



# DOMINICAN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION WEEK 2021

# ACTION DIALOGUE FOR EFFECTIVE DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION 2021

**Dominican Republic**



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## FOR EFFECTIVE DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

### 2021

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## COUNTRY BACKGROUND/CONTEXT

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The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in significant human, economic and social losses around the world. In the case of Small Island States, post-pandemic recovery and progress on the goals of the 2030 Agenda implies greater efforts, due to the levels of threat to the effects of climate change and a context of social and economic gaps, as in the case of the Dominican Republic.

This calls for greater investment by the countries of the region to promote policies that will make it possible to return to pre-pandemic levels and accelerate the achievement of the 2030 Agenda. This exceptional moment highlights the importance of enhancing cooperation between countries through a strengthened and robust International Cooperation System.

Consequently, it reaffirms the need to continue working on the construction of an agenda that enhances the effectiveness of international cooperation to achieve economic, social and environmental recovery with an inclusive and resilient approach.

Since the 4th Aid Effectiveness Forum held in 2011 in the city of Busan, 161 governments, including the Dominican Republic, leaders of multilateral and bilateral institutions, representatives of civil society, the private sector and parliamentarians reaffirmed the commitment to development cooperation and four principles to ensure effective development cooperation, which are: 1) National ownership of development processes, 2) Results-based approach, 3) Inclusive partnerships for development and 4) Transparency and accountability.

*The biennial monitoring mechanism was established to monitor compliance with the principles for effectiveness and to have data to establish evidence-based policies. It is facilitated by the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (GPEDC), which seeks to maximize the effectiveness of development cooperation with development actors. The Partnership "brings together governments, bilateral and multilateral organizations, civil society, the private sector, foundations, and representatives of parliaments, trade unions, local governments and others who are committed to strengthening the effectiveness of their development partnerships.*

The Dominican Republic, in its commitment to promote the effectiveness of development cooperation and in the framework of compliance with the agreements assumed, has participated in the last two monitoring rounds held in 2016 and 2018.

The results of the latest monitoring rounds have revealed important gaps and challenges that the country must face in order to ensure the effectiveness of development aid, related to transparency and accountability, strengthening partnerships and ownership of development cooperation.

In this regard, the results regarding the ownership of development processes by recipient countries are of great interest, in which opportunities for improvement are identified for one third of the cooperation partners, 64% of the cooperation partners aligned themselves with national priorities.

The importance of the above lies in the fact that the principle of ownership guarantees international cooperation interventions that respond to the priorities of the countries and therefore enhances the efforts made by governments to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda. In this sense, ownership includes an alignment exercise that allows building and harmonizing development agendas in line with international commitments. It is a virtuous process that strengthens alliances between the actors that act on the 2030 Agenda.

The Dominican Government is firmly committed to raising the principles of effectiveness, for which it has implemented spaces for the coordination of international cooperation and dialogue mechanisms of the National System of International Cooperation for Development (SINACID). Among these is the constitution of the **High Level Coordination Table for International Cooperation in the Dominican Republic**, a space for political dialogue with the cooperation community and the Dominican government in order to define cooperation policies at the highest level, as well as to follow up on cooperation support for the fulfillment of the 2030 Agenda.

In addition, in follow-up to the lines of action of the *Dominican Republic's International Cooperation for Development Policy*, technical working groups have been established to agree with the development community and policymakers on a joint portfolio of needs that will make it possible to coordinate efforts for the management of more effective cooperation.

Similarly, the SINACID Information System has been strengthened with a view to generating data for decision-making. The SINACID Information System gathers a set of 94 qualitative and quantitative variables on cooperation initiatives monitored by the Vice Ministry of Cooperation in order to generate information to establish policies that contribute to the effective use of available resources.

In the framework of the Dominican International Cooperation Week, the Dominican Government materializes its commitment to effective development cooperation by holding the **Action Dialogue for Effective Development Cooperation 2021**.

The objective is to dialogue with the various cooperation actors on the challenges and actions that need to be taken to promote the principles of effectiveness, considering the data obtained in the second and third monitoring rounds and the recovery situation.

## **SCOPE/OBJECTIVE**

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**The objective of the space is to reflect on the** challenges, measures and actions that should be promoted to enhance the effectiveness of cooperation based on the results of the Second and Third Monitoring Rounds of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation and the post-pandemic situation.

The aim of this dialogue is, on the one hand, to reach agreements within the framework of the national agenda on effective cooperation and partnerships that will serve as a basis for mutual learning at all levels. On the other hand, it is expected that a document with the conclusions of the dialogue and strategic lines of work will be drafted in order to increase the commitment and strengthen the efforts of cooperation actors with the principles of effective development cooperation.

## **LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION**

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The Ministry of Economy, Planning and Development, as the governing body of the Non-Reimbursable International Cooperation for Development, will promote the Action Dialogue 2021 and will convene the attendance of representatives of the various development actors at the national level.

## **EXPECTED PARTICIPATION**

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The Action Dialogue 2021 for Effective Development Cooperation-Dominican Republic is a space that brings together the government, the development community, civil society, academia and the private sector to discuss and reflect on the main challenges facing the post-pandemic national development agenda and the role of international cooperation within this scenario.



Staff of public institutions



Cooperating partners



City Councils



Civil Society



Academy



Private sector

## KEY QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

Cooperation effectiveness seeks to maximize the impact of development cooperation, making the most effective use of available resources to improve the conditions of the beneficiary population. Taking into consideration the objective of this dialogue, it is important to know the perspective of the different national cooperation actors regarding the progress made to make the use of resources more efficient and the challenges that still need to be faced. In this sense, the representatives of the different actors will have the opportunity to share their vision in this regard:

1. How do you perceive the trend in the effectiveness of the development cooperation agenda in the context of post-pandemic recovery?
2. What actions are currently being taken at the country level to move towards more effective development cooperation?
3. What are the main challenges of working through multi-stakeholder partnerships, working together to achieve shared results, orienting collective development efforts towards national goals and increasing the effectiveness of cooperation?
4. What actions should be prioritized to advance the achievement of the agreed effectiveness commitments to achieve the 2030 Agenda goals?





# AGENDA

## Semana de la Cooperación Internacional Dominicana

Construir estrategias para una recuperación resiliente e inclusiva

2021

Diálogo de Acción 2021 República Dominicana

Viernes 3 de diciembre

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Salón Carlos Ascuati, Ministerio de Economía

### APERTURA

9:00 – 9:30 a.m.	<p><b>PALABRAS DE BIENVENIDA</b> Olaya Dotel, viceministra de Cooperación Internacional del Ministerio de Economía</p> <p><b>PALABRAS DE SALUTACIÓN</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hugo Rivera, viceministro de Asuntos Económicos y Cooperación Internacional del Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores (MIREX)</li><li>• Mauricio Ramírez, coordinador residente del Sistema de Naciones Unidas (SNU) RD</li><li>• Melissa Paulino, en representación de la Sra. María J. Martínez, viceministra de Crédito Público del Ministerio de Hacienda (MH)</li></ul>
9:30 - 10:00 a.m.	<p><b>PONENCIAS</b></p> <p><b>PRESENTACIÓN ALIANZA GLOBAL</b> Viviana Manrique, miembro del Comité Directivo de la Alianza Global para la Cooperación Eficaz al Desarrollo (AGCED) y directora general de la Agencia Presidencial de Cooperación Internacional de Colombia (APC-Colombia)</p>
10:00 – 10:15 a.m.	<p><b>INSUMOS PARA EL DIÁLOGO: RESULTADOS RONDAS DE MONITOREO 2016 y 2018 REPÚBLICA DOMINICANA</b> Olaya Dotel, viceministra de Cooperación Internacional del Ministerio de Economía</p>
10:15 – 12:00 a.m.	<p><b>INTERVENCIONES</b></p> <p><b>RONDA DE INTERVENCIONES CON REPRESENTANTES DEL GOBIERNO, COOPERANTES, SOCIEDAD CIVIL, SECTOR PRIVADO Y ACADEMIA</b> Moderadora: Arleny Marte, encargada Departamento de Formulación de Estrategias y Normativas de la Cooperación Internacional del Ministerio de Economía</p>
12:00 p.m.	<p><b>CIERRE</b></p> <p><b>PALABRAS DE CIERRE</b> Olaya Dotel, viceministra de Cooperación Internacional del Ministerio de Economía</p>





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