



Co-operation for effective development in the 2030 era: Developing country perspectives

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Summary

The side event was co-hosted by the Governments of Kenya and Malawi and reflected on partnership opportunities and challenges presented by the universal 2030 Agenda and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Participants were briefed on the objectives of the second High-Level Meeting of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation (HLM2), scheduled to take place 28 November - 1 December 2016 in Nairobi, Kenya. The Government of Kenya also provided an update on how it intends to facilitate the negotiation of the HLM2 outcome document.

Key Messages

- The 2030 Agenda and the SDG framework put people, planet and prosperity at the centre of development. Successful implementation will necessitate additional partnerships between and participation of all development stakeholders. This implies that all countries and actors should work together to forge a sustainable pathway for development and also signals an enormous opportunity for the Global Partnership with its focus on 'effective co-operation'. **To this end, the Global Partnership can potentially evolve into an important contribution to the 'how' of sustainable development, as envisaged by SDG17.**
- **Partnerships at scale are more important than ever:** more than 75% of financing for sustainable development is expected to come from the private sector, business and investment. The private sectors considers returns, bankable projects, and concrete impacts as core drivers of their investment, so an enabling policy environment is crucial for empowering and lifting people out of poverty, **making a truly universal and inclusive Global Partnership a necessity for SDG implementation.**
- **Financing for sustainable development will need to come from all sources: public, private, international and domestic.** This was acknowledged in the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and prompts the following questions: how can the Global Partnership create and support synergies between various flows of financing for increased impact? How can it enhance co-operation between actors to improve the effectiveness of knowledge sharing, policy and innovation? How can the Global Partnership bring multilateral and regional banks fully into an inclusive partnership space? These questions will need to be addressed at HLM2.
- **The inclusive consultation process for a negotiated HLM2 outcome document presents an opportunity to reach out to broader constituencies through important mechanisms operating with their own distinct legacies and principles** (such as South-South Co-operation) and with emerging partners. South-South Co-operation was born in Nairobi as a co-operation modality, and building on this success, HLM2 aims to further promote existing and new forms of co-operation.
- With such a high level of ambition, **the structure and instruments of development co-operation at global, regional and country levels must evolve in response to the complexity of SDG implementation**, which remains challenging in Least Developed Countries and Low-Middle Income Countries in particular. **Supporting**

and strengthening national policy space therefore remains a core part of the Global Partnership's added value.

Conclusion

The 2030 Agenda and SDGs are not only charting a sustainable path to the world we want for People, Planet and Prosperity, they are changing the way we work together, and should thus encourage change in the policies and behaviour of all development actors. **The Global Partnership has the opportunity to evolve into an important venue for partnership and participation for the SDGs, building on its achievements thus far and continued focus on the 'effectiveness of co-operation'.**

To do this, **the Global Partnership must develop into a truly global arrangement** by reaching out to all actors and exploring the way in which it creates incentives for governments and development stakeholders to work together. This requires redefining and strengthening the Global Partnership's working mechanisms and support functions. **The High-Level Meeting of the Global Partnership in Nairobi can also be a watershed event that transforms the Global Partnership into a key space for the promotion of effectiveness for sustainable development co-operation.**

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