

# **Africa Regional Workshop on the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation Post-Monitoring Results and Preparations for the 2nd High Level Meeting (HLM2)**

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## Key Political Messages for HLM2

### **Progress and Challenges for Effective Development Co-operation**

#### Monitoring:

- Remains an important part of the Global Partnership and has great potential to contribute to the achievement of AU Agenda 2063 and Agenda 2030 respectively;
- We call for a review of the Monitoring Framework to be aligned to the needs of AU Agenda 2063 and Agenda 2030 and an Action Plan for implementation be developed. HLM2 should lead to binding commitments from all stakeholders;
- We call on the Global Partnership to deepen the role of regional organisations in the implementation and monitoring of Global Partnership commitments;
- We call upon development partners to harmonise their data on African country systems and commit to strengthen our data collection, analysis and dissemination capacities;
- We strongly urge development partners to use and adhere African country systems. This calls for enhanced use of Country Results Frameworks;
- We commit to strengthen our Development Co-operation Policy Frameworks to adapt to the changing landscape of development finance;
- Adopt recommendations from the Monitoring Findings in reviewing the Global Partnership commitments.

#### Aid Dependency and Flows:

- We acknowledge that Domestic Resource Mobilisation remains the most sustainable form of funding Africa's development transformation. We commit to strengthen policies, mechanisms / instruments and institutions to deepen and promote DRM;
- Aid can play a strong catalytic role for Africa's development and achievement of Agenda 2063. In this regard, we call for aid to be directed towards productive sectors and economies;

We note with concern the reducing volume of aid and call upon development partners to meet their 0.7% GNP pledge; not compromise this with ODA stretched to also cover humanitarian assistance; and further increase grants and concessional lending towards LDCs.

#### Enabling Environment for Multi-stakeholders:

- We will deepen our work on enabling environment for CSOs and the private sector to promote the implementation of the Global Partnership, AU Agenda 2063 and Agenda 2030 and call upon CSOs and the private sector to strengthen their transparency and accountability towards the achievement of socio-economic transformation. Further, we call upon all multi-stakeholders to support the sensitisation of all CSOs to the Istanbul principles.

### **GPEDC Contribution to Agenda 2030**

- We propose that the Global Partnership be transformed into a platform for achieving behavioural change on partnerships' contributions towards implementation of the SDGs;
- The Global Partnership Mandate should be reviewed to reflect the needs of Means of Implementation of Agenda 2030;
- The development effectiveness principle on results-based outcomes must be consistent and aligned with National Development Plans and their respective Results Frameworks for impact;
- Development Partners should provide support for capacity development towards aligning AU Agenda 2063 and Agenda 2030 with the National and Regional Development Plans.

## **South-South Co-operation**

- The South-South Co-operation agenda must be defined and led by the South, including the definition of its delivery and monitoring framework; and in the Continent's case, it should be framed and driven by African countries with the African Union and Regional Economic Communities with a secondary or supportive role of international development agencies and partners;
- We recognise that African countries have different financial needs for development and commit to strengthen and deepen the role of South-South Co-operation in providing complimentary resources towards the continent's transformation agenda;
- We commit to create an enabling environment for the promotion of knowledge and technology transfers, South-South investments and free movement of capital, services and persons;
- We commit to strengthen the role of South-South Co-operation in deepening the role of regional integration in Africa's transformational agenda;

## **Business Sector's Contribution to Sustainable Development**

- We urge the business sector to promote responsible, inclusive and sustainable business practices, including curbing illicit financial and resource flows from Africa, in line with the needs of the SDG Agenda;
- We commit to strengthen the role of the domestic business sector, e.g SMEs, through providing an enabling environment to access financial services thus contributing to SDGs implementation;
- We urge the business sector to strengthen and align their corporate social investment and SDG-related programmes to National Development Plans;
- We are committing to sensitising the private sector on their role in the Global Partnership and development effectiveness agendas;
- We commit to mitigate risks emanating from Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) and applying the development effectiveness principles in the delivery of PPPs projects.

## **Economic Empowerment of Women and Youth**

- We call on governments to fully implement youth and women employment and empowerment policies in all sectors;
- We commit to create structures for effective mobilisation, participation and inclusion of women and youth in planning, budgeting, implementation and monitoring of development programmes at all levels.

We urge the creation of an enabling environment including financial facilities and legal framework to support women and youth employment, empowerment and initiatives.