



# Strengthening Coherence between the Effective Development Cooperation and Financing for Development Agendas in Asia-Pacific

26-27 March, 2015: Manila, the Philippines

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## **Background and Context**

Countries from Asia and the Pacific at the Mexico High-Level Meeting (HLM) of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (GPEDC), 15-16 April 2014, shared evidence-based perspectives and articulated forward thinking on the current and future role of development cooperation at a country, regional and global level - in a post-2015 era. Centered on four key issues: domestic resource mobilization for financing national development; South-South Cooperation (SSC) and Triangular Cooperation (TrC); development cooperation for Middle Income Countries (MICs); and business as a partner for development, these are central to strengthening and taking forward the effective development cooperation agenda, for reaching national and global economic, social and environmental development goals, coherently. At the same time, the 'unfinished business' of earlier global agreements, including the focus on the use of country systems, remains of high priority to countries in the region, particularly given the increasing complexity of managing all flows of development finance at the country level.

The Effective Development Cooperation agenda closely links not only to the post-2015 negotiations, but also to the Financing for Development global dialogue. The 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Financing for Development will be held in Addis Ababa in July 2015. It will take stock of the changing landscape of development finance since Monterrey (2002) and Doha (2008), and will provide an opportunity for discussions on challenges and opportunities for catalyzing and mobilizing finance to achieve the SDGs.

There is strong potential for coherence between the Effective Development Cooperation and Financing for Development agendas. With a number of milestone global forums upcoming in 2015, it is imperative that country-level realities and evidence inform these debates:

- Ongoing discussions and negotiations toward an agreed post-2015 agenda and set of Sustainable Development Goals adopted in September 2015
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> International Financing for Development Conference in Addis Ababa in July 2015
- Regular consultations and Steering Committee meetings of the GPEDC



Against this backdrop, the Asia-Pacific Development Effectiveness Facility (AP-DEF), together with the Department for International Development (DFID), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the Government of Australia, the Asian Development Bank (ADB), and with financial support from the European Commission is organizing a **Regional Consultation Workshop to discuss how countries in Asia and the Pacific are adapting to a changing development finance and cooperation landscape and their readiness for implementation of a Post-2015 development agenda**. The workshop will provide a forum for showcasing evidence of GPEDC initiatives taking place at the country level, as well as for discussions on the role of regional platforms in drawing attention to such initiatives.

The outcomes of the AP-DEF Regional Consultation Workshop are will feed into the *ESCAP Asia-Pacific Consultation for the preparation of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development*, in Indonesia in April 2015. They will also feed into the Development Cooperation Forum (DCF) Republic of Korea High-Level Symposium in Incheon in April 2015.

At the AP-DEF Regional Consultation Workshop, participants will consider several key questions:

1. How has the development finance and cooperation landscape changed since Monterrey (2002) and Doha (2008)?
2. How are countries from Asia and the Pacific adapting their development finance and cooperation policies and institutions and what reforms are being pursued to better manage and coordinate new sources, modalities and providers?
3. What institutional and policy frameworks need to be put in place to encourage effective partnership of public sector with private sector and civil society in managing development finance and cooperation?
4. What technical systems and tools are required to implement, track, monitor, and report on a broader range of development finance and cooperation, in terms of both quantity and quality?

Throughout the workshop, several cross-cutting considerations will be given attention:

- Presentations and plenary discussions will be **strongly anchored in country-level experiences** from the region
- Consideration of priority issues in the region will be integrated into the discussions:
  - The **importance of strengthening domestic resource mobilization**, as the foundation of a country's overall development finance
  - Implications for **fragile and post-conflict contexts**
  - Relevance of these agendas in **Middle Income Countries (MICs)**
  - Opportunities for strengthening modalities and policy environments to promote **South-South and Triangular Cooperation**
- Emphasis will remain focused on promoting coherence between the **Effective Development Cooperation (EDC) and Financing for Development (FFD) agendas**

## Approach

This regional consultation workshop is being planned as follows:

**Side Meetings:**            **March 25**  
**Side Meetings (DFAA Review and CSO Consultation)**

Wednesday

**Days 1-2:**                **March 26-27**  
**AP-DEF Regional Consultation Workshop**

Thursday-  
Friday

A day of side-meetings is planned for Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> March, with two key components:

1. A meeting will be held to focus on reviewing experiences of Development Finance and Aid Assessments (DFAA) in the region, including sharing of experiences and DFAA outcomes, and a review of the DFAA methodology
2. A CSO Consultation will take place, as lead-up to the Regional Consultation Workshop

### **Participants and Resource Persons**

A total of approximately 80 participants are expected to participate:

1. Government delegates from countries in Asia and the Pacific, including from Ministries of Planning and Finance, Parliamentarians;
2. Representatives from civil society organizations, private sector, academia and development think tanks from Asia-Pacific countries;
3. Global and regional experts and resource persons;
4. Representatives from global and regional development partner organizations.

### **Expected Outcomes**

The key expected outcomes of this workshop include the following:

1. **A set of joint messages, based on evidence and perspectives from countries/constituents in the Asia-Pacific region**, to take forward to regional and global forums including the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Financing for Development in Addis Ababa (July, 2015), the ongoing post-2015 consultations, the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (GPEDC), and the DCF High-Level Symposium in Incheon;
2. **A draft regional workplan for the region**
3. **Contributions to capacity building of participants**, by fostering exchanges of experience between countries, promoting South-South/Triangular Cooperation on these agendas, and improving understanding of tools, methodologies, and approaches related to FFD and EDC.

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**Chaired by<sup>1</sup>:** This event will be co-chaired by the Governments of Bangladesh and the Philippines  
**Venue:** Manila, Philippines  
**Date (tbc):** 26-27 March, 2015  
**Partners:** Asia-Pacific Development Effectiveness Facility (AP-DEF), UNDP, DFID, EC, ADB, and the Government of Australia

<b>Day 1: March 26<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>Time</b>	<b>Session</b>
<b>8.00 - 8.30</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>8.30 - 9.00</b>	<b>Opening and Welcome Remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Government of the Philippines</i></li> <li>• <i>Government of Bangladesh</i></li> <li>• <i>CSO Representative</i></li> </ul>
<b>9.00 - 9.15</b>	<b>Introduction to the Workshop: Main Objectives</b> In addition to outlining overall objectives, this introduction will describe the expected concrete outcomes of the workshop. This session will also link the present regional workshop with the previous AP-DEF regional workshop, in Dhaka in August 2013, including a summary of follow up taken in the interim period.

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<p><b>9.15 – 10.45</b></p>	<p><i>Integrating Financing for Development with Effective Development Cooperation Agendas: Progress and Constraints at the Country Level</i></p> <p><b>Plenary 1: Development Finance and Cooperation Flows in the Asia-Pacific: Quantity and Effectiveness of Development Finance at Country Level</b></p> <p>This opening plenary will focus on country level progress and constraints to managing the quantity and quality of development finance flows. The session will begin with experience sharing by from countries in the region (from a range of typologies including fragile states, MICs, and LDCs). Among the presentations will be a focus on sharing experiences of undertaking a <i>Development Finance and Aid Assessment (DFAA)</i>. There will be a consideration of how the scale, scope, and quality of development finance and cooperation in the region will underpin countries’ efforts to implement the SDGs. The session will also consider how current discussions on revising the definition of ODA will impact countries’ efforts to manage development finance.</p> <p>Following the presentations, there will be an opportunity for table discussions to reflect and apply learning to participants’ own contexts.</p> <p>Key Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>How has the development finance and cooperation landscape in the Asia-Pacific region changed since Monterrey (2002) and Doha (2008)?</i></li> <li>• <i>What are the characteristics of various sources of development finance and cooperation in terms of quality and quantity, and how will this impact the implementation of SDGs at the country level?</i></li> <li>• <i>What are the implications of current discussions around revising the ‘official definition’ of ODA and other forms of development finance?</i></li> <li>• <i>What data gaps exist on development finance and how can initiatives such as IATI help bridge these gaps? What are the underlying challenges at country level?</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>10.45-11.15</b></p>	<p><b>Coffee/Tea Break</b></p>
<p><b>11.15-12.45</b></p>	<p><i>Integrating Financing for Development with Effective Development Cooperation Agendas: Progress and Constraints at the Country Level</i></p> <p><b>Plenary 2: Development Finance and Cooperation Flows in the Asia-Pacific: Institutional and Policy Considerations</b></p> <p>This second plenary will focus on country level progress and constraints in terms of establishing/strengthening institutional and policy frameworks for managing development finance flows. The session will feature country presentations to share effective approaches to strengthening country systems and removing institutional bottlenecks. The session will include a particular focus on the need to strengthen national fiscal planning and budgeting systems as a key entry point for improving the management of development finance and cooperation.</p> <p>Following the presentations, there will be an opportunity for table discussions to reflect and apply learning to participants’ own contexts.</p> <p>Key Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>How are countries in the Asia-Pacific region adapting their development finance and cooperation policies and institutions?</i></li> <li>• <i>What reforms are being pursued to better manage and coordinate new sources, modalities, and providers?</i></li> <li>• <i>Where are examples in the region of effective approaches to strengthening country systems, including fiscal planning and budgeting systems, to manage development finance for results?</i></li> </ul>

12.45-13.45	<b>Lunch</b>
13.45-15.15	<p><i>Integrating Financing for Development with Effective Development Cooperation Agendas: <u>DRM and Development Cooperation Partnerships at the Country Level</u></i></p> <p><b>Plenary 3: Domestic Resource Mobilization (DRM) and Development Partnerships at the Country Level</b></p> <p>This session will draw on key issues emerging from the morning plenary session, highlighting innovations and effective modalities for engaging a broad range of actors at country level to leverage existing forms of development finance. There will be a strong focus on the importance of strengthening domestic resource mobilization as the foundation of overall development finance at the country level. The session will feature discussion on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Engaging the private sector</b> in establishing effective development partnerships at country level</li> <li>• <b>Engaging civil society</b> in establishing effective development partnerships at country level</li> <li>• <b>Modalities for South-South and Triangular Cooperation</b> for effective development partnerships at country level</li> <li>• Strengthening <b>modalities and approaches to Domestic Resource Mobilization</b> at country level</li> </ul> <p>Key Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>What institutional and policy frameworks need to be put in place to encourage effective partnership of public sector with private sector and civil society in managing development finance?</i></li> <li>• <i>At the country level, what are the modalities for establishing effective approaches to South-South and Triangular Cooperation?</i></li> </ul>
15.15-15.45	<b>Coffee/Tea Break</b> [A group photo will be taken during the break.]
15.45-16.45	<p><b>Working Groups: Formulating Key Messages</b></p> <p>This one-hour session will provide a forum for participants to collectively synthesize the inputs from the first day and begin to translate these reflections into key messages to take forward to relevant global meetings including the FFD consultations in Addis. Working groups will also be asked to draw out key elements of a regional workplan for the AP-DEF community.</p>
16.45-17.30	<p><b>Report Back from Working Groups</b></p> <p>Facilitators from each of the working groups will give a briefing of discussion highlights and emerging key messages, following by discussion in plenary.</p>
18.15	<b>Dinner Reception (tbc)</b>

**Day 2: March 27<sup>th</sup>**

Time	Session
9.00- 10.15	<p><b>Plenary 4: Strengthening Monitoring and Accountability at the <u>Country, Regional, and Global Levels</u></b></p> <p>This plenary will feature a number of presentations from countries in the region to share experiences and good practices of strengthening monitoring and accountability, as well as the role of effective evaluation of data gathered through monitoring. This will include attention to technical systems and tools, as well as</p>

	<p>institutional and policy frameworks. The session will also consider how the GPEDC monitoring may need to be revisited in view of the FFD and post-2015 dialogues.</p> <p>Key Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>What technical systems and tools are required to implement, track, monitor, and report on the wide range of development finance and cooperation?</i></li> <li>• <i>What good practices exist in countries in the region of mechanisms for strengthening monitoring and accountability at the country level?</i></li> <li>• <i>How can regional platforms such as AP-DEF continue to support countries to fulfill monitoring obligations?</i></li> </ul>
<b>10.15-10.45</b>	<b>Coffee/Tea Break</b>
<b>10.45-12.15</b>	<p><b>South-South Innovation Sessions (I)</b> <i>[Topics to be further discussed and confirmed.]</i></p> <p>Based on interest from participants, a selection of South-South learning sessions will be convened to look in depth at some of the topics and technical concepts discussed during the two days of the workshop. Participants will be asked to sign up for their chosen session in advance. The <b>first set</b> of session topics includes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. DFAA Methodology</li> <li>2. Technical Issues around Development Finance Definitions: ODA and TOSD</li> <li>3. GPEDC Monitoring Framework: Pilot Indicator Clinics</li> <li>4. Other topics: TBD</li> </ol>
<b>12.15-13.15</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>13.15-14.45</b>	<p><b>South-South Innovations Sessions (II)</b> <i>[Topics to be further discussed and confirmed.]</i></p> <p>Participants will be asked to sign up for their chosen session in advance. The <b>second set</b> of session topics includes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. ASEAN Economic Community and Regional Economic Integration</li> <li>6. Results and Mutual Accountability Building Block: Pilot Program in Asia-Pacific</li> <li>7. Climate Change Finance in the context of Development Finance</li> <li>8. Other topics: TBD</li> </ol>
<b>14.45-15.15</b>	<b>Coffee/Tea Break</b>
<b>15.15-16.30</b>	<p><b>Plenary 5: Consolidating Key Messages</b></p> <p>This plenary will draw from the discussions over the two days and will pull together key messages. It will also be an opportunity to discuss elements of a regional workplan.</p>
<b>16.30-17.00</b>	<b>Official Close of Workshop and Discussion on Way Forward</b>