

Global Partnership Event: Reinvigorating Effectiveness for the 2030 Agenda
Paris, 11-12 September 2018

Background Note

Session II: Leading country participation in the 2018 Global Partnership Monitoring Round

11 September 2018, 09:30-10:45

Session Objective

This session aims to generate and share knowledge on how to ensure a successful monitoring round in order to inspire and encourage concrete actions on the part of participating governments as they lead the monitoring exercise. This could include, inter alia, discussion on: collecting robust and high-quality data; engaging all stakeholders through an inclusive process; and embedding the monitoring process to inform co-operation policy and partnership frameworks.

Session Background

Improving the quality, impact and effectiveness of development co-operation is crucial to ensure that the SDGs are achieved. Through its monitoring exercise, the Global Partnership supports partner countries and development partners in tracking the implementation of effective development co-operation commitments, aimed at implementing four development effectiveness principles – country ownership, a focus on development results, inclusive partnerships, and enhancing transparency and mutual accountability.

Partner country governments lead the national monitoring exercise. As a multi-stakeholder process, under the leadership of the national co-ordinator, governments and their key partners are asked to provide information on selected indicators. These partners typically include traditional and emerging bilateral and multilateral development partners as well as civil society, the private sector, parliamentarians, local governments, and trade unions. Results of the monitoring exercises are used

to drive dialogue and behaviour change among development stakeholder, leading to improved partnerships, better policies and strengthened development impact.

Varied country contexts mean that the specifics of the monitoring process differs from country to country. However, feedback following past monitoring rounds has indicated that there are some common challenges faced in the Global Partnership monitoring process. These include issues with data access and availability, and overall limited capacity to convene key stakeholders, co-ordinate and manage the monitoring exercise.

Guiding Questions

Reflecting on the country-led Global Partnership monitoring exercise, discussion will focus on the following:

- What are some of the key factors that led to a successful monitoring round? What advice would you give to countries participating the monitoring process for the first time?
 - What are the challenges you have experienced in engaging in the monitoring exercise? How did you address these in the past and do you plan to address these in the 2018 monitoring round?
 - What is needed from your partners to ensure a successful monitoring round?
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