



High-Level Political Forum (6 - 15 July, 2021)

Topic: The HLPF will discuss ways to ensure a sustainable and resilient recovery from COVID-19 that puts us on track to realize the 2030 Agenda. The theme will be "Sustainable and resilient recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic that promotes the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development: building an inclusive and effective path for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda in the context of the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development".

SDGs In Review: 1, 2, 3, 8, 10, 12, 13, 16 & 17

The Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation...

...in a word: *Partnerships.*

...in a phrase: *the primary multi-stakeholder vehicle for generating and sharing knowledge on effective development cooperation, to "maximize the effectiveness of all forms of co-operation for development for the shared benefits of people, planet, prosperity and peace".*

...and if you have a bit more time: *We have **what** we need to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and a framework for what this **needs** in the Financing for Development (FfD) process. The Partnership compliments these efforts by focusing on **how** we partner and work together – through principle-based, evidence-led, development efforts – to achieve the 2030 Agenda*

*It promotes **four principles of effective development co-operation**: (i) ownership by developing countries; (ii) a focus on results; (iii) inclusive development partnerships; and (iv) mutual accountability and transparency.*

- The 'Decade of Action' to achieve the SDGs by 2030 began with the devastating pandemic, which has brought to light the ever-greater need for partnerships that are **effective and innovative**, in order to combat COVID and make a better world for all (see [Co-Chair statement on COVID](#)). The [four effectiveness principles](#), promoted by the members of the [Global Partnership](#), provide [a shared basis](#) for such partnerships, helping to deliver better results in particular for those furthest behind first.
- The Global Partnership's [monitoring exercise](#) assesses development co-operation partnerships and adherence of relevant stakeholders to these [four effectiveness principles](#) (the last monitoring round was led by more than 86 partner countries). **More than two-thirds of partner countries (21 out of 31) presenting their VNRs at the 2021 HLPF have also participated in past monitoring exercises, specifically reporting on SDG 17.15, 17.16 and 5.c.** Given that effective development co-operation needs to reflect today's changing development landscape, with new and emerging co-operation modalities and diverse country contexts, [a reform of the monitoring exercise is underway to better reflect contributions of diverse stakeholders and to produce more actionable evidence, for dialogue and behaviour change.](#)
- With many 'going digital' during the pandemic, the importance of digital innovation and bridging the digital gap for all is clear. To leave no one behind on the road to achieving the SDGs, we must mobilize the **power of science, innovation, and public-private co-operation for those furthest behind** - much like the [Global Partnership's Kampala Principles case studies](#) have demonstrated. From an innovation triage and COVID testing booth for 14,000 low-income Dhaka residents to the digital integration of 2,000 smallholder oil palm farmers in agricultural value chains in Kalangala district, Uganda, private sector engagement in development co-operation proves essential to reach those furthest behind (read more [here](#) on the Kampala Principles, 2019 HLPF).
- Quality and effectiveness of co-operation, specifically ensuring a "whole-of-society", targeted and inclusive partnerships' approach, is especially important when driving development and combating the impending crisis in the most vulnerable contexts such as the LDCs and SIDS.
- We welcome countries to tune into the Global Partnership HLPF side event on '[COVID-19 Recovery in LDCs: Effective Partnerships for Leaving No One Behind](#)' on 15 July (7:30-9am EST) where partner countries will share their plans for hosting Global Partnership [Action Dialogues](#) – government-led initiatives that bring stakeholders together at the country level to build a shared understanding of [how to urgently scale up the effectiveness of development co-operation partnerships, maximizing impact for COVID recovery and SDG implementation.](#)