

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVES' ACCELERATION WORKSHOP

21-22 June, Barcelona

Agenda

Background:

Global Partnership Initiatives (GPIs) are voluntary initiatives led by different types of development actors (e.g. national governments, international organisations, civil society organisations, trade unions, parliamentarians, local and regional governments, foundations, private sector) that are committed to advance specific commitments for effective development co-operation, as well as make progress in new and innovative areas of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation (GPEDC). They regroup Busan Building Blocks (launched at the [4th High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness](#), Busan, 2011) and Mexico Voluntary Initiatives (launched at the [1st GPEDC High-Level Meeting](#), Mexico City, 2014). Through their efforts, they translate agreements reached at the global level into action and impact on the ground.

The latest GPEDC reports “Update on Global Partnership Initiatives” ([July 2015](#) and [January 2016](#)) showed the important progress GPIs are making, stimulating innovative actions and promoting results in areas such as: strengthening developing country ownership; building inclusive partnerships; focusing on results and promoting mutual accountability; conducting transparent and responsible development co-operation; advancing gender equality; promoting development in situations of conflict and fragility; and mobilising and ensuring coherence with flows beyond official development assistance.

The GPEDC aims to support GPIs’ activities by serving as a platform for sharing their results, promoting mutual learning, increasing co-operation, and effectively upscaling GPIs work. Among other activities, the GPEDC organised the “Planning Workshop: Strengthening Co-operation to Deliver Results” in January 2015 in Brussels, co-hosted by the European Commission, the NEPAD Agency Africa Platform for Development Effectiveness, and the Asia-Pacific Regional Development Effectiveness Facility. This workshop helped to strengthen communication and linkages between different GPIs and the broader GPEDC community.

Today, many GPIs already collaborate with each other and provide evidence, insights and contributions to several GPEDC activities (e.g. GPEDC meetings and GPEDC monitoring exercise). However, there is still much potential for further collaboration among GPIs, greater linkages between GPIs and broader GPEDC work and increased synergies between GPIs and country-level implementation efforts.

Objectives:

Building on the Brussels workshop (January 2015) and the “Update on Global Partnership Initiatives” reports, the “Global Partnership Initiatives’ Acceleration Workshop” will aim to help GPIs to step up their efforts in implementing effective development co-operation ahead of the 2nd GPEDC High Level Meeting (HLM2) in Nairobi (28 November-1 December 2016). The Workshop will provide an opportunity for GPIs representatives to exchange experiences, identify opportunities for collaboration and discuss policy messages that can inform discussions and decisions at HLM2.

Specific objectives include:

- Improve cross-fertilisation and synergies between GPIs and identify options for enhanced collaboration;
- Identify “policy messages” and “stories of progress” in different areas of effective development co-operation, which highlight GPI achievements and can inform discussions at the HLM2;
- Map opportunities for GPIs to be showcased and involved in the preparations for the HLM2;
- Discuss how to strengthen linkages between GPIs and broader GPEDC work, including consulting GPIs on how their work could more effectively inform the GPEDC Steering Committee and broader community, serving to strengthen the GPEDC’s nature as a knowledge hub for effective development co-operation. This discussion will also serve to inform the activities of the Working Groups on Knowledge Hub on

Effective Development Co-operation and on Country-Level Implementation of Development Effectiveness Principles.

The Workshop will be attended by GPI leads, GPEDC Steering Committee members, leads of the core teams preparing the HLM2 plenary sessions, and representatives from the GPEDC Working Groups on Knowledge Hub on Effective Development Co-operation and on Country-Level Implementation of Development Effectiveness Principles.

PROGRAMME	
TUESDAY 21 JUNE 2016	
8:30-9:00	Registration
9:15-9:45	1. Welcome and introduction
9:45-10:45	<p>2. Setting the scene (part 1): overview of GPEDC key activities and strategic directions</p> <p>This session will provide an overview of GPEDC strategic directions, GPEDC 2nd monitoring round and preparations for HLM2. It will start with short presentations followed by Q&A with all participants.</p>
10:45-11:00	Break
11:00-12:15	<p>3. Setting the scene (part 2): overview of GPIs and their areas of work</p> <p>This session will provide an overview of existing GPIs and their areas of work. The JST will make a short presentation followed by break-out groups where all GPIs will have an opportunity to briefly present their activities.</p>
12:15-13:30	Lunch
13:30-15:00	<p>4. Promoting collaboration and identifying gaps in GPIs areas of work</p> <p>This session will identify options for enhanced collaboration among GPIs and any potential “gaps” in effective development co-operation commitments not sufficiently covered by current GPIs. It will feature a discussion in “world café” format informed by the “setting-the-scene” sessions. Conclusions from world café discussions will be presented and discussed in plenary.</p>
15:00-15:20	Break
15:20-16:40	<p>5. Strengthening the GPEDC’s knowledge hub for effective development co-operation: what role for GPIs?</p> <p>This session will consider how GPIs can further inform and contribute to strengthening the GPEDC’s role as a knowledge hub for effective development co-operation. It will start with a presentation from a representative from the Working Group on Knowledge Hub on the group’s recommendations for strengthening the GPEDC as a knowledge hub for effective development co-operation. Participants will then be divided in break-out groups to discuss the recommendations and provide suggestions for taking the work forward. Conclusions from break-out group discussions will be presented and discussed in plenary.</p>
16:40-18:00	<p>6. Going local: how can GPIs help GPEDC advance country-level implementation?</p> <p>This session will explore ways for GPIs to further support implementation of effective development co-operation at the country level. It will start with a presentation from a representative from the Working Group on Country-Level Implementation on the group’s recommendations for strengthening GPEDC country-level work, followed by a presentation from UCLG regarding the engagement of local and regional governments in ensuring concrete on the ground effective results. Participants will then</p>

be divided in break-out groups to discuss the recommendations and provide suggestions for taking the work forward. Conclusions from break-out group discussions will be presented and discussed in plenary.

19:00-21:00 **Dinner at restaurant 1881 per Sagardi** (Museu d'Història de Catalunya - Plaça de Pau Vila, 3)

WEDNESDAY 22 JUNE 2016

9:00-10:45 **7. Preparing for HLM2 (part 1): identifying messages and stories of progress featuring GPIs**

This session will identify “policy messages” and “stories of progress” in different areas of effective development co-operation, which can inform discussions and decisions at the HLM2. Participants will be divided in break-out groups according to plenary session topics and will report back on their groups’ conclusions at the end of the session.

10:45-11:00 Break

11:00-11:50 **8. Preparing for HLM2 (part 2): getting involved**

This session will map opportunities for GPIs to be showcased and involved in the preparations for the HLM2. It will start with a short presentation with opportunities for participation followed by an interactive exercise to “map” how GPIs will engage in preparations for HLM2.

12:00-13:30 Lunch

13:30-15:00 **9. GPIs and GPEDC going forward**

Based on discussions during previous sessions, this session will consolidate key messages on what role / position GPIs could have in future GPEDC mandate and working arrangements, through a facilitated discussion in “world café” format informed by discussions in preceding sessions. Conclusions from world café discussions will be presented and discussed in plenary.

15:00-15:30 **10. Closing session**

The closing session will summarise all proposals/recommendations made during the two days, which will be submitted to the Steering Committee at its 10th meeting in New York (14-15 July). A UCLG representative will also provide closing remarks