

GPEDC Senior-Level Meeting draft outline programme **13-14 July 2019, United Nations Headquarters, New York**

Making the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) a reality will not only require a move from billions to trillions but also leveraging the capacities, skills, technology and knowledge of all partners and an improvement in both their quantity *and* quality, as noted in the Addis Ababa Action Agenda for Financing for Development (FfD). It will also require a stronger commitment to making partnership and co-operation more effective and impactful as a ‘whole of society’ effort.

The globally-agreed effectiveness principles (country ownership, focus on results, inclusive partnerships and transparency and mutual accountability) are instrumental in multiplying the potential of each dollar spent to implement the 2030 Agenda. As such, the effectiveness agenda represents a cornerstone and an essential part of international efforts for sustainable development – closely interlinked with the goals and commitments captured in the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs, Financing for Development, Climate Change, Disaster Risk Reduction and other relevant global agreements and processes.

The UN High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) is the main platform for the international review of efforts to achieve the SDGs. In 2019, the HLPF will be convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) in July, and, for the first time, under the auspices of the General Assembly in September, for an inaugural ‘SDG Summit’: bringing the review of progress – and gaps – to the very highest levels of government and organisations.

The Senior-Level Meeting (SLM) of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation (GPEDC) will take place on 13-14 July 2019, with a view to informing the Ministerial Segment of the 2019 United Nations High-Level Political Forum under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council. As its core objective, the SLM will provide an inclusive platform for governments, international organisations, civil society, trade unions, parliaments, local governments, the private sector, foundations and academia to provide the motivation and impetus to make the shift to more effective co-operation that will produce better, faster and more sustained impact across the SDGs and help deliver the revitalised global partnership for sustainable development at the core of the 2030 Agenda. To deliver on this vision in the long run, the specific contribution and the added value of the GPEDC is driven by its inclusive multi-stakeholder approach, as underscored by SDG 17.

The SLM will make tangible contributions to the 2019 HLPF by showcasing how greater collective efforts on effectiveness can accelerate country-level progress on the SDGs under review at the HLPF: SDG 4 (Education), SDG 8 (Decent Work), SDG 10 (Reducing Inequalities), SDG 13 (Climate Change), SDG 16 (Peace, justice, and strong institutions) and particularly to SDG 17 (Global Partnership for Sustainable Development), alongside new country-level data and evidence on SDG 17, and SDG 5 (Gender equality). With this, and by presenting fresh evidence, good practices, new guidelines and tools for effective development co-operation, the SLM will highlight the state-of-play and contribution of development effectiveness as an important lever for accelerating progress towards the 2030 Agenda and encourage concrete action and commitment to effectiveness as a driver of sustainable development.

The GPEDC’s Senior-Level Meeting will bring together development actors at a senior level. Formats of sessions will vary, depending on the topic, with the intention of showcasing actions and commitments undertaken by a variety of stakeholders to uphold the effectiveness principles: so that ‘all countries, all stakeholders, and all people’ can work better together, to achieve the 2030 Agenda.

Saturday, 13 July 2019

High-Level Opening *Effective Development Co-operation: A Cornerstone for Achieving Sustainable Development*

09:30 am – 10:00 am *Objective: To set the stage by underlining the added value and relevance of the effectiveness agenda for sustainable development and by highlighting core contributions of the GPEDC’s work on effective development*

cooperation for the overall impact of the 2030 Agenda and in scaling-up quality and scope of other efforts, including in the framework of the Financing for Development process.

Messages:

- The implementation of the effectiveness principles at the country level, the main focus of the GPEDC, is crucial to achieving long-term sustainable development.
- Demonstration of key strategic achievements since Nairobi.

**SLM Objective 1:
Elevating the role of effectiveness in achieving the 2030 Agenda**

Session 1: *Effective Development Co-operation to achieve the SDGs – Concrete examples of what works*

10:00 am – 11:00 am *Objective: To showcase how effective development co-operation has helped to fast track implementation of the SDGs, including those under review at the 2019 HLPF.*

Messages: Underscore that meeting the SDGs will require not only more resources but also better partnerships accompanied by policy reforms to ensure the effectiveness of all efforts. In this context, demonstrate the impact of concerted efforts to implement the effectiveness principles on the lives of people and planet and challenges in securing stakeholder support to push for change on the ground.

Examples are illustrative, and may include:

- **Goal 4** on partnership co-ordination and use of sectoral results frameworks as part of education reform and improved education outcomes for all;
- **Goal 5** on achieving gender equality and empowering all women and girls;
- **Goal 8** on effective private sector partnerships to promote job creation and decent work for youth and women;
- **Goal 10** on promoting civic space by fostering inclusion of all actors in decision making in development co-operation;
- **Goal 13** on promoting inclusive policies and country-led capacity building efforts, supported by demand-driven development co-operation, to combat climate change and its impacts;
- **Goal 16** on promoting peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, providing access to justice for all and building effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels; and
- **Goal 17** on strengthening the means of implementation and revitalising the global partnership for sustainable development.

Specific contributions / speakers could be considered from:

- Global Partnership Initiatives
- Other global processes / initiatives working in development co-operation (e.g. the Global Partnership for Education, Business Call to Action, etc.)
- Countries presenting VNRs in 2019

Session 2: *Implementation of the Effectiveness Principles – Practical Lessons from Stakeholders and Country Evidence*

11:00 am – 12:30 pm *Objective: To present and discuss trends emerging from the evidence and findings from country-level implementation work and 2018 monitoring results, and testimonies on how these findings and achievements contribute to the realisation of specific SDGs.*

Messages:

- Key trends emerging from the monitoring exercise and country-level implementation efforts, including both progress and remaining challenges.
- Demonstrating the impact of the effectiveness principles on the ground through concrete examples sourced through the GPEDC programme of work, highlighting instances where improving the effectiveness of co-operation has improved development outcomes and contributed to realising the SDGs, including SDG17.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Roadmap to implement the Global Action Plan for Unfinished Business and efforts to better understand the challenges in boosting development effectiveness to reach the SDGs. <p><i>Specific contributions of the GPEDC work programme:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The 3rd Global Monitoring Report and findings of monitoring-related GPEDC policy dialogues. ○ Overview of efforts to implementing the principles at country level, including country-level pilots and Global Compendium of Good Practice. ○ Solutions sourced through the Knowledge-Sharing Platform. ○ Inputs from Global Partnership Initiatives. 	
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch Break/ Side Events	
SLM Objective 2: Expanding the effectiveness network		
Session 3: 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm	<p><i>Contributing to the SDGs in practice: Adapting effectiveness to respond to new and context-specific challenges</i></p> <p><i>Objective: To illustrate the relevance of the effectiveness principles for other actors and modalities and in different contexts. It will specifically highlight areas where the GPEDC has undertaken work to adapt the effectiveness principles to contexts of increasing importance and raise political challenges undermining development effectiveness.</i></p>	
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	<p>Breakout session I Effectiveness in Fragile and Conflict-Affected Situations</p> <p><i>Specific contributions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lessons on upholding effectiveness principles in fragile and conflict-affected situations to spur implementation of SDG16 and deliver on the commitment to leave no one behind ○ The development of a context-specific monitoring approach to track incremental progress toward more effective partnerships 	<p>Breakout session II Effectiveness in South-South Co-operation</p> <p><i>Specific contributions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Experience from pilots assessing the effectiveness of South-South modalities ○ Learning from different modalities of development co-operation, including Private Sector Engagement by Emerging Economies
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	<p>Breakout session III Policy Space for Development Effectiveness</p> <p><i>Specific contributions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lessons on how to address challenges to generate collective action and uphold accountability for effective development co-operation 	<p>Breakout session IV Effective Triangular Co-operation</p> <p><i>Specific contributions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The work of the GPI on Effective Triangular Co-operation, including Voluntary Guidelines for Effective Triangular Co-operation
3:30 pm – 3:45 pm	Coffee Break	
Session 4: 3:45 pm – 5:00 pm	<i>Working with the Private Sector for the SDGs at Country Level: New Partnership Principles</i>	

Objective: Showcasing evidence, key findings and good practices on making private sector partnerships at country level more effective and launch principles and guidelines for effective private sector engagement through development co-operation.

Messages:

- Tested solutions to address concerns and opportunities raised by public, private and civil society partners in making partnerships with the private sector work and deliver on the SDGs – to deliver positive development impact, promote innovation, foster trust, recognise local expertise, ensure transparency and accountability, mitigate risks, and target populations underserved by markets.
- Launch Principles and Guidelines for effective private sector engagement and discuss how to use them to foster change and track progress, further sharpening the GPEDC’s PSE niche, with a view to agreeing on next steps to encourage partners to use the principles and guidelines on the ground.
- Demonstrate how the GPEDC’s PSE work can contribute to SDG 8 on effective private sector partnerships to promote job creation and decent work for youth and women.

Specific contributions of the GPEDC work programme to feature:

- Principles and Guidelines for effective private sector engagement through development co-operation.
- Evidence from case studies in [Bangladesh](#), [Egypt](#), [El Salvador](#), and [Uganda](#).
- Statement and recommendations by the GPEDC Business Leaders Caucus.
- Considerations related to PSE provided by emerging economies.

Sunday, 14 July 2019

SLM Objective 3:

Emerging effectiveness issues

Session 5: *Effectiveness for sustainable development: Exploring challenges and potential for the future*

10:00 am – 11:30 am *Objective: Strategic, policy driven dialogue among Directors-General and Permanent Secretaries, anticipating where effectiveness will further gain in importance given the evolving development landscape and the ambitions and inter-related challenges in realising sustainable development for all, in particular those left furthest behind. Building on current strategic priorities and the evidence, data and knowledge generated since Nairobi, the session may identify topics which are relevant for the next GPEDC programme of work.*

Messages:

- Reflect on the previous and current work on effectiveness topics and identify relevant issues, challenges and potentials which shall be further pursued in the future
- Fielding emerging effectiveness issues and how to address them.
- Localising the effectiveness agenda through all partners, including sub-national and regional governments, foundations, parliamentarians, civil society and others.

Closing *The Global Partnership’s Contribution to the 2019 HLPF and SDG Summit*

11:30 am – 1:00 pm *Including:*

- Concluding remarks
- Presentation of Co-Chairs’ Statement / Call for Action
- Handover ceremony to new Co-Chairs