



EDC Post-Nairobi African Community of Practice Meeting

6-7 November 2017, Addis Ababa

Concept Note

Background

The second High-Level Meeting (HLM2) of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (GPEDC) was a critical moment for defining Africa's priorities towards Effective Development Cooperation (EDC) and took stock of its commitments linking it with the implementations of 2030 and 2063 Agendas, as well as the Addis Ababa Action Agenda (AAAA). The HLM2 focused on how to make development cooperation more effective, through improving transparency, focusing on results, supporting country ownership and promoting inclusive development partnerships. It also highlighted the critical sources of financing, including Domestic Resource Mobilization (DRM), South-South Cooperation and Triangular Cooperation (SSC & TrC), Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs), as well as contribution from civil society organisations (CSOs) and philanthropists. In this vein, the HLM2 recognises that achieving development goals while leaving no one behind will require not only significant increase in all types of development resources but also changes in the way these resources are harnessed and used to maximize impact.

Within this context, and based on the key findings of the monitoring exercise conducted in 2015 and 2016, Africa's pledge to commit to effective development cooperation as a means to achieve global and national development goals included concrete recommendations such as: (1) strengthening policies, mechanisms and institutions to deepen and promote DRM; (2) the need to direct aid to productive sectors and economic priorities, rather than only social-related priorities; (3) urging development partners to use and adhere to African country systems; and (4) strengthening transparency and accountability towards achieving the socio-economic transformation.

Actioning these commitments, the 2017-2018 Work Programme of the GPEDC was endorsed by the Global Partnership Steering Committee at its 13th Meeting, held in Washington, D.C. in April 2017. This was the first meeting since Bangladesh and Uganda's Finance Ministers and Germany's Parliamentary State Secretary began their tenure as Global Partnership Co-Chairs. The agreed Work Programme aims at making the Global Partnership: (1) the global multi-stakeholder platform that promotes effective development cooperation and multi-stakeholder actions for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); (2) a collector, aggregator and sharer of country led data generated from implementation and monitoring efforts; and (3) a global and practical "go-to" platform with much stronger mechanism for sharing knowledge and joint initiatives. Furthermore, in response to the renewed vision of the GPEDC to maximise effectiveness of all forms of co-operation, the agreed plan also marked a new departure encouraging: (1) a deeper effort to support the observance of effectiveness principles at the country level; (2) specialised dialogues around private sector



engagement and around other modalities of development cooperation, including SSC and TrC; and (3) a more explicit effort by Steering Committee members to generate political momentum around development effectiveness principles, including through UN processes and at UN events, principally the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF).

A number of countries in Africa are already taking actions to strengthen effective development co-operation and multi-stakeholder approaches to development. An example of such effort is steps taken to implement a strategic, coherent and integrated approach to financing development goals through the establishment and strengthening of Integrated National Financing Frameworks (INFFs). There is increasing demand from countries in the region to be equipped to lead efforts in this work. UNDP's Bangkok Regional Hub, in serving as the Secretariat for the Asia-Pacific Development Effectiveness Facility (AP-DEF), has developed the Development Finance Assessment (DFA) – a tool to respond to the growing demand from countries in the Asia-Pacific region for the same support related to INFFs. UNDP is now scaling up this support to respond to the demands from countries globally. Within the context of the Global Partnership, the DFA can also provide evidence and analysis to inform countries' actions to implement effective development co-operation principles and strengthen multi-stakeholder approaches to sustainable development.

Objectives of the Workshop

In this context of renewed leadership of the GPEDC and the reinforced position of the African constituency towards the EDC principles, the UNDP Regional Service Centre for Africa, in collaboration with the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency, will organise the Effective Development Co-operation Post-Nairobi African Community of Practice Meeting, with the overall aim of following up on the progress and commitments made by all development partners (including the distinctive contribution of the increasingly diverse actors in development co-operation) and defining the priorities for Africa within the new GPEDC Work Programme. The key objectives of the meeting will be:

- To share experiences and technical knowledge on country level implementation of EDC principles with a special focus on multi-stakeholder platforms.
- To create regional dialogue around the GPEDC monitoring process, including the use of its key results such as use of country systems and establishment of mutual accountability frameworks.
- To discuss how to further promote the use of country systems.
- To learn from peer countries on how to engage private sector into development cooperation, including scaling up public-private partnerships (PPP) for SDG implementation.
- To share experiences and technical knowledge on the establishment of INFFs at country level and to discuss the DFA methodology and process, including its key features in response to specific needs of countries in Africa, with the view to strengthen the DFA methodology and guidance materials for the continent.
- To discuss around the regional priorities to inform the GPEDC work plan implementation.



Expected Outputs

- The African Community of Practice will be strengthened through the recuperation of the political momentum generated in 2016 around development effectiveness principles in the continent
- African priorities within the Work Plan will be agreed to translate effectiveness commitments into further action at country and regional level, in particular contributing to the GPEDC strategic priority areas in enhancing effectiveness at country level; unlocking opportunity for effective development cooperation; and promoting private sector engagement leveraged through development cooperation.
- Countries are equipped with knowledge and understanding of the DFA process to lead efforts to implement INFFs.

Targeted Audience

Participants will include Effective Development Cooperation Focal points from African countries, representatives from regional organizations and the RECs, EU delegation and partners as well as UN and UNDP Effective Development Cooperation focal points.

Workshop date and location

This workshop will take place in 6-7 November 2017, Addis Ababa