Making Private Sector Partnerships More Effective: The New Kampala Principles Assessment

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THE KPA GENERATES EVIDENCE ON FOUR KEY ISSUES

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INCLUSIVE DIALOGUE

QUALITY OF PRIVATE SECTOR ENGAGEMENT

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For partner country governments: Provides evidence for dialogue and policy change, including insights into the policy environment for PSE projects and how they are aligned with country priorities; and helps increase trust and co-ordination, which can lead to greater investment, uptake and scaling up of such partnerships.

For international development partners: Generates evidence to inform decisions to ensure that PSE portfolios deliver on agreed objectives and country priorities; inspires innovative collaborations; and supports dialogue, notably around programming solutions that target those most left behind.

For private sector: Creates an opportunity for dialogue and advocacy with government, development partners, civil society and trade unions; to discuss factors hindering the effectiveness of partnerships; and to address obstacles to enable companies access to development co-operation opportunities. The evidence provides entry points to engage in or substantiate existing dialogue.

For civil society: Creates an entry point to exercise its watchdog function and influence policies on the quality of private sector engagement in development co-operation; to advocate for development outcomes that benefit those most left behind; and to push for inclusiveness.

For trade unions: Creates an opportunity to include workers’ perspectives on the quality of PSE in development co-operation, in relation to worker representation and adherence to international standards; and to exercise their watchdog function in influencing relevant policy making.

WHY IS THIS RELEVANT FOR ME?

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THE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP MONITORING PROCESS

Complementary to the KPA, a Kampala Principles Toolkit provides stakeholder-specific guidance for each of the five Principles, to improve policies, practices and partnerships with the private sector, based on internationally-recognised best practices (for more inspiration, please see here).

Partner country governments, who lead the monitoring exercise in their countries, decide whether to do the Kampala Principles Assessment at the beginning of the monitoring cycle. The GPEDC’s Global Dashboard offers information on which countries are undertaking the monitoring exercise.