

***Global Partnership Event: Reinvigorating Effectiveness for the 2030 Agenda
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Background Note

Session III: Development partner participation in the 2018 Global Partnership Monitoring Round

11 September 2018, 11:00-12:30

Session Objective

This session aims to identify actions that development partners can take to effectively engage and maximise the benefits of the 2018 Global Partnership monitoring round.

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 cooperation commitments, aimed at implementing four development effectiveness principles – country ownership, a focus on development results, inclusive partnerships, and enhancing transparency and mutual accountability. Led by national governments, the monitoring exercise brings together bilateral and multilateral organisations, the private sector, and civil society, among others, to make partnerships for development co-operation more effective.

All development partners have an important role to play in the success of the monitoring round. Strong participation from development partners, at both headquarters and country level, is needed to successfully carry out this exercise. The provision of complete data from development partners is critical to reflect an accurate picture of efforts toward development effectiveness.

Global Partnership monitoring can deliver opportunities and benefits for development partners, including that it:

- Provides an opportunity to strengthen multi-stakeholder engagement and work with partner countries more effectively. The monitoring results identify effectiveness successes and challenges, spurring national dialogue that can lead to behaviour change that improves the impact of development co-operation.
- Facilitates learning and provides opportunity to strengthen trust among partners. Development impact is enhanced when all parties are mutually accountable and take responsibility for delivering on their respective commitments and contributions.
- Helps development actors to seek joint solutions. There are often cases in which specific challenges prevent partners from being able to fully implement effectiveness commitments in country. The monitoring exercise provides an opportunity for partners to elaborate on why this is the case, which can lead to frank discussions with government counterparts on actions required from both sides to enable more effective development co-operation.
- Aims to promote cultural and behavioural change. The monitoring results aim to spur dialogue at country level on challenges and bottlenecks to more effective development co-operation. Inclusive dialogue helps to identify, and generate action, to address these challenges.

Beyond participating in the monitoring exercise, development partners with country presence that are able and interested can provide active support to partner countries that are carrying out the monitoring exercise. Past monitoring rounds have demonstrated that this can include:

- Helping co-ordinate the rest of development partners to be informed and actively engage in the exercise and in providing timely and accurate data to the national co-ordinator.
- Providing in-kind technical support (or funding consultant support) to help national co-ordinators in completing the technical data collection.
- Providing (or funding) the logistics and facilitation of kick-off workshops and/or multi-stakeholder dialogues needed to report on some indicators.
- Helping co-ordinate or facilitate the final validation phase of the monitoring results, as well as follow-up on actions to improve the results.

Guiding Questions

Reflecting on the benefits and role of development partners in the Global Partnership monitoring exercise, discussion will focus on the following:

- What approach have you/ your organisation taken in the past to strengthen engagement in the Global Partnership monitoring exercise? What are some of the enablers that contributed?
- What approach have you/ your organisation taken in past monitoring rounds to use results to incentivise and/or facilitate policy and engagement strategy changes?

- What was the impact of participating in previous monitoring rounds, and what were the enablers for achieving this impact?
 - Are there good practices that partner countries participating in the monitoring round could be aware of to help ensure development partners can provide active support during the monitoring exercise?
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