finance” (Addis Ababa Action Agenda, paragraph 58).

During its 8th meeting in Mexico City (3-4 September 2015), the GPEDC Steering Committee agreed that more should be done to position the GPEDC as an important platform for implementing the 2030 Agenda through promotion of more effective development co-operation. In particular, the GPEDC can play a critical role as a knowledge hub for exchanging ideas and experiences as well as promoting innovative initiatives to implement development effectiveness commitments in support of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Discussions at the Steering Committee emphasised that this function should go beyond simply sharing or publishing information, but focus also on fostering action and building trust between partners.

The Steering Committee decided that a working group should be established to discuss and make recommendations to implement this proposal.

Purpose

To develop a strategy and make concrete recommendations on how the GPEDC can become a knowledge hub for exchanging ideas and experiences as well as promoting innovative initiatives to implement development effectiveness commitments in support of the SDGs.

Tasks

- Identify areas where the GPEDC can make significant contributions as a platform for exchanging knowledge and promoting innovative action to implement development effectiveness commitments in support of the SDGs, taking into account:
 - a) the work of other organisations and platforms that are already involved in similar knowledge-sharing functions and the comparative advantages of the GPEDC;
 - b) the potential of country-level multi-stakeholder dialogue platforms to support its efforts (which will be examined by the proposed Working Group on “Country-Level Implementation of Development Effectiveness Principles”);
- Consider how existing GPEDC tools for knowledge-sharing – including regional workshops, the GPEDC website, and “e-discussions” on the GPEDC community site – can be leveraged and advanced by GPEDC members (e.g. through moderation of discussions, authoring content).

- Prepare a clear strategy and concrete proposals (at the global, regional, national and local level) for the GPEDC to become a knowledge hub for exchanging ideas and experiences and promote innovative initiatives to implement development effectiveness commitments in support of the SDGs.

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 co-ordination of meetings, notes, and outputs. Meetings in person can be considered at times when all or most members are at an existing event.