Theme: Taking stock of progress since Busan – What has changed on the ground, what more needs to be done?

Contact Information: Who is organising this workstream / thematic issue? Who has contributed to this note?
- Joint UNDP/OECD support team [potential partners to be further identified as preparations proceed]

Information on this theme

Main objectives:
- To take stock of the progress made in implementing the Busan commitments. Building on the evidence generated through the global monitoring process, this session will balance the need to both showcase successes as well as address remaining challenges, with a focus on country-level change and areas requiring political focus.

Other aims (e.g. sharing experience, policy guidance, etc.):
- Examining progress against the 10 global indicators linked with the Busan agreement, with focus on a subset requiring greatest political attention;
- Showcasing selected, successful initiatives for improving the effectiveness of development co-operation to facilitate mutual learning between different stakeholders and modes of co-operation.
- Negotiating in depth to remove bottlenecks to progress in one or two key areas of “unfinished business” from the Paris and Accra commitments (e.g. revisiting donors’ existing commitments on untying aid). This could involve preparatory negotiations in advance of the meeting.

What is the media headline for this workstream?
- Why should Ministers, CEOs and other leaders be interested in an event/session on this? Try to formulate it as a statement:

  "Ministers and heads of organisations came together to assess progress and to hold each other to account for commitments for more effective co-operation made in Korea two years ago"

Specific deliverables based on ministerial steer
- The focus of outcomes or “deliverables” of the ministerial-level meeting will depend in part on the evidence that emerges from countries and other stakeholders on progress against Busan commitments. This evidence will help highlight key challenges and priorities for the Global Partnership, with a focus on immediate actions to boost progress as we approach 2015. At this stage, it might be expected that participants:
Take note of the progress made against the 10 global indicators, declaring success in some areas, and building consensus on specific actions to accelerate progress in others.

Showcase major achievements of broad public interest – for example, advances in making development co-operation transparent, and their impact on development results at the country level. This could include (or be a combination of):

- Country-, region-, or organisation-wide initiatives (e.g. successful implementation of a country, regional, or organization strategy, policy framework, endorsement of a Country Compact by government and its co-operation partners etc.);

- Relevant thematic/context-specific work by voluntary initiatives, such as building blocks or other groups of stakeholders (e.g. the New Deal, sector specific approaches etc.);

Agree on priority actions to implement some of the “newer” Busan commitments, with a particular focus on development co-operation.

Opportunities / suggestions to engage the wide membership of the Global Partnership

- Which groups of countries / organisations / initiatives might be called on to play active roles?

  - Developing countries, showcasing results and also experiences and lessons learned from the monitoring process (active lead countries to be identified)
  - Civil society representatives
  - Representatives of parliaments
  - Providers of development co-operation
  - South-south providers (entailing a sensitive approach to mobilising their participation in the ministerial discussion) – sharing their views on assessing quality of development co-operation, experiences and approaches.

Suggestions for lead speakers/panellists:

- High-level representatives of the above stakeholders, to be further identified.
- Think tanks or research centres interested in the Global Partnership’s work

Other fora / organisations that might be involved, or with whom links should be made:

[To be identified…]

- Intergovernmental (e.g. UN, G20, international organisations….)
- Non-governmental partners (e.g. foundations, private sector partners…)

Evidence and analysis

- Progress report on monitoring the Busan commitments
- Other complementary evidence from stakeholders of the Global Partnership

Other comments