

Messages for Key Fora

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THE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR EFFECTIVE DEVELOPMENT CO-OPERATION IS...

...in a word: Partnerships.

...in a phrase: the primary multi-stakeholder vehicle for generating and sharing knowledge on effective development co-operation, 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 complements 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.

- **Development progress in Least Developed Countries (LDCs) is not on pace to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030.** Multiple challenges like the COVID-19 pandemic and climate change are disproportionately impacting LDCs and its disadvantaged groups, leading to **increasing financing needs**.
- Development co-operation, while remains very important for financing investment for sustainable development, **lacks quality in LDCs** compared to other country groups, for instance regarding the use of Public Financial Management Systems and the predictability of development co-operation.
- In line with the overarching goals of the Doha Programme of Action (DPoA), it is more critical than ever for **development co-operation** – including North-South, South-South and triangular co-operation modalities – **to become more effective in accelerating development progress and SDG implementation in LDCs** as well as supporting sustainable graduation from the LDC country category, based on the effectiveness principles of country ownership, a focus on results, inclusive partnerships, and mutual transparency and accountability.
- A strong demand by LDCs for effective development co-operation was demonstrated through the **participation of 26 LDCs in the 2022 Effective Development Co-operation Summit**. In line with the DPoA, the Summit Declaration refocuses the attention on leaving no one behind and commits to increase the effectiveness of development co-operation with LDCs.
- The Summit also highlighted the importance of a more robust, inclusive multilateral system grounded in co-operation, solidarity and mutual trust; and called for a shift in both business models and behaviors. **Quality funding will ultimately deliver quality results**. It is therefore important to avoid fragmentation of efforts and to pool resources effectively across sectors and actors.
- The **new Global Partnership monitoring exercise is set to drive collective accountability for more effective development co-operation**, with enhanced focus on country-anchored processes. LDCs can use the evidence derived as a vehicle for inclusive national dialogues and as an instrument for action to improve the quality of development co-operation in line with national priorities. **24 LDC governments** have already expressed interest in leading the monitoring exercise between 2023 and 2026.

