

Concept Note: Panel discussion at the Women Deliver Conference 2016, hosted by The Netherlands, co-Chair of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (GPEDC).

Delivering as One: Global Partnerships for Global Goals

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The universality, interconnectedness and ambition of the Global Goals require a holistic approach. Many global partnerships were established to address one of the MDGs and are often focused on a specific sector or issue. However, in order to effectively implement the 2030 Agenda there is a need to work beyond sectors and to increase the synergy between partnerships. Considering that development happens at the country level, it is necessary to foster intersectoral cooperation on this level to be able to deliver as one. But what does this mean for the existing global partnerships? How can global partnerships make an effective contribution now that the MDGs have been followed up by the SDGs?

The GPEDC contemplates how cooperation for SDG implementation can be more effective and aims to support and scale-up the work of multi-stakeholder partnerships. Late November 2016, the GPEDC will hold its second High Level Meeting (HLM) in Nairobi, Kenya. At the HLM, representatives from all relevant stakeholders are convened to shape the future of development cooperation and mechanisms that support this. It will provide an impetus to development effectiveness in the 2030 era and launch initiatives to deliver on Leaving No one Behind. The Netherlands leads plenary session six focused on multi-stakeholder partnerships. To prepare for this session we aim to organize a number of events to inspire and inform the debate at the HLM and to raise awareness and stimulate action for effective partnerships for delivering the SDG's. This event will focus on the interlinkages and overlaps between global partnerships and explore avenues for how complementarity can be improved to increase impact for the Global Goals.

Currently, the coverage of the Global Goals has been assessed to be patchy and weak by the U.S. think tank Center for International Cooperation (CIC, 2016). All of the Sustainable Development Goals are interlinked and are each crucial to the success of the other goals. For example, should efforts on education fail (Goal 4.1), this would jeopardize other efforts on gender equality and poverty reduction (Goal 5 and 1 respectively). While there are strong partnerships on these goals, the focus on 'leaving no one behind' and inequality could be strengthened. For instance, ending discrimination on women and girls should be an essential part of the efforts on each Global Goal, and not simply on Goal 5.1. In some cases, partnerships which overlap in focus can compete amongst each other, resulting in a loss of effectiveness and efficiency. At the country level there are often duplicated efforts due to a lack of coordination and synergy between organizations and initiatives. There are also Goals that are not fully covered. These gaps can be addressed by creating new collaborative

initiatives between existing partnerships and by fine tuning efforts. Further action on 'leaving no one behind' is necessary because should a partnership on one of these Global Goals fail it would result in dire challenges in achieving the other goals. In order to make it a strategic priority to reach those who are furthest behind, it is necessary for global partnerships to explore opportunities for enhancing inter-sectorial work at the country level.

Objectives

The goal of the session is to engage all stakeholders in discussing potential ways global partnerships can contribute to the coverage of all the Global Goals and deliver as one. The session will bring together front-running, global multi-stakeholder partnerships to discuss the gaps in Global Goal coverage and explore ideas for filling those gaps. In addition, actions that can be undertaken and possible opportunities for collaboration to address the interlinkages between Global Goals at the country-level will be explored

Guiding questions:

- What does the transformation from MDGs to SDGs mean for global partnerships?
- How can we forge alliances and action networks between partnerships to address interlinkages between the Global Goals?
- Where does the alignment need to take place? Globally or locally?
- How can we balance focus and linkage without losing sight of related goals or direction?
- How can inter-sectorial collaboration at the country level be promoted and what modalities can be used to deliver as one to achieve the Global Goals?
- How can we ensure transition from global level collaboration to effective cooperation at regional and country level?

Format

The event will be opened by Dutch Ambassador Private Sector and International Cooperation Jeroen Roodenburg. This event will have 4-6 panelists and a moderator. The format is "Davos-style" with each speaker making a 5-minute introduction followed by targeted questions from the moderator and a discussion in the panel and with the audience. The idea is to foster an open debate and lively interaction, so no power point presentations or formal speeches will be necessary.

Participants

Host

Ambassador Private Sector and International Cooperation Jeroen Roodenburg on behalf of the Netherlands, Co-Chair of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (GPEDC)

Speakers

Robin Gorna (PMNCH)

Geoff Adlide (GPE)

David Nabarro (Special Adviser for the 2030 Agenda)

Jan-Willem Scheijgrond (Global Head of Government Affairs B2G at Philips)

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