



# CONCEPT NOTE: REGIONAL HIGH-LEVEL DIALOGUE FOR AFRICA

## ADDRESSING OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES FOR DEVELOPING EFFECTIVENESS – REALISING AGENDA 2063 THROUGH STRONGER PARTNERSHIP

Wednesday, 14 December 2022, 8:00 – 9:30 CET

### Background

For the last 10 years of the GPEDC, Africa, through the African Union, has promoted the Effective Development Cooperation agenda by highlighting critical areas of concern to African countries. These include: the need to strengthen the inter-connections and interlinkages between South-South & Trilateral Cooperation and Financing for Development as key drivers for inclusive and sustainable growth consistent with the aspirations of Agenda 2063. Key objectives include curbing Illicit financial and resource flows in and out of Africa, domestic resource mobilization, good corporate governance in extractives, and transparency in tax regimes.

Since the inception of the GPEDC, Africa has continued to display capabilities as an important player in global policy discussions related to Effective Development Cooperation. This has been made possible by the robust engagement that Africa has undertaken at national, regional and continental level.

Africa continues to effectively mobilize and influence the future structure of aid and development cooperation systems for sustainable outcomes and results through ensuring stronger linkages with the Agenda 2063 and its Ten-Year Implementation Plans as well as the Regional and National Development Plans of countries. The first 10-Year Implementation Plans will end in 2023 and the African Union has initiated processes to develop the Second 10-Year Implementation Plan. This is in line with the Aspiration 7 of the Agenda 2063 which underscores “*Africa as a strong, united, resilient and influential global player and partner.*”

### Introduction

African countries have made significant progress in governance policies leading to sound macro-economic performance despite the adverse impact of the current global financial and economic crises. The continent must however continue to take full responsibility for its own development, through the effective utilization of both internal and external resources, to attain Agenda 2063, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), as well as other international and regional developmental frameworks.

It is thus important that due attention is given to the quality and quantity of the partnerships and global consensus and positions that Africa is engaged with. The continent demands accountability and robust commitments to delivering the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation agenda to ensure that they lead to development results for African countries. In-line with

this, the evolving global development cooperation architecture, and the new demands of GPEDC and Agenda 2063 requires a genuine and value-driven partnerships.

These engagements must be based on deepening the domestication of development co-operation partnerships, and enhancing transparency and accountability at the national, regional and continental structures. The focus must be towards creating sustainable conditions for the implementation of Agenda 2030 and Agenda 2063 through National Development Plans.

Against the backdrop of reduced global core development resources due to the effects of the COVID-19 and the on-going Russia-Ukraine conflict, coupled with donor austerity measures, there is need to innovatively identify and mobilize resources and build strategic partnerships in order to implement set priorities at the national level.

The Democratic Republic of the Congo as the GPEDC Co-Chair representing partner countries, with the support of the African Union Development Agency-NEPAD (AUDA-NEPAD), as the development agency for the African Union and implementing agency of Agenda 2063, are convening a spotlight session for the African Constituency at the forthcoming High-Level Meeting of the GPEDC dubbed 2022 Development Effectiveness Summit.

The session will seek to mobilise and catalyse action among African development stakeholders and partners on the domestication agenda for development effectiveness for the realization of Agenda 2063 development objectives. It will seek to reinforce critical actions that make development partnerships more effective within national and regional systems, including alignment of national and regional development plans which are consistent with the continent's development agenda.

## **Objectives**

The main objective is to convene African Stakeholders and partners to exchange and share views around opportunities and challenges by the domestication and localisation of development Effectiveness agenda. It will also explore opportunities for strengthening the nexus of Development Effectiveness agenda and the implementation National Development Plans, Agenda 2063, specifically its 2<sup>nd</sup> Ten Year Implementation Plan.

### **The specific objectives are:**

- ❖ To present, from the experiences of effective development cooperation at country level and interventions of development agencies related to the domestication of the effectiveness agenda for the achievements of sustainable development results, and national development plans
- ❖ To mobilise for multi stakeholder action towards the new monitoring framework and the implementation of agenda 2063
- ❖ To unlock partnerships to support the implementation of Africa's Development Effectiveness Agenda – *Development Effectiveness to Implement National Development Plans and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ten Year Implementation Plan of Agenda 2063*

## **Expected Results**

1. Concrete proposals are made on how to strengthen the impact of development effectiveness at national, regional and continental levels

## Deliverables

1. Call to Action for the effective participation of Development Partners' country offices and development agencies in meeting the commitments of effective cooperation
2. Draft Regional Action plan and support mechanism from NEPAD-AUDA for better alignment between Effectiveness agenda and Agenda 2063

## Format

This will be a moderated session with a panel and a plenary. It is envisioned that all the panellists and the moderator will be seated at the podium. There will also be 3 discussants. The session will consist of opening statements, question and answer, discussants reaction and plenary. A summary of the Moderator notes will be read at the conclusion of the meeting.

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