

***The Importance of Country-Level Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships  
in a Changing Development Landscape:***  
**Side Event at the 2017 High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development**

**Tuesday, 11 July 2017**

**1:15-2:30pm**

**The Japan Society, Murase Room  
333 E. 47<sup>th</sup> St. (in between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave.), New York**

Light refreshments will be served.

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Hosted by the governments of Bangladesh and Canada under the auspices of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation, and drawing on the experience of countries in establishing and operationalising country-level, multi-stakeholder partnership platforms, the event will provide a space to reflect on the critical importance of a multi-stakeholder approach to development. The objectives of this side event are to:

- Demonstrate the impact of multi-stakeholder partnerships at the country, regional and international levels for effective development co-operation and achievement of the SDGs;
- Share concrete examples of challenges, solutions and lessons learned at country level in using multi-stakeholder partnerships for development; and
- Discuss how country-level platforms for multi-stakeholder dialogue can play an instrumental role in strengthening partnerships for development.

**Format and Participation**

The event will feature initial remarks by panelists from governments, civil society and the private sector, followed by interactive discussion with attendees. Speakers include:

- Mr. Joshua Mugodo, Assistant Director, Economic Affairs in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kenya
- Mr. Kazi Shofiqul Azam, Permanent Secretary, Economic Relations Division, Ministry of Finance, Government of Bangladesh
- Amb. Michael Grant, Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations
- Ms. Tara Nathan, Executive Vice President of Public-Private Partnerships at MasterCard
- Ms. Patricia Blankson Akakpo, Programme Manager NETRIGHT Ghana and Co-Chair of the CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness
- Moderator: Mr. Michael O'Neill, Assistant Secretary General and Director, UNDP Bureau of External Relations and Advocacy

**Watch the event's livestream** beginning at 1:15pm on 11 July! [www.effectivecooperation.org/events/hlpfsideevent](http://www.effectivecooperation.org/events/hlpfsideevent)  
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