



Linking Development Finance with Results: Achieving the SDGs in the Asia-Pacific Region

Consultation for the Second High Level Meeting of the [Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation](#)

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Background and Context

At the 3rd International Conference on Financing for Development (FfD) in July 2015, a gathering of high-level political representatives, including Heads of State and Government, and Ministers of Finance, Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation resulted in the [Addis Ababa Action Agenda](#) (AAAA). This document provided a new global framework for financing sustainable development that aligns all financing flows and policies with economic, social and environmental priorities. The decisions taken at this conference also set out a comprehensive set of policy actions by Member States in order to support mobilization of the means for a global transformation that were in September 2015 adopted as the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which includes a set of 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to end poverty, fight inequality and injustice, and tackle climate change by 2030.

In a related global stream focused on development effectiveness, the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (GPEDC) emerged from an agreement reached at the Fourth High-Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness in Busan, Republic of Korea in 2011. At the Forum, development stakeholders agreed to “hold each other accountable for making progress against the commitments and actions agreed on effective development co-operation, alongside those set out in the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness and Accra Agenda for Action through i) agreeing on country-led frameworks based on national needs and priorities [for monitoring progress](#) and promoting mutual accountability; and ii) monitoring progress through a selective and relevant set of indicators at global level. Following the First High-Level Meeting (HLM) for the GPEDC in Mexico in 2014, the Second HLM will be held in Nairobi, Kenya on 28 November – 1 December 2016.

[UNDP's Bangkok Regional Hub](#) hosts the Asia Pacific Development Effectiveness Facility (AP-DEF), a country-led platform chaired by the Government of Bangladesh. AP-DEF is a platform for implementing effective solutions to development problems for the countries of the region through south-south and triangular cooperation, and proactively seeks to support this particular mode of cooperation following the decisions at different global fora including at GPEDC High Level Meetings. The Facility is a platform for regional dialogue, cooperation, and sharing of country knowledge and experiences on development finance and cooperation. It is responding to the growing demand from countries in the region to establish evidence and analysis, and introduce policy and institutional reforms for managing the increasing complexity of domestic and international sources of finance for development. Under the umbrella of AP-DEF, stakeholders in the Asia-Pacific met in March 2015 in Manila, Philippines, in the lead up to the Addis Ababa FfD conference, at a consultation entitled “Strengthening the Coherence of the Financing for Development and Effective Development Cooperation Agendas.”



Participants held in-depth discussions on the nature of development finance flows in the region, including international and national, public and private flows. Representatives from countries and experts shared insights from the provision of South-South Cooperation (SSC), management of tax reforms to strengthen domestic resource mobilization, budget management, the management of scaled up climate finance, ODA policy and institutional reform, as well as opportunities for strengthening the enabling environment for civil society and private sector to contribute to development.

Now that Agenda 2030 and AAAA have been agreed, in response to demand from countries in the region to link finance flows with national development results, AP-DEF is organizing a second regional consultation. This meeting will provide an opportunity for countries and stakeholders to discuss what key messages to bring to the HLM2 in Nairobi, based on the following discussion topics:

- **Financing for development in the context of the SDGs, with a view to strengthen the links between finance and development results;**
- **Progress in establishing Integrated National Financing Frameworks (INFFs), as called for by the AAAA and exploring what it means at country level to develop INFFs;**
- **Findings from the GPEDC 2nd monitoring round: discussions on the implications of the monitoring results for national and global policy processes, and the way forward for utilizing the Global Partnership monitoring in the context of the SDGs;**
- **Lessons from the Asia-Pacific region to inform the future objectives and contributions of AP-DEF, and highlight recommendations and messages from the region to be fed into the HLM2 in Nairobi.**

Presentations and plenary discussions at the consultation aim to be strongly anchored in country level experiences and emphasis will remain focused on promoting coherence between the agendas on Effective Development Cooperation (EDC), FfD and Agenda 2030. The discussions will reflect the various contexts in the region such as implications for fragile and post-conflict contexts; significance for MICs, LDCs and SIDs; and include opportunities to discuss strengthening modalities and policy environments to promote South-South and Triangular Cooperation.

In preparation for the consultation, AP-DEF is preparing the 2016 Regional Report: **Achieving the SDGs in the Era of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda - Progress on integrated national financing frameworks in the Asia-Pacific region**, which will outline finance trends but also policy and institutional reform initiatives to strengthen the alignment of finance flows with national priorities and results. This builds on existing work supported by UNDP and AP-DEF on development finance and effectiveness: [Development Finance Assessments \(DFAs\)](#) and [the 2014 AP-DEF Report on Effective Development Cooperation in Asia-Pacific](#). This report, along with the findings from the 2nd Global Partnership monitoring round in the region, will serve as inputs to the discussion.

The consultation will result in the following outputs:

- Identification of lesson learned, innovations, and next steps from country-level experiences of linking financing with results and institutional reforms;
- Regional recommendations and priorities to be brought to the HLM2 and key messages to be highlighted from the region's experiences of FfD and the Global Partnership, including inputs to discussions on a refined Global Partnership monitoring framework;
- Stronger understanding of how finance can link with the SDGs and national development results, and how the effective development cooperation agenda can support country level implementation.

Participants and resource persons will include:

- Asia-Pacific government representatives from Ministries of Planning and Finance and other relevant implementing ministries and policy makers, and from the AP-DEF community;
- Representatives from the Global Partnership co-chairs and HLM2 host; as well as from the Joint Support Team and Monitoring Advisory Group;
- Members of the donor community;
- Representatives from CSO Partnership and other civil society representatives involved in the Global Partnership;
- Representatives from private sector.

This workshop will be held immediately after the 'Regional Knowledge Exchange on Implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development'¹ (October 24-25) in order to maximize relevant participants' time and provide space for linkages with the 2030 Agenda implementation plans in relation to financing of the SDGs.

¹ The Regional Knowledge Exchange will be hosted by UNDP Bangkok Regional Hub on October 24-25 and will explore new, more integrated and adaptive approaches to planning, budgeting, financing and 'acceleration' of the SDGs.