2018 CALL FOR EVIDENCE

Strengthening the Effectiveness of Development Co-operation

Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation

What is the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation?

Achieving the ambitious Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) requires the mobilisation and effective use of all types of resources, from all development partners, including government, civil society, the private sector and others. The Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation (Global Partnership) is a multi-stakeholder platform that supports countries' efforts to maximise the impact of all development resources and realise the SDGs and their own national development goals.

What does the Global Partnership do?

The Global Partnership helps provide an evidence base for more effective and innovative development co-operation, sourcing tested solutions from all development stakeholders, including practitioners working at the country and regional levels. It shares this knowledge and provides practical guidance to boost development impact, supporting country-level implementation of the effective development co-operation principles: *country ownership over the development process; a focus on results; inclusive partnerships; and transparency and mutual accountability to one another*.

Why a call for evidence?

Through its 2017-2018 Programme of Work, the Global Partnership is providing enhanced support for more effective development co-operation at country level. Given its reach as an international network of policy-makers and practitioners, across government, civil society, trade unions, local governments, parliamentarians, the private sector, philanthropy and others, the Global Partnership is well placed to identify common constraints to effectiveness and support the sourcing and sharing of evidence-based solutions.

As such, the Global Partnership is launching a call for evidence to draw on the experience of country-level practitioners in delivering on the effectiveness principles – the opportunities and challenges they have encountered, the solutions and approaches they have found useful and the situations where progress has been difficult to achieve – to enrich the global evidence base of good practices and help provide tailored and actionable solutions based on country context and stakeholder group.

The Global Partnership's multi-stakeholder Steering Committee endorsed the concepts for a Global Compendium of Good Practices and a Knowledge-Sharing Platform on effective development co-operation, during its 15th meeting in Washington (April 2018). Both of these tools will showcase the results of this call for evidence,and will be crucial components of the Global Partnership's efforts to drive global progress and support countries in strategically managing diverse development co-operation resources, highlighting effective practices to deliver on national development targets.

Through a multi-faceted needs assessment process, the Partnership has identified the following challenge areas faced by practitioners and policy-makers in strengthening the impact of their development partnerships. However, evidence related to good practices in other areas of development effectiveness may also be accepted. Ideally, submissions to this call for evidence should be analytical work or other resources, that objectively state the issue that hindered effective development co-operation and the successful solution that was tried and tested. Challenge areas may encompass:

Institutional arrangements for effective development co-operation, including:

- Establishing, strengthening or updating national development co-operation policies (or the equivalent sections of other planning documents), which contextualise and prioritise the effectiveness principles nationally and outline strategies for their implementation by all partners;
- Establishing national and local development policy processes or platforms which institutionalise the participation of all stakeholders in the debate around policy-making and resource allocation;
- Building the capacity of governments to lead national development co-operation efforts; and
- Strengthening integration between national and sub-national development planning; and between national development planning and sector planning.

   Examples of recently-drafted national development co-operation policies or successful institutional arrangements for multi-stakeholder dialogue or co-ordination platforms are also highly encouraged.

Strengthening the multi-stakeholder nature of development co-operation, including:

- Building the capacity of civil society, trade unions, local governments, parliamentarians, philanthropy and the business sector to effectively engage in creation and implementation of development policy; and
- Incentivising the engagement of the business sector in development activities.

Increasing the transparency of information on development co-operation, including:

- Building the capacity of governments to collect, manage and use information on development co-operation, including establishing or strengthening information management systems and related standards;
- Building capacity to understand data captured in global databases (e.g. the International Aid Transparency Initiative platform); and
- Incentivising development partners to make information on development co-operation available at country level, including forward-looking information.

Understanding and managing diverse finance flows, including:

- Supporting governments in better managing diverse financial flows for achieving national development objectives; and
- Understanding the strategic priorities and funding trends of development partners.

Evidence can be submitted in any language, however, please note that translation of resources is not currently envisaged.

How will the evidence be used?

The purpose of the **Global Compendium** is to provide guidance to countries and their development partners on implementation of effectiveness commitments at the country level, drawing on experience-based evidence. In essence, the Compendium will outline the key effectiveness challenges identified by Global Partnership stakeholders and will propose solutions that could be considered by governments and their development partners. It will also identify challenges to country-level effectiveness to help inform regional and global agendas for action. Through the Global Compendium, the results of this call for evidence will also complement lessons learned from ongoing country pilots, which aim to provide concrete solutions to the effectiveness challenges outlined above.

The **Knowledge-Sharing Platform** will be a one-stop portal for information, training, peer learning and networking around successes, bottlenecks and innovation in implementing effective development co-operation commitments. Its main aim will be to further progress in achieving the agreed development effectiveness principles at the country, regional and global levels based on evidence from country-level good practice.

The Knowledge-Sharing Platform will be launched in late 2018, and the Global Compendium will be launched in early 2019.

Who can submit evidence?

This public call for evidence is open to all Global Partnership stakeholders, including Steering Committee members and their constituents, national and local governments, development partners, Global Partnership Initiatives, civil society organisations, the business sector, multi-lateral organisations, United Nations agencies, philanthropic organisations, think tanks and academia, among others.

How and when can I submit evidence?

The call for evidence will be open from **25 July – 14 October 2018 at** www.effectivecooperation.org/callforevidence and submissions will be welcomed on a rolling basis throughout this period.

Research papers, journal articles, policy briefs, case studies, country stories, etc. are highly encouraged (please no blogs or opinion pieces). Any kind of digital resource is welcome, including Word documents, PDFs, PowerPoint presentations, video and audio files, webinars or training courses, toolkits, etc. Event invitations, Youtube links and other resources are also useful.

Respondents are asked to provide contact information and a short abstract (maximum 1,000 characters) when submitting their resource. Submissions will be reviewed by the UNDP-OECD Joint Support Team for consistency with the guidelines identified above. Please note that, in order to ensure an open and transparent process, only responses received through the online portal will be taken into account for possible inclusion in the Global Compendium and the Knowledge-Sharing Platform.

Where can I learn more?

Visit the submission portal on the Global Partnership website for more information. Additional questions can be addressed to the Global Partnership's UNDP-OECD Joint Support Team at info@effectivecooperation.org.