

CONTEXT

1. Upon its establishment, the Global Partnership foresaw a review of its mandate to take account of the context of the post-Millennium Development Goals. The renewal of its mandate takes place in the context of the universal commitment to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure prosperity for all by 2030, ensuring that no-one is left behind. While development co-operation is only part of the solution, it provides critical support to the least developed and fragile countries and can play a catalytic role in mobilising financial resources and supporting knowledge sharing for sustainable development.

2. The Global Partnership is recognized as a solid foundation for the inclusive, multi-stakeholder partnership needed to drive more effective development co-operation as part of the revitalised global partnership for sustainable development called for by SDG 17. Its monitoring framework is one of the sources of evidence and data selected to inform the UN-led follow-up of SDG 5 on gender equality and SDG 17 on partnerships. Delivering on the SDGs demands adapted approaches and instruments to scale up the impact of development co-operation and reach those left furthest behind, wherever they are. The renewed mandate of the Global Partnership provides a new vision and ways of working. It identifies areas of transformation needed to galvanize multi-stakeholder collaboration for more effective development co-operation.

MANDATE¹

3. **VISION.** The vision of the Global Partnership is to maximize the effectiveness of all forms of co-operation for development for the shared benefit of people, planet, prosperity and peace.

4. **MANDATE.** The Global Partnership shall contribute to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by promoting effective development co-operation, geared towards ending all forms of poverty and inequality, advancing sustainable development and ensuring that no-one is left behind. The Global Partnership shall promote mutual accountability to hold each other responsible for more effective development co-operation through (i) data and evidence on development stakeholders' progress in meeting their commitment to more effective development co-operation; and (ii) a country-focused approach that helps developing countries make the best use of development co-operation to realize their national development goals with support of regional platforms. In delivering its mandate, the Global Partnership will promote modalities of development co-operation that contribute to the universal objective of leaving no-one behind.

5. **CONSTITUENCY.** The Global Partnership brings together, on an equal footing, key stakeholders of the development co-operation agenda from developing countries (countries receiving development co-operation, as well countries of dual character that both receive and provide development co-operation); developed countries (countries providing development co-operation); multilateral and bilateral institutions; civil society; parliaments; local governments and regional organisations; trade unions; private corporations; and philanthropic institutions. The partnership is founded on the recognition that sustainable results and impact of development co-

¹ The renewed mandate of the Global Partnership is set out in the context of the 2030 Agenda. The Steering Committee may adjust it in view of progress and challenges identified in the follow-up and review of the SDGs.

operation depend on joint efforts and investments. The partners are united by their shared commitment to inclusive partnership founded on common principles and goals and building on the comparative advantage of each. Regional platforms and organisations provide input regarding region-specific issues and approaches.

6. **FUNCTIONS.** The Global Partnership has five core functions:

(a) Supporting effectiveness at the country level

7. The success of the Global Partnership hinges on its ability to support countries in strategically managing diverse development co-operation resources, steering effective practices to deliver on national development targets. To this end, the Global Partnership will strengthen its country-focused approach, supporting countries to advance the effectiveness principles at the national level. It will ensure that country-level evidence on progress in and challenges to effective development co-operation informs national, regional and global multi-stakeholder dialogue to drive political decisions and promote behaviour change to scale up development co-operation results. The work at country level will include support for mainstreaming effectiveness principles into development co-operation practices; support to multi-stakeholder dialogue platforms building on data; and use of data from the monitoring in the United Nations High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development and Financing for Development review processes.

(b) Generating evidence for accountability and SDG follow-up

8. Moving forward, the Global Partnership shall be a recognised source of data, evidence and analysis to track progress on effectiveness commitments. In carrying out its renewed mandate, the Global Partnership shall draw upon its comparative advantages and focus on generating reliable and timely country-level data and evidence to inform decision making on effective development co-operation. To this end, the Global Partnership shall conduct biennial monitoring rounds on the effectiveness of development co-operation. The monitoring will continue to be country-led, with support from regional and global levels, based on mutually agreed and updated indicators to measure stakeholders' performance. It will promote mutual accountability by highlighting areas of progress and challenges requiring further work. Policy-relevant lessons and innovative solutions produced by Global Partnership Initiatives will complement monitoring findings. The data and evidence generated will feed into the UN-led follow-up and review of the SDGs at the High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development.

(c) Sharing knowledge and lessons

9. The Global Partnership provides a platform for knowledge exchange and learning on effective development co-operation. Across principles, goals and indicators there are countries, development partners and non-state actors that demonstrate the capacity to progress on agreed effectiveness principles and commitments. Global Partnership Initiatives and regional platforms are also producing lessons and generating evidence around specific commitments and innovative areas of effective development co-operation. This indicates great potential for identifying success factors, sharing lessons and making fuller use of knowledge generated through these efforts to promote mutual accountability and learning.

(d) Facilitating specialised dialogue

10. Policy dialogue is vital to link the evidence generated through monitoring to the formulation of development co-operation policies and instruments that serve country needs. The Global Partnership promotes action-oriented dialogue among relevant development stakeholders, which pools the comparative advantage of relevant public and non-governmental actors to address bottlenecks, develop or scale up innovative development solutions.

(e) Building political momentum for effective development co-operation

11. Producing the behaviour change needed to make development co-operation more effective depends on political leadership informed by sound evidence and policy recommendations. Centring its mission on data and evidence for effective development co-operation will enable the Global Partnership to make a distinct contribution to national, regional and global processes that can build political momentum for change in development co-operation practices. To this end, the Global Partnership shall enhance synergies with the Financing for Development Forum, the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development and the Development Co-operation Forum. The Global Partnership shall contribute to these processes as well as to national and regional dialogue, by generating the country-level data and evidence on development co-operation effectiveness needed to drive behaviour change and steer high-level political commitment for development co-operation policies and practices that are relevant, effective and timely.

12. **DELIVERING FOR A NEW TRANSFORMATIVE DEVELOPMENT AGENDA:** Collective action through the Global Partnership has driven stakeholders to improve the way development co-operation is delivered, contributing to gains in effectiveness. The 2030 Agenda calls for scaling up efforts to improve the effectiveness of development co-operation; action to mobilise the transformative power of private resources to deliver on sustainable development; and for enhanced exchanges between constituencies engaged in North-South, South-South and triangular co-operation to promote knowledge sharing. Carrying out its core functions, the Global Partnership's constituencies must unblock bottlenecks and sustain commitment to implement effectiveness principles at country level. The Global Partnership must do more to shape a meaningful public-private collaboration agenda for effective development co-operation, and intensify its work to facilitate knowledge sharing and learning from diverse modalities of development co-operation. The Global Partnership will address, as follows, these three strategic and interrelated challenges in order to strengthen its contribution to the 2030 Agenda.

(a) Mutual Accountability: Unblocking bottlenecks and sustaining commitment to effective development co-operation

13. Mutual accountability to each other for meeting effectiveness commitments underpins the work of the Global Partnership across all areas of work. Development stakeholders reaffirm the existing effectiveness principles as the accountability framework for measuring the progress of development stakeholders in improving the effectiveness of their development co-operation. The Global Partnership's constituencies shall commit to unblocking the bottlenecks that hinder progress on the implementation of these principles for effective development co-operation, and to updating its monitoring framework to reflect the challenges of the 2030 Agenda, including the pledge to leave no-one behind. Current effectiveness commitments on alignment, predictability, transparency and accountability relate mainly to public partners. The new development paradigm calls for

effectiveness commitments that reflect the distinctive contribution of the increasingly diverse actors in development co-operation. The effectiveness of development co-operation shall also be assessed against the ability of stakeholders to learn from different approaches and modalities of development co-operation; promote synergies between the growing diversity in technical and financial options available to developing countries to drive national development strategies; and respond to the capacity-building needs of countries struggling with new forms of vulnerabilities. Continuously strengthening mechanisms for engagement and dialogue with CSOs also remains a core requirement for a people-centred agenda.

14. *The way forward:* The renewed mandate of the Global Partnership is an opportunity to unblock bottlenecks on existing effectiveness commitments while also embracing the ambitions of the 2030 Agenda. To this end, the Global Partnership shall continue to promote behaviour change for implementation of existing effectiveness commitments and adapt its framework to ensure that it is relevant for dual countries and southern partners. It will develop targets to assess the effectiveness of philanthropic institutions as well as the ability of public partners, businesses and philanthropic institutions to work in partnership to take development co-operation results to scale. Effectiveness commitments should also guide adapted modalities of development co-operation to advance the universal goal of leaving no-one behind. The country-level monitoring process shall be strengthened to ensure the integrity and relevance of data, ensuring practicality and cost effectiveness.

(b) Shared Benefit: Unleashing the potential of development co-operation to attract inclusive private investment

15. The SDGs call for ‘urgent action to mobilise the transformative power of private resources to deliver on sustainable development’. They signal the need for the public sector to set a clear direction, monitoring frameworks, regulation and incentive structures to attract private investment that reinforces sustainable development. The Global Partnership is challenged to deepen collaboration with the private sector as part of the effectiveness agenda. The renewed mandate of the Global Partnership provides an opportunity to commit development actors to leverage development co-operation to attract inclusive business investments based on *shared benefit*. Through development co-operation governments, bilateral and multilateral partners, philanthropic institutions and civil society can play a catalytic role, helping companies remove barriers and share risks related to innovation and investment that benefit all segments of society, particularly those furthest behind.

16. *The way forward:* The Global Partnership shall set clear effectiveness commitments as the development community engages in partnerships between governments, civil society and the private sector that generate shared benefit for business strategies and development goals. Accountability and transparency are essential to ensure that these arrangements effectively contribute to economic development and poverty reduction. The Global Partnership shall also promote a mutually agreed framework to monitor that the public-private partnerships deliver results for the people. Furthermore, the renewed mandate of the Global Partnership will strive to help development partners adapt their practices and instruments for partnership with the private sector, including through the creation of a caucus of likeminded business and foundation representatives to advise the Global Partnership on public-private collaboration. Such a

transformation is also vital for middle-income countries that are looking for innovative modalities of development co-operation in their efforts to leave no-one behind.

(c) Mutual Learning: Learning from different approaches to strengthen the effectiveness of development co-operation

17. Drawing smartly together the diversity of options available across stakeholders to mobilise knowledge, technologies and financing can scale up the impact of development co-operation to the level needed to attain the SDGs. Intensified efforts to bring together towards specific development solutions the learning, knowledge and technology available across constituencies – governments, development partners, corporations, philanthropic institutions, CSOs, academia and local actors – can help take development solutions to scale at a faster pace. The renewal of the mandate of the Global Partnership is an opportunity to shape new modalities of mutual learning from diverse approaches to development co-operation and development solutions, recognising their unique characteristics and respective merits.

18. *The way forward:* The Global Partnership needs to build mutual learning from innovative approaches and solutions tried and tested by different stakeholders into its way of working. The Global Partnership shall review its modus operandi to develop a mutual learning loop from country level evidence, to areas of progress, and learning from different modalities of development co-operation with specific attention to southern partners; and partnership options to strengthen the effectiveness of development co-operation. Key modalities for improved mutual learning will include intensified focus on identifying lessons, through evidence and technical analysis, and disseminating these; and specialised policy dialogues among diverse constituencies to facilitate knowledge exchange and synergies between diverse development constituencies.

GOVERNANCE AND WORKING ARRANGEMENTS

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