



Concept Note

Side Event at the UN Summit for the Adoption of the Post-2015 Development Agenda

Using Inclusive Partnerships to Deliver on the SDGs: the Role of Gender-Responsive Budgeting

Saturday 26 September, 15:00 – 16:30, United Nations, New York – Conference Room 11

Background:

Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) will be as much about the effectiveness of development co-operation as it is about the quantity and form such co-operation takes. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is marked by inclusivity, integration, and universality, with a fundamental shift expected in the development finance architecture. Improving the effectiveness, quality and impact of development co-operation in this context will require inclusive partnerships, innovative approaches and the application of lessons at country level.

Building on four key principles – *ownership* by developing countries, a focus on the *results* of development efforts, *inclusive development partnerships*, and *transparency and accountability* – the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation (GPEDC) is a multi-stakeholder partnership which provides an open, inclusive and safe space to tackle some of the most difficult issues and underlying challenges facing development cooperation.

One of the most pervasive of these challenges is gender inequality. World leaders have placed a high priority on achieving gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls as a cornerstone of the 2030 Agenda. Turning these political aspirations into a reality will require robust monitoring and accountability mechanisms, effective multi-stakeholder partnerships, and more and better financing for gender equality.

This event will build on a series of high-level meetings on transformative financing for gender equality and women's empowerment to showcase how inclusive partnerships can improve the effectiveness, quality and impact of financing for gender equality to deliver on the SDGs. It will focus on lessons learned at the country level in applying gender-responsive budgeting to ensure that fiscal policies are aligned with gender equality objectives. It will also reflect on the Global Partnership's experience of monitoring resources for gender equality using a global indicator which assesses whether governments track allocations for gender equality and how this information is made public.

Objectives:

This side-event will exchange lessons learned on country level application of gender-responsive budgeting as a key driver for increasing domestic resources to achieve gender equality commitments in the SDGs. Through this, it will demonstrate the GPEDC's unique contribution to implementation of the SDGs by providing a dynamic platform for fostering mutual learning, dialogue and partnership.

Specific objectives include:

- to share good practices, challenges, and lessons learned on gender-responsive budgeting as a means of improving the impact of domestic resources.
- to emphasise the importance of monitoring in catalysing behaviour change, using the example of how the strong uptake of the Global Partnership indicator on gender equality has supported efforts towards increasing financing for gender equality.
- to mobilise greater political support for the Addis Ababa Action Plan on Transformative Financing for Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment.
- to exchange views and perspectives on how to best ensure that mutual learning on the *quality, effectiveness and impact* of development co-operation remains central in the implementation of the SDGs, and how the GPEDC can contribute to this.

Special emphasis will be placed on the benefits of capacity building and innovative learning being led at country level. In addition to exchange of national good practices and lessons learned there will be opportunities to assess the achievements and potential of regional Centres of Excellence, to consider the support offered through regional platforms and peer learning, and to highlight the role that communities of practice and the GPEDC play in broad dissemination of lessons learned.

Format and Participation:

The side event will be hosted by the three Co-Chairs of the GPEDC – Malawi, Mexico and the Netherlands - alongside UN Women. The event will feature a moderated interactive discussion with perspectives from a range of high-level participants from developing and developed countries, civil society, the private sector, and regional and multilateral institutions.

Speakers include:

Lilianne Ploumen, Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation, the Netherlands
Claudia Ruiz Massieu, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mexico
Isabella Lövin, Minister for International Development Cooperation, Sweden
Newby Kumwembe, Principal Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Malawi
Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, Executive Director, UN Women
Gina Casar, Associate Administrator, UNDP
Geraldine Fraser-Moleketi, Special Envoy on Gender, African Development Bank
Alejandra Scampini, Association for Women's Rights in Development

The discussion will be moderated by **Gabriela Ramos, OECD Chief of Staff and Sherpa to the G20**

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