The geography of poverty has been evolving so that middle-income countries (MICs) now represent almost three quarters of the global poor. While a considerable number of countries have reached middle-income status through rapid economic growth, many MICs encounter diverse development challenges including persistent poverty, growing inequality, vulnerability to macro-economic shocks and climate change. Against the backdrop of rapidly changing development architecture with the emergence of new transformative SDGs, there is a growing consensus that this is an opportune time to re-assess the role of development cooperation in the context of MICs.

This high-level multi-stakeholder panel discussion will consider the principles of successful development cooperation practices in MICs. Hosted by Japan and Mexico under the framework of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation; GPEDC, and moderated by international broadcaster Henry Bonsu, the side event will include perspectives from a range of governments, as well as international organizations, CSOs, and the private sector on key questions including:

- How can development cooperation play a catalytic role in addressing impediments to further development in Middle Income Countries?
- How can the GPEDC as a multi-stakeholder platform promoting behavioral change on the ground support these efforts?

**When:** July 14th, 2015 – 13:15-14:45  
**Where:** Hotel Intercontinental (Warka), Addis Ababa  

* A complimentary light lunch will be served.
Programme

Arrival and Registration

Introduction

Moderator: Henry Bonsu, International Broadcaster

Opening Remarks

- Japan: TBD

- Malawi: H.E. Goodall Edward Gondwe
  Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Development / GPEDC Co-Chair (TBC)

Panel Discussion

- The Netherlands: Mr. Christiaan Rebergen, Director-General for International Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs/ GPEDC Co-Chair (TBC)
  Lessons learned from multi-stakeholders partnerships

- Mexico: Mr. Juan Manuel Valle, Executive Director, Mexican International Development Cooperation Agency (AMEXCID)
  Multidimensional poverty perspectives

- UNDP: Mr. Magdy Martínez-Solimán, Assistant Administrator and Director of the Bureau for Policy and Programme Support (TBC)
  “The Role of Development Cooperation in MICs” (Japan-UNDP Partnership Fund Survey)

- Viet Nam (TBC)
  Perspectives from LMIC in Asia

- Ghana (TBC)
  Perspectives from LMIC in Africa

Interactive Discussion from the Floor

- UNICEF (TBC)
- CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness (CPDE) (TBC)
- Private Sector representative (TBC)