



Seoul Policy Centre

Global Partnership, Local Action: Implementation Strategies for Development Effectiveness at Country Level

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Venue: Plaza Hotel, Seoul, Republic of Korea

CONCEPT NOTE – Draft September 2013

Background:

The Fourth High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness was held in Busan, the Republic of Korea at the end of 2011. Bringing together political leaders, government representatives, parliamentarians, civil society organizations and private sector representatives from both developing and donor countries, the Forum sought to assess progress in improving the quality of aid and design a framework for development cooperation in a changing development context. The outcome document – Busan Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation acknowledges differences between ODA and South/South cooperation, but seeks to provide a basis for cooperation of all involved actors and achieve synergy of different modalities of cooperation at the country level.

Since the High Level Forum in Busan, over 160 countries and 45 organizations have endorsed the agreement. Around half of the countries that endorsed the agreement are in the category of “middle income”. Many middle income countries increasingly become providers of development solutions, at the same time still relying on development cooperation to support their development needs.

Few months after the High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness in Busan, the working arrangements for the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation (GPEDC) have been agreed upon by the OECD-DAC Working Party on Aid Effectiveness.

The Global Partnership emerged as a result of the agreement, brings together a wide range of countries and organizations from around the world that are committed to ensuring that development co-operation is effective. With a light global structure, it leaves countries significant leeway in determining their own priorities and finding solutions. Mexico will host the first Ministerial meeting of the Global Partnership in the first half of 2014.

Whereas the discussion on the global monitoring mechanism, support structures and high level accountability mechanism is still underway, since Busan some countries have made significant headway in advancing effectiveness of development co-operation at the country level, adopting and strengthening aid policies, conducting development fora and taking measures to increase transparency of development cooperation, expand partnerships, such as:

- Some traditional donors, both bilateral and multilateral, continued tackling the “unfinished business” and reforming their approach to development cooperation, taking measures to increase effectiveness and coherence.
- A number of “Busan Building Blocks” continues their thematic actions on the voluntary basis, supporting research, conceptual work and country-level pilots on specific themes.
- Innovative initiatives, such as country-level knowledge hubs were launched by a number of countries to take a more systematic approach to South/South and triangular cooperation.

Taking stock of the ongoing initiatives will not only be useful to give an impetus to GPEDC. As the countries are discussing the post-2015 agenda, key lessons learned from this workshop will be fed into the discussion on implementation of the new development framework.

At the Steering Committee meeting of the GPEDC in Addis Ababa, the members agreed on the priority themes to take forward to the Ministerial meeting in Mexico. These themes are as follow:

Themes	Champion
1. Implementation of the Busan commitments	EU, CPDE
2. Domestic resource mobilisation	Nigeria, AU, EU
3. Knowledge sharing	Indonesia, World Bank, Korea
4. Private sector	World Bank (MDBs), UK, Private sector
5. Middle Income Countries	Mexico
6. South-South and triangular cooperation	Mexico, Indonesia, Bangladesh
7. Inclusive development	US, CPDE

While the “champions” were tasked to conduct consultations in their respective areas, there will be a need of broad-based discussion across themes in order to take stock of the implementation, identify challenges and suggest ways forward. As a host country of the Ministerial meeting, Mexico prioritized its focus areas (development cooperation in the context of the middle income countries and South-South and triangular cooperation) in the preparation process.

A number of regional initiatives have been organized, including the Asia Workshop on the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation organized by the Government of Bangladesh. The workshop addressed the mixed progress in the GPEDC implementation across Asia and highlighted the need for a more technical-level discussion to advance implementation in selected issues.

Objective:

The UNDP Seoul Policy Centre and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea will organize a 2 day international workshop at technical level focusing on country-level implementation of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation. It will consider:

- Policies, strategies and measures put in place by partner countries to implement the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation (or advance its objectives at the country level cases of the country-level work of new cooperation & effectiveness policies, strategies and measures put together by traditional and emerging donors, building blocks, civil society and the private sector.
- Key challenges encountered by countries to advance effective development cooperation and policy coherence for development. Including institutional capacity, policy enabling environment, etc. and potential opportunities presented by global and regional policy dialogue and development cooperation architecture.

This workshop therefore aims to inform the preparation of the first Ministerial Meeting in Mexico in complementing the evidence generated through the global monitoring process with qualitative stock-taking of progresses based on country-level analysis.

Format:

The two-day technical meeting will have an open and interactive format. The discussion session will be organized around lessons learnt from implementation of the Global Partnership since the beginning of 2012 at the country level.

Short survey will also be administered during the workshop focusing on recommendations for the ministerial.

Background documentation:

The short report on the challenges of implementation will be produced by a Working Group comprising various institutions and making use of the preliminary monitoring data and available analytical reports. The report will identify various sets of issues related to implementation of GPEDC at country level. The discussion at the workshop will try to come up with practical solutions to the problems identified in the report.

Thematic papers will be commissioned on the issues that are deemed important in preparation for the first ministerial meeting of the Global Partnership hosted in Mexico.

Participants:

The international workshop will reflect the principles of broadened partnership and bring together selected representatives of the governments involved in GPEDC implementation, as well as the countries that are not involved with GPEDC and engaged with alternative models of development cooperation. The participants will also include representatives of active Busan Building Blocks, relevant thematic and regional initiatives, local governments, private sector, parliamentarians and civil society organizations.

Given the focus on country level implementation, the participants are expected to be directly involved in work related to international cooperation and development effectiveness.

Expected outcomes:

- Practical suggestions to the countries on overcoming challenges to GPEDC implementation.
- Recommendations to the Ministerial Committee of the Global Partnership for Development Co-operation on key priority policy actions areas to further advance and deepen country level implementation;
- Key lessons learned and recommendation for the post 2015 discussions on implementation mechanism.

Technical rapporteuring will be organized during the session to make sure that each session comes up with specific recommendations. They will be integrated into the report with clear diagnosis and recommendations

In addition, the workshop will serve as a catalyst for a community of practice on development effectiveness across regions bringing together development practitioners from across the world and encouraging exchange of solutions for further county level implementation.

Tentative Annotated Agenda

Day 1	
08:30-09:00	Registration
09:00-9:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome Address - MOFA (TBC) • Congratulatory Address – UNDP (TBC)
09:20-10:20	<p>Problem definition: Presentation of a report on problems in implementation - Joint UNDP-OECD Team (TBD)</p> <p>Reactions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KOICA (TBC) • Bangladesh (TBC) • DFID (TBC) <p>Q&A</p> <p>The working group will present the evaluation of implementation and will set the agenda for further discussion.</p>
Session 1: Implementation Problem 1	

10:20-11:15	<p><i>Chair: TBD – Opening remarks, synthesis presentation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Country 1 (10 min) Asia • Country 2 (10 min) Asia • Country 3 (10 min) Africa • Country 4 (10 min) Latin America <p><i>Discussants:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sojin Lim (KOICA) (7 min) • NEPAD/AU (TBC) (7 min) <p><i>Introduction to the breakout sessions</i></p> <p>The first plenary will consider the first challenge (or set of challenges) identified within the report.</p>
11:15-11:30	Coffee break
Session 2: Breakout Sessions: Elements of the Problem 1	
11:30-12:30	<p><i>Venue:</i> Break out rooms</p> <p>Each group shall include representatives of the partner countries, donor countries, CSOs. Some groups shall include representatives from the private sector and local government.</p> <p>Through the multi-stakeholder discussions the participants of the breakout sessions will discuss elements of the first implementation challenge</p>
12:30 – 13:30	Luncheon
Session 2(cont.): Breakout Sessions: Elements of Problem 1	
13:30-14:30	<i>Venue:</i> Break out rooms
14:30-15:15	Report back from break out groups & discussion of Session II

15:15-15:30	Coffee break
Session 3: South-South and Triangular Co-operation for Sustainable Development	
15:30 – 17:30	<p><i>Chair: TBD – Opening remarks</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge hubs – (10 min) • Example Asia - (10 min) • Example Africa – (10 min) • Example Latin America – (10 min) <p>Q&A</p> <p>Countries of the global South are increasingly providing development assistance bilaterally and regionally through new financing arrangements that offer alternatives or complement the approaches of traditional donors. The session shall focus on approaches used and challenges encountered by newly established development cooperation agencies from the global South.</p>
17:30 – 19:00	Private Sector Space (side event)
19:00-21:00	Reception (host TBD)

Day 2	
08:30-09:00	Registration
09:00-09:20	<p>Keynote Speech</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-Chair (TBD) • World Bank (TBC)
Session 1: Donor Strategies in Response to the Global Partnership	
09:20-10:50	<p><i>Expert panel for each country:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • United Kingdom (TBC) • Republic of Korea • TBD <p><i>Discussants:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Country 1 (10 min) • Country 2 (10 min)

	<p>Q&A 20 min</p> <p>Reforms introduced by the donor agencies have a significant impact on the aid environment at the country level. In this session selected donor agencies will discuss their strategies to address the GPEDC.</p>
10.50-11.15	Coffee break
Session 2: Implementation Problem 2	
11:15-12:30	<p><i>Chair: TBD – Opening remarks, synthesis presentation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Country 1 (10 min) • Country 2 (10 min) • Country 3 (10 min) <p><i>Discussants:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Country 4 (7 min) <p><i>Introduction of breakout sessions</i></p> <p>The plenary will consider the second challenge (or set of challenges) identified within the report.</p>
12.30 – 13.30	Luncheon
Session 2(cont.): Breakout Sessions: Elements of Problem 2	
13.30-15:00	<p><u>Venue:</u> Break out rooms</p> <p>Through the multi-stakeholder discussions the participants of the breakout sessions will discuss elements of the second implementation challenge</p>
15.00-15.40	Report back from break out groups & discussion of Session II
15.40-16.00	Coffee break
Session 3: Building Global Partnership towards Post-2015	
16.00 – 18.00	<p>Chair: Mexico</p> <p>Recommendations for the Ministerial meeting of the Global Partnership</p> <p>Partnership for consensus-building towards the post-2015 goals (TBD)</p> <p>Overall key messages on implementation - Summary of the 2 days and suggestions for the way forward & post 2015 implementation (selected rapporteurs from the groups)</p> <p>Panel discussion & interaction with the broader audience</p>

	<p>Wrap up</p> <p>Joined by renowned development practitioners active in the post-2015 debate this session aims to contribute to the ongoing discussion on the future of development partnership.</p>