



Regional Consultation Workshop on Strengthening Coherence between the Effective Development Cooperation and Financing for Development Agendas in Asia-Pacific

26-27 March 2015 / New World Hotel in Makati City, the Philippines

Concept Note and Agenda

Background and Context

At the Mexico High-Level Meeting (HLM) of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (GPEDC), 15-16 April 2014, countries shared evidence-based perspectives and articulated forward thinking on the current and future role of development cooperation at a country, regional and global level - in a post-2015 era. Centered on four key issues: domestic resource mobilization for financing national development; South-South Cooperation (SSC) and Triangular Cooperation (TrC); development cooperation for Middle Income Countries (MICs); and business as a partner for development, these are central to strengthening and taking forward the effective development cooperation agenda, for reaching national and global economic, social and environmental development goals, coherently. At the same time, the 'unfinished business' of earlier global agreements, including the focus on the use of country systems, remains of high priority to countries in the region¹, particularly given the increasing complexity of managing all flows of development finance at the country level.

The Effective Development Cooperation agenda closely links not only to the post-2015 negotiations, but also to the Financing for Development global dialogue. The 3rd International Conference on Financing for Development will be held in Addis Ababa in July 2015. It will take stock of the changing landscape of development finance since Monterrey (2002) and Doha (2008), and will provide an opportunity for discussions on challenges and opportunities for catalyzing and mobilizing finance to achieve the SDGs.

There is strong potential for coherence between the Effective Development Cooperation and Financing for Development agendas. With a number of milestone global forums upcoming in 2015, it is imperative that country-level realities and evidence inform these debates:

- Ongoing discussions and negotiations toward an agreed post-2015 agenda and set of Sustainable Development Goals adopted in September 2015
- The 3rd International Financing for Development Conference in Addis Ababa in July 2015
- Regular consultations and Steering Committee meetings of the GPEDC



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¹ Priority areas for Asia Pacific were captured in the outcome document emerging from the August 2013 regional workshop

Against this backdrop, the Asia-Pacific Development Effectiveness Facility (AP-DEF), together with the Department for International Development (DFID), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the Government of Australia, the Asian Development Bank (ADB), and with financial support from the European Commission is organizing a **Regional Consultation Workshop to discuss how countries in Asia and the Pacific are adapting to a changing development finance and cooperation landscape and their readiness for implementation of a Post-2015 development agenda**. The workshop will provide a forum for showcasing evidence of GPEDC initiatives taking place at the country level, as well as for discussions on the role of regional platforms in drawing attention to such initiatives.

The outcomes of the AP-DEF Regional Consultation Workshop are will feed into the *ESCAP Asia-Pacific Consultation for the preparation of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development*, in Indonesia in April 2015. They will also feed into the Development Cooperation Forum (DCF) Republic of Korea High-Level Symposium in Incheon in April 2015.

At the AP-DEF Regional Workshop, participants will consider several key questions:

1. How has the development finance and cooperation landscape changed since Monterrey (2002) and Doha (2008)?
2. How are countries from Asia and the Pacific adapting their development finance and cooperation policies and institutions and what reforms are being pursued to better manage and coordinate new sources, modalities and providers?
3. What institutional and policy frameworks need to be put in place to encourage effective partnership of public sector with private sector and civil society in managing development finance and cooperation?
4. What technical systems and tools are required to implement, track, monitor, and report on a broader range of development finance and cooperation, in terms of quantity and quality?

Throughout the workshop, several cross-cutting considerations will be given attention:

- Presentations and plenary discussions will be **strongly anchored in country-level experiences** from the region
- Consideration of priority issues in the region will be integrated into the discussions:
 - The **importance of strengthening domestic resource mobilization**, as the foundation of a country's overall development finance
 - Implications for **fragile and post-conflict contexts**
 - Relevance of these agendas in **Middle Income Countries (MICs)**
 - Significance of these developments for **LDCs and SIDs**
 - Opportunities for strengthening modalities and policy environments to promote **South-South and Triangular Cooperation**
- Emphasis will remain focused on **promoting coherence between the Effective Development Cooperation (EDC) and Financing for Development (FfD) agenda**

Approach

This regional consultation workshop is being planned as follows:

Side Meetings: March 25
Side Meetings (DFAA Review and CSO Consultation)

Wednesday

Days 1-2: March 26-27
AP-DEF Regional Consultation Workshop

Thursday-
Friday

A day of side-meetings is planned for Wednesday, 25th March, with two key components:

1. A meeting will be held to focus on reviewing experiences of Development Finance and Aid Assessments (DFAA) in the region, including sharing of experiences and DFAA outcomes, and a review of the DFAA methodology; and,
2. A CSO Consultation will take place, as lead-up to the Regional Consultation Workshop.

Participants and Resource Persons

A total of approximately 120 participants are expected to participate:

1. Government delegates from countries in Asia and the Pacific, including from Ministries of Planning and Finance;
2. Representatives from civil society organizations, academia and development think tanks from Asia-Pacific countries;
3. Global and regional experts and resource persons;
4. Representatives from global and regional development partner organizations.

Expected Outcomes

The key expected outcomes of this workshop include the following:

1. **A set of joint messages, based on evidence and perspectives from countries/constituents in the Asia-Pacific region**, to take forward to regional and global forums including the 3rd International Conference on Financing for Development in Addis Ababa (July, 2015), the ongoing post-2015 consultations, the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (GPEDC), and the DCF High-Level Symposium in Incheon;
2. **A draft regional workplan for the region**, formulated by Asia-Pacific countries;
3. **Contributions to capacity building of participants**, by fostering exchanges of experience between countries, promoting South-South/Triangular Cooperation on these agendas, and improving understanding of tools, methodologies, and approaches related to FfD and EDC.

Chaired by²: The Governments of Bangladesh, the Philippines, and Palau

Venue: New World Hotel, Makati City, Philippines

Date: 26-27 March, 2015

Partners: Asia-Pacific Development Effectiveness Facility (AP-DEF), UNDP, DFID, EC, ADB, and the Government of Australia

² Questions about this workshop can be directed to the AP-DEF Secretariat at the UNDP Bangkok Regional Hub: Ms. Ashley Palmer ashley.palmer@undp.org and Mr. Tom Beloe thomas.beloe@undp.org.

Day 1: March 26th	
Time	Session
8.00	Registration
8.30 – 9.10	<p>Opening and Welcome Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Government of the Philippines</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Rolando Tungpalan, Under-Secretary, National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) • <i>Government of Bangladesh</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Mohammad Mejbahuddin, Senior Secretary, Economic Relations Division (ERD), Ministry of Finance • <i>Government of Palau</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Elbuchel Sadang, Minister of Finance • <i>CSO Representative</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Antonio Tujan, Director IBON International
9.10 – 9.30	<p>Introduction to the Workshop: Main Objectives</p> <p>In addition to outlining overall objectives, this introduction will describe the expected concrete outcomes of the workshop.</p> <p><i>Speaker: Ms. Ashley Palmer, UNDP Bangkok Regional Hub/AP-DEF Secretariat</i></p>
9.30 – 11.00	<p>Session 1a: Development Finance and Cooperation Flows in the Asia-Pacific: Quantity and Effectiveness of Development Finance at Country Level; Institutional and Policy Considerations</p> <p>This opening plenary will focus on country level progress and constraints to managing the quantity and quality of development finance flows. The session will begin with a framing presentation, on issues of quantity of development finance, as well as linkages with institutional arrangements at country level.</p> <p>A panel discussion will take place with experience sharing by countries in the region (from a range of typologies including fragile states, MICs, SIDs and LDCs). Among the panel topics will be a focus on sharing experiences of undertaking a <i>Development Finance and Aid Assessment (DFAA)</i>. There will be a consideration of how the scale, scope, and quality of development finance and cooperation in the region will underpin countries' efforts to implement the SDGs.</p> <p><i>Panel Moderator: Mr. Baikuntha Aryal, Joint Secretary, Head of Budget Division, Ministry of Finance, Nepal</i></p> <p><i>Framing Presentation: Mr. Nelson Stratta, Development Effectiveness Specialist and DFAA Review Lead</i></p> <p><i>Panelists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dr. Gilbert Llanto, President, Philippines Institute for Development Studies and Lead Consultant, Philippines DFAA</i> • <i>Mr. Mohammad Mejbahuddin, Senior Secretary, Economic Relations Division (ERD), Ministry of Finance, Bangladesh</i> • <i>Mr. Banchong Amornchewin, Director of Planning and Monitoring Branch, Thailand International Cooperation Agency (TICA)</i> <p>Key Panel Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>How has the development finance and cooperation landscape in the Asia-Pacific region changed since Monterrey (2002) and Doha (2008)? What links to the global level?</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What has been learned from the aid/development effectiveness work to be carried forward to the FfD agenda?</i> • <i>What are the characteristics of various sources of development finance and cooperation in terms of quality and quantity, and how will this impact the implementation of SDGs at the country level?</i> • <i>What data gaps exist on development finance? What are the underlying challenges at country level?</i> • <i>At the country level, what are the modalities for establishing effective approaches to South-South and Triangular Cooperation?</i>
11.00-11.30	Coffee/Tea Break
11.30-12.45	<p>Session 1b: Panel Discussion: Development Finance and Cooperation Flows in the Asia-Pacific: Institutional and Policy Considerations</p> <p>This panel will feature country presentations to share effective approaches to strengthening country systems and removing institutional bottlenecks. The panel will include a particular focus on the need to strengthen national fiscal planning and budgeting systems as a key entry point for improving the management of development finance and cooperation.</p> <p><i>Panel Moderator: (tbc) Mr. Elbuchel Sadang, Minister of Finance, Palau</i></p> <p><u>Panelists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dr. Rezaul Bashar Siddique, Deputy Secretary, Economic Relations Division, Ministry of Finance, Bangladesh</i> • <i>Mr. Rith Vuthy, Deputy Secretary General, Cambodian Rehabilitation and Development Board</i> • <i>Mr. Zia-Ur-Rahman Haleemi, Director General Budget, Ministry of Finance, Afghanistan</i> <p>Key Panel Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>How are countries in the Asia-Pacific region adapting their development finance and cooperation policies and institutions? What reforms are being pursued to better manage and coordinate new sources, modalities, and providers?</i> • <i>What does ‘effectiveness’ mean at the country level, in FfD context? What principles from the EDC agenda do countries see as useful and which should be reformed?</i> • <i>Where are examples in the region of effective approaches to strengthening country systems, including fiscal planning and budgeting systems, to manage development finance for results?</i>
12.45-13.45	Lunch
13.45-15.15	<p>Session 2: Domestic Resource Mobilization (DRM) and Development Partnerships at the Country Level</p> <p>This session will draw on key issues emerging from the morning plenary session, highlighting innovations and effective modalities for engaging a broad range of actors at country level to leverage existing forms of development finance. There will be a strong focus on the importance of strengthening domestic resource mobilization as the foundation of overall development finance at the country level. The session will feature discussion on the following topics:</p> <p><i>Moderator: Mr. Tint Swai, Chief Executive Officer, The Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI)</i></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domestic development finance flows in the Asia-Pacific region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Mr. Nelson Stratta, Development Effectiveness Specialist and DFAA Review Lead</i> • Engaging the private sector in establishing effective development partnerships at country level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Mr. Guillermo Luz, National Competitiveness Council, the Philippines</i> • Engaging civil society in establishing effective development partnerships at country level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Ms. Emeline Siale Ilohia, Pacific Islands Association of Non-Governmental Organizations (PIANGO)</i> • Strengthening modalities and approaches to Domestic Resource Mobilization at country level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Mr. Jalal Uddin Ahmmed, First Secretary, National Board of Revenue, Bangladesh</i> <p>Key Question:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What institutional and policy frameworks need to be put in place to encourage effective partnership of public sector with private sector and civil society in managing development finance?</i>
<p>15.15-15.45</p>	<p>Coffee/Tea Break</p>
<p>15.45-16.45</p>	<p>Session 3: Working Groups on Formulating Key Messages</p> <p>This one-hour session will provide a forum for participants to collectively synthesize the inputs from the first day and begin to translate these reflections into thematically grouped key messages to take forward to relevant global meetings including the FfD consultations in Addis Ababa. Five working groups will also be asked to draw out key elements of a regional workplan for the AP-DEF community.</p> <p><i>Prior to breaking into working groups, there will be a short presentation of recommendations emerging from the Workshop Background Paper, which can help inform and structure the working group discussions.</i></p> <p><i><u>Presenter:</u> Mr. Tom Beloe, UNDP Bangkok Regional Hub/AP-DEF Secretariat</i></p>
<p>16.45-17.30</p>	<p>Session 4: Report Back from Working Groups</p> <p>Facilitators from each of the working groups will give a briefing of discussion highlights and emerging key messages, following by discussion in plenary.</p> <p><i><u>Moderator:</u> Mr. Tom Beloe, UNDP Bangkok Regional Hub/AP-DEF Secretariat</i></p>
<p>18.00</p>	<p>Welcome Reception at the Pool Side, 4rth Floor</p>

Day 2: March 27th				
Time	Session			
8.45-9.45	<p>South-South Innovation Sessions (I) Participants will have the opportunity to attend one of a selection of South-South learning sessions, which will be convened in parallel to look in depth at some of the topics and cutting edge concepts discussed during the two days of the workshop. Participants will be asked to sign up for their chosen session in advance. The first set of topics includes:</p>			
	<p><u>Session Topic:</u> (1)DFAA Methodology</p> <p><u>Resource Person:</u> Mr. Nelson Stratta (DFAA Review Consultant)</p>	<p><u>Session Topic:</u> (2)Technical Issues around Development Finance Definitions: ODA and TOSD</p> <p><u>Resource Persons:</u> Mr. Rahul Malhotra and Ms. Patti O’Neill (OECD; GPEDC Joint Support Team)</p>	<p><u>Session Topic:</u> (3)GPEDC Monitoring Framework: Preparing for the Second Monitoring Round</p> <p><u>Resource Person:</u> Ms. Yuko Suzuki (UNDP; GPEDC Joint Support Team)</p>	<p><u>Session Topic:</u> (4) Learning from Aid Effectiveness and Coordination in the Pacific</p> <p><u>Resource Person:</u> Mr. Henry Ah Ching (Ministry of Finance, Samoa)</p>
9.45-10.20	Coffee/Tea Break [A group photo will be taken during the break]			
10.20-11.20	<p>South-South Innovation Sessions (II) Participants will also choose to join one of the second set of parallel session topics:</p>			
	<p><u>Session Topic:</u> (5)GPEDC Monitoring Framework: Preparing for the Second Monitoring Round³</p> <p><u>Resource Person:</u> Ms. Yuko Suzuki (UNDP; GPEDC Joint Support Team)</p>	<p><u>Session Topic:</u> (6) Results and Mutual Accountability Global Partnership Initiative: Pilot Program in Asia-Pacific</p> <p><u>Resource Person:</u> Mr. Monowar Ahmed (Global Partnership Initiative Co-Chair/Bangladesh)</p>	<p><u>Session Topic:</u> (7) Climate Change Finance in the Context of Development Finance</p> <p><u>Resource Person:</u> Mr. Tom Beloe (UNDP Bangkok Regional Hub)</p>	<p><u>Session Topic:</u> (8)Measuring Private Sector Contribution to Development</p> <p><u>Resource Person:</u> Ms. Savita Narasimhan (Asian Development Bank)</p>
11.20-12.00	Discussion of Key Messages Emerging from the Workshop			
12.00-13.00	Lunch			
13.00-14.00	<p>Session 5: Strengthening Monitoring and Accountability at the <u>Country, Regional, and Global Levels</u> This plenary will feature sharing from countries in the region to on experiences and good practices of strengthening monitoring and accountability, as well as the role of effective use of data gathered through monitoring. This will include attention to technical systems and tools, as well as institutional and policy frameworks. The session will also consider how to integrate GPEDC monitoring with FfD and post-2015 monitoring processes.</p>			

³The session the GPEDC Monitoring Framework will be organized twice to give broad opportunity for participants to join.

	<p><i>Moderator: Mr. Madhu Marasini, Joint Secretary, International Economic Cooperation and Coordination Division, Ministry of Finance, Nepal</i></p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr. Alfred Schuster, Development Cooperation Advisor, Pacific Island Forum Secretariat</i> • <i>Dr. Lisa Grace Bersales, National Statistician and Civil Registrar General, Philippine Statistics Authority</i> • <i>Ms. Urantsooj Gombosuren, Center for Human Rights and Development, Mongolia</i> <p><i>Key Questions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What technical systems and tools are required to implement, track, monitor, and report on the wide range of development finance and cooperation? How can such systems also measure private sector contribution?</i> • <i>What good practices exist in countries in the region of mechanisms for strengthening monitoring and accountability at the country level?</i> • <i>How can regional platforms support countries to fulfill monitoring obligations?</i>
14.00-14.30	Coffee/Tea Break
14.30-15.30	<p>Session 6: Reflections from Development Partners</p> <p>During this roundtable discussion, development partners will share their key takeaways messages and highlights from the two days of discussion.</p> <p><i>Moderator: Ms. Caitlin Wiesen-Antin, Chief, Regional Policy and Programme Support, UNDP Bangkok Regional Hub</i></p>
15.30-16.15	<p>Key Messages and Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Government of Bangladesh (AP-DEF Chair)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Mr. Mohammad Mejbahuddin, Senior Secretary, Economic Relations Division (ERD), Ministry of Finance</i> • <i>PIFS/Pacific (AP-DEF Steering Committee Member)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Mr. Elbuchel Sadang, Minister of Finance</i> • <i>CSO Representative (AP-DEF Steering Committee Member)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Mr. Antonio Tujan, Director IBON International</i>
16.15-16.30	<p>Official Close of Workshop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Government of Philippines</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Mr. Rolando Tungpalan, Under-Secretary, National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) and Steering Committee Member, Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation</i>