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Introduction

Global Partnership Initiatives (GPIs) are voluntary initiatives led by different types of development actors (e.g. national governments, international organisations, CSOs, the private sector, etc.) under the [Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation \(GPEDC\) umbrella](#). As the ‘think tanks’ of the Global Partnership, GPIs bring together vibrant, substantive communities on issues either closely linked to the GPEDC or contributing in specific areas to development effectiveness. The 29 current GPIs are diverse, working on areas from results and accountability to climate finance. In many cases, GPIs also act as engines for implementation, helping to directly operationalise the development effectiveness principles and commitments agreed through the [Busan Partnership Agreement \(2011\)](#), the [Mexico High Level Meeting Communiqué \(2014\)](#) and the [Nairobi Outcome Document \(2016\)](#).

GPIs directly contribute to two of the Global Partnership’s core functions: they offer catalytic support to implementation of the Busan commitments at the country level, and they are a mechanism for exchanging knowledge and lessons learned on implementation of the development effectiveness principles and other commitments made in Busan, Mexico and Nairobi. As such, GPIs contribute to the Global Partnership’s [vision](#) by directly implementing commitments and by generating evidence, policy-relevant lessons and innovative solutions that can feed mutual accountability and learning into the Global Partnership’s core DNA.

Background

The GPEDC is a unique multi-stakeholder platform that can support GPIs in effectively upscaling their work and sharing results, promoting mutual learning and increasing mutual co-operation. Through the Global Partnership, GPIs can elevate substantive items to the attention of the wider development community, influence political dialogue and drive change by proposing innovative solutions to common issues. Today, many GPIs already collaborate with each other and provide evidence, insights and contributions to several GPEDC activities (e.g. regional and Steering Committee meetings and the monitoring exercise). However, there is still untapped potential for further collaboration among GPIs, greater linkages between GPIs and the broader work of the Global Partnership and increased synergies between GPIs and country-level implementation and knowledge-sharing efforts.

Both prior to and post the [Second High-Level Meeting of the Global Partnership \(HLM2\)](#), GPEDC stakeholders called for better integration of GPIs into the institutional mechanisms of the Global Partnership in order to support implementation of the Busan principles at the country level and greater knowledge-sharing around development effectiveness. Among other activities, the GPEDC organised the “Planning Workshop: Strengthening Co-operation to Deliver Results” in January 2015 in Brussels, and the [“GPI Acceleration Workshop”](#) in June 2016 in Barcelona. In addition, at its [13th](#) and [14th](#) meetings (2017, Washington and Dhaka respectively), the Steering Committee underscored the need to increase the Global Partnership’s systematic engagement with GPIs.

To support this process, a [short paper](#) has been prepared by the Working Group on Knowledge-Sharing for Increased Development Effectiveness. It attempts to provide a foundation for the Steering Committee and Co-Chairs’ further consideration on how to capitalise on GPIs’ comparative advantages in sharing knowledge and supporting implementation of development effectiveness principles and commitments made in Busan, Mexico and Nairobi at the country level; to identify linkages between the GPIs and the ongoing work to operationalise [the 2017-2018 programme of work](#); and to create more space for GPIs in the institutional architecture of the Global Partnership. Additionally, building on this work, a proposal from the Joint Support Team (forthcoming) will be produced with recommendations for Steering Committee consideration at its 15th meeting (April 2018 – TBC).

Objectives and Attendance

The Workshop will be attended by GPI leads, members of the Steering Committee and representatives from the Co-Chairs and strategic Working Groups. It will provide an opportunity for GPI representatives to:

1. Explore ways in which the Global Partnership can make better use of knowledge generated by GPIs, including how GPIs can contribute to the work of the Global Partnership through its [2017-2018 programme of work](#) and strategic Working Groups.
2. Improve cross-fertilisation between GPIs and identify options for collaboration.
3. Identify stories of progress across different areas of effective development co-operation, which highlight GPI achievements and inform the broader work of the Global Partnership.
4. Discuss practical means of strengthening the linkages between GPIs and the GPEDC, and between GPIs themselves.

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Monday, 19 March

12:30 – 13:00 **Arrival and registration**

13:00 – 13:30 **Welcome and opening remarks**

- Welcome remarks (Germany)
 - Opening remarks (Co-Chairs' representatives)
 - Run through of agenda and expected objectives for the meeting
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13:30 – 14:30 **Session 1:
Setting the scene**

- (i) Session one will begin with a **panel discussion (30 minutes, TBC)**, which will set the scene for the workshop by discussing:
 - The evolution of the international development co-operation landscape given the ambitions of the 2030 Agenda.
 - Outcomes from the Second High-Level Meeting of the Global Partnership (HLM2).
 - lessons learnt from the GPI workshops in Brussel 2014 and Barcelona 2016
- (ii) This will be followed by a **presentation** by the UNDP-OECD Joint Support Team (JST) on the 2017-2018 programme of work, including substantive areas of focus and preliminary findings from each strategic output. **(10 minutes)**
- (iii) This will be followed by a **Q&A** (plenary) with Co-Chairs and Working Group representatives. **(20 minutes)**

Background document: 2017-2018 Global Partnership [Programme of Work](#) ([ES](#) / [FR](#))

14:30 – 15:45 **Session 2:
Overview of GPIs and their areas of work**

This session will provide background on the GPIs themselves, covering their substantive areas of work and outcomes of the 2018 Call for Inputs, and identifying areas for co-operation / synergies among GPIs.

- (i) The **JST will make a short presentation** on the trends and themes identified in the 2018 GPI Call for Inputs. **(5 minutes)**
- (ii) This will be followed by **break-out groups in a world café format**. All GPIs will have an opportunity to briefly present their activities. Rather than focusing on the activity-level, GPIs are asked to concentrate these presentations on how they are:
- Demonstrating innovative / successful mechanisms for implementing the development effectiveness principles and other commitments identified in Busan / Mexico / Nairobi;
 - Identifying policy messages for more effective development co-operation;
 - Building multi-stakeholder partnerships or partnerships with other GPIs;
 - and / or sharing knowledge generated by their activities to increase development impact. **(45 minutes)**
- (iii) This will be followed by a **plenary session sharing insights from the round tables**; identifying messages to be conveyed to the Steering Committee or used in the Global Partnership's analytical or communications / advocacy work on effective development co-operation; and discussing possibilities for synergies / co-operation between GPIs. **(25 minutes)**

Background document: Feedback from the 2018 GPI Call for Inputs (forthcoming)

15:45 – 16:00 **Coffee break**

16:00 – 16:45 **Session 3:
GPIs in the new development landscape**

This session will discuss the relevance of the GPIs for the SDGs and the country-heavy, global-light approach.

Session two will begin with a **moderated plenary or panel discussion (25 minutes, TBC)** which will inform the session by discussing:

- The relevance of the GPIs for the SDGs: do the GPIs provide information / materials that assist partner countries in working towards SDG achievement?
 - What makes a GPI? Is the global light / country heavy approach still applicable, and is partner country management of GPIs happening in practice?
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16:45 – 17:00 **Wrap-up of Day 1**

Tuesday, 20 March

09:30 – 10:30 **Session 4:
Enhancing GPIs' contribution to the 2017-2018 work programme**

This session will explore ways in which synergies between GPIs and the broader work of the GPEDC can be increased, and how GPIs can contribute to the implementation of the 2017-2018 work programme.

- (i) This session will begin with a **short recap** of the Work Programme's strategic outputs. GPI representatives will then **break into one of four small groups**, each representing a strategic output. A representative of each Working Group will give a **5-minute presentation** on the group's ongoing work and upcoming deliverables. The GPI representatives will then be encouraged to **brainstorm** ways in which their work might act as a source of complementary evidence to, or directly support, the activities of the Working Groups. **(30 minutes)**
- (ii) This will be followed by a **plenary session sharing insights from the round tables** and concrete proposals on how to better link the GPIs to each of the work programme's Strategic Outputs. **(30 minutes)**

Background document: 2017-2018 Global Partnership [Programme of Work](#) ([ES](#) / [FR](#))

10:30 – 11:30 **Session 5:**
Localising our work: GPIs' contribution to country-level efforts

This session will explore ways for GPIs to further support implementation of effective development co-operation at the country level and to support ongoing activities under Working Group 1 on Country-Level Implementation.

- (i) A representative from the Working Group on Country-Level Implementation will make a **short presentation** on the country pilot process, including outcomes from the GPI session at the Country-Level Implementation Workshop (Addis, February 2018) and the proposed compendium of good practices. **(15 minutes)**
- (ii) GPIs that were presented at the Country Pilot Kickoff workshop in Addis will be given time to make **interventions from the floor** on their takeaways from the pilot process and / or kickoff workshop. **(15 minutes)**
- (iii) A **plenary session** will then be held to discuss how the work of the GPIs could feed into the piloting process and / or provide complementary evidence to the compendium of good practices. **(30 minutes)**

Background document: Country-Level Implementation Pilot Workshop summary (forthcoming)

11:30 – 12:00 **Coffee break**

12:00 – 13:00 **Session 6:**
Knowledge-Sharing: GPIs' added value

This session will explore ways for GPIs to further support the Global Partnership's efforts to strengthen knowledge-sharing on effective development co-operation for increased impact and will also discuss ways they can more widely share their own knowledge.

- (i) A representative from the Working Group on Knowledge-Sharing will make a **short presentation** on its work to date, including the plans for the proposed knowledge-sharing platform. **(5 minutes)**

- (ii) Groups will then be broken into those who have ready-made platforms for disseminating knowledge and those who will be looking to largely utilise the Global Partnership's forthcoming knowledge-sharing platform to **discuss** how the work of the GPIs could (i) be better synthesised into useful knowledge products and / or policy messages to inform the work of the Global Partnership and (ii) be harnessed through the knowledge-sharing platform. **(35 minutes)**
- (iii) A **plenary session** will then be held to discuss insights from the group sessions. **(20 minutes)**

Background document: Knowledge-Sharing Platform terms of reference (forthcoming)

13:00 – 14:00 **Lunch**

14:00 – 15:30 **Session 7:
Feedback on the proposal to strengthen engagement with GPIs and build a community of practice**

This session will seek to provide concrete feedback from GPIs on the JST proposal for strengthening engagement with the GPIs, to be presented at the 15th Steering Committee meeting (Washington, April 2018 - TBC) and to strengthen information-sharing and cross-fertilisation of work between GPIs in support of a GPI community of practice.

- (i) The Co-Chairs' representatives will make **opening remarks** about the importance of better institutionalising the GPIs into the Global Partnership and the planned agenda item at the Steering Committee meeting in April. **(5 minutes)**
 - (ii) The **JST will make a short presentation** on outcomes of the Barcelona and Brussels GPI workshops and the draft proposal for presentation to the Steering Committee. **(5 minutes)**
 - (iii) GPIs will then be **split into four small groups to brainstorm** ways in which the linkages between GPIs could be practically strengthened, based on the paper prepared by the Working Group on Knowledge-Sharing and the proposal by the JST. GPIs will also be encouraged to consider ways in which the GPEDC could functionally support their work and to discuss challenges or lessons they have faced in collaborating with their own members, across GPIs or even with the Global Partnership itself. **(40 minutes)**
 - (iv) This will be followed by a **plenary session sharing insights from the round tables** and agreeing on practical recommendations or refinements to the JST presentation to the Steering Committee on strengthening engagement with GPIs at its 15th meeting (Washington, April 2018 - TBC). **(40 minutes)**
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15:30 – 16:15 **Conclusion and the way forward**

The closing session will summarise all key highlights from the two days, which will be conveyed to the Steering Committee along with examples, successful stories and / or policy recommendations from GPIs at its 15th meeting (Washington, April 2018 – TBC).

16:15 – 16:30 **Feedback from workshop participants**

16:30 – 17:00 **Concluding remarks**

Wrap-up of the workshop: *Strengthening GPI Engagement*