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DRAFT Concept Note – Workshop to facilitate the rolling out of the Global Partnership monitoring framework

1. Background

The Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation emerged from an agreement reached at the Fourth High-Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness in Busan, Republic of Korea in 2011. The Global Partnership brings together 160 countries and 45 organisations around a set of shared principles and common goals that form the foundation for effective development co-operation. The Global Partnership has helped forge a broader international consensus that emphasises partnership approaches to co-operation. This consensus recognises the voluntary and country-specific nature of the efforts and places greater emphasis on making sure that co-operation efforts have a catalytic effect on development.

The Global Partnership also supports accountability for “making progress in the implementation of commitments and actions agreed in Busan” through an agreed global monitoring framework. It places particular emphasis on behaviour change in development co-operation efforts, which is in turn expected to contribute to the achievement of results as defined in the developing countries’ development strategies.

Gathering evidence through the agreed monitoring framework is an important way for the Global Partnership to support high-level political accountability at the global level. A global progress report is foreseen to be prepared every 18-24 months ahead of ministerial-level meetings of the Global Partnership, the first of which is planned for late 2013 / early 2014. The ministerial-level platform is supported by the Steering Committee providing strategic leadership over the work programme for the Global Partnership. In its meetings so far (December 2012 in London and March 2013 in Bali), the Steering Committee has underscored the critical importance of country-level progress in agreeing on national frameworks for monitoring progress and promoting mutual accountability. In addition, the Steering Committee underlined the importance of the global monitoring process to inform the ministerial-level discussions on effective development co-operation. At its last meeting, the Steering Committee noted the urgent need to organise regional and sub-regional workshops in order to support country-level implementation frameworks as well as countries’ participation in the global monitoring framework and engagement in the work of the Global Partnership more broadly.

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2. Objectives

The objective of the workshop is to ensure that robust, timely and credible evidence of progress against Busan commitments is generated and shared. It will enable developing country governments to lead the monitoring process at country level, as an entry point for dialogue on progress and challenges, building on and enriching existing country-level mechanisms and processes.

The workshop will provide, on a demand-driven basis, a technical forum for countries which have indicated their interest to participate in Global Partnership monitoring efforts. Discussions will enable government officials in those countries to receive further guidance on the Busan global monitoring framework and to deepen their understanding of monitoring Busan commitments at country and global level. Detailed discussions on indicators will enable the UNDP/OECD joint support team to finalise the guidance for the process.

In addition to setting in motion the global monitoring process, the workshop offers an opportunity for developing countries to be briefed on the Global Partnership and the work of its Steering Committee so far. An initial exchange of views on priorities and interests relating to the work of the Global Partnership could act as a starting point for more extensive consultations at regional/sub-regional workshops (see below), and could offer an opportunity for participating Steering Committee members to consult counterparts from other developing countries in advance of the third meeting of the Steering Committee (July 2013).

3. Approach

The workshops will target the government officials who are in charge of the effective development cooperation agenda in their countries and who have direct responsibility for overseeing monitoring of Busan commitments at country level. Where country-level consultations have led to the nomination of a 'provider focal point' this person (or a similar representative of providers of development co-operation supporting governments in the monitoring process at country level) is welcome to attend the workshop on a self-financing basis. Additional participants playing a key role in supporting country-level dialogue will also be provided an opportunity to participate through their global/regional structures (e.g. civil society and parliamentary organisations).

The workshop for the rolling out of the Global Partnership monitoring framework aims to complement a series of regional workshops, which will be organised by regional organisations/institutions with the support of and/or in co-ordination with the UNDP regional centres. These workshops aim to support the contextualisation of the Busan agenda by focusing on the broader implementation of Busan commitments in region-

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specific contexts. Such workshops will not only provide a forum for peer learning / knowledge sharing on Busan implementation, but also for identifying a number of good examples / and areas of progress in broadening efforts on aid effectiveness to address the effectiveness of development co-operation in a larger sense. In this way, the workshops would also support the gathering of qualitative, anecdotal or case study-based evidence of progress made on broader Busan commitments.

Many participants – especially those not directly involved in the work of the Global Partnership Steering Committee – will also benefit from briefings on international work co-ordinated by the Steering Committee so far. Discussions on developing countries' interests in and priorities for the Global Partnership, as well as reflection on what is working and what might be improved, can then be fed by participating Steering Committee members into the work of the Steering Committee, and initial preparations for the first ministerial-level meeting of the Global Partnership.

4. Organisation arrangements

The joint UNDP/OECD team supporting the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation will organise the workshop, which will be hosted by UNDP in Copenhagen. Costs and travel arrangements for developing country participants will be supported by the joint UNDP/OECD team.

Sessions will be facilitated by members of the joint support team and chaired by government officials as appropriate.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

The indicative agenda below sets out the key sessions over two days. The programme would consist of a mix of plenary sessions and discussions in break-out groups, focusing on (i) a hands-on approach aimed at helping national focal points to roll out the Busan global monitoring framework in their countries, and (ii) broader discussion / consultation on country priorities for the Global Partnership, its first ministerial, and feedback on the functioning of global arrangements since Busan. Some flexibility will be built in the programme to make adjustments depending on the scope and level of participation to ensure the workshop is tailored to the needs of participants.

The following sessions are envisaged:

Session 1: Introduction on the Global Partnership – purpose and progress to date

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Setting the scene: What is the Global Partnership, what's happened so far at the international level, and how can my country engage in it?

- Overview – presentation of the vision for the Global Partnership, including on the agenda for 2013-2014, working arrangements and progress made by the Steering Committee.
- Arrangements for outreach and country-level support.

Session 2: The Busan Global Monitoring Framework – purpose and overall approach

Reaching a common understanding of the overall approach and an overview of indicators

- Presentation of the Global Monitoring Framework – Approach and scope of monitoring.
- Review of lessons learning from previous efforts: What were the results and benefits from monitoring the Paris Declaration?
- Partner country perspective on progress in implementing Busan commitments at country level.
- Discussion on how the Busan global monitoring framework as such can strengthen partnership policies, development co-operation practices and results and how the findings can support country level policies and practices.

Session 3: Getting organised at country-level for contributing to Busan global monitoring efforts

Guidance and practical tips on rolling out the Busan global monitoring framework at country level

- Process and support to be envisaged
- Hints and tips for managing the process – distinguishing situations where existing sources of data can be used and where *ad hoc* arrangements need to be put in place

Session 4: Indicator Clinics

An opportunity to review each indicator in detail, including the following aspects:

- Definition of each indicator
- Practical examples of problems encountered in measuring the indicator and solutions to be used
- Validity and reliability of the indicator

Indicators will be covered in clusters through 3-4 different break-out sessions.

Session 5: Priorities for the Global Partnership and reflections on progress so far

Session designed to ascertain whether the emerging work of the Steering Committee reflects the priorities of developing countries, and to share views on what is working

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well and what can be improved in terms of post-Busan structures at the global, regional and country levels.

- Priorities of developing countries for the first ministerial
- Feedback on efforts to work in “globally light, country focused” ways. What successes, and where are there support needs?

[Session format and content to be designed further with / by participating Steering Committee members who would be well placed to chair discussions, and convey key messages to the Steering Committee.]

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