Civil Society Continuing Campaign for Effective Development – CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness

To realise and advance the complementary contributions of all the development cooperation actors in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda as well as in the fulfillment of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the outcome document from the engagement in the 2nd High Level Meeting of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (GPEDC HLM2) in Nairobi, Kenya in 2016 has been culminated, shifting the focus from development effectiveness to broader effective development cooperation (EDC) discourse and placing the important principles of enabling environment (EE), human rights-based approaches (HRBA), and accountability of the private sector in development cooperation.

For CSO Partnership Development Effectiveness (CPDE) to sustain its advocacy work on universalising EDC, it has to influence favourable policy outcomes in Development Partnerships (DPs) at the global and regional levels through institutionalising CSO participation, advocating enabling environment for CSOs, and aligning development frameworks to HRBA; as well as to increase CSO capacity to contribute and monitor DPs and Istanbul Principles implementation.

Reinvigorating Effectiveness for the 2030 Agenda

From September 11 to 12, 2018, CPDE participated in a GPEDC conference entitled Reinvigorating Effectiveness for the 2030 Agenda, which was held in Paris, France. A delegation of three (3) co-chairs, some of CPDE members from Africa, Asia, Europe, and Latin America, as well as some members of the Global Secretariat was organised in order to engage and interact with various governments and development actors. This was to ensure that an Enabling Environment for CSOs is properly accentuated during the event particularly in the context of CSO engagement in the third monitoring round. Other than this, CPDE also presented issues and messages on the primacy of private sector engagement in development cooperation; and on the fulfillment of EDC commitments.

Some highlights from the conference are the session on Today’s drivers of success for a renewed approach to effectiveness wherein issues and priorities that are significant for the international development community in delivering development impact in changing development contexts were aimed to identify; Delivering more effectively in fragile and conflict affected situations session, debating on how the Global Partnership can adapt its monitoring to address the challenges for tracking progress in conflict-affected and fragile situations; and the session on Scaling up private sector engagement to deliver solutions on the ground, soliciting different perspectives from stakeholders on the role of private sector in development and how to effectively engage the private sector in development cooperation.

CPDE Advocacy and Policy Workshop and Strategic Plan Review

CPDE has conducted two (2) meetings on improving the platform’s advocacy and policy as well as reviewing its Strategic Plan (SP) on September 13-14 and 15-16, 2018, respectively. The purpose of such is mainly to analyse CPDE’s external environment; assess progress in achieving CPDE strategic objectives and evaluate adequacy of the platform’s organisational complement; develop advocacy messages and CSO key asks based on the Strategic Plan (SP); and to scrutinise the plan per se if it requires any appropriate improvement.

Some key recommendations from the meetings are to develop a CPDE political manifesto renewing the platform’s commitment to its advocacy objectives and positions in connection to the changing development landscape; and to develop a work plan which will detail the membership, processes, and governance of the SP. All the recommendations from both meetings will be discussed in the upcoming Coordination Committee (CC) meeting.

Approaching Activities for October 2018

In probing the effectiveness and accountability of private financing through the EDC lens, CPDE will hold a conference entitled People’s Global Conference Open Spaces in Densapar, Bali, Indonesia on October 11, 2018. Objectives of this event are to discuss and evaluate the current work and initiatives of the World Bank (WB) and International Monetary Fund (IMF) in development cooperation; showcase country stories and sectoral reports that highlight the impacts of WB and IMF projects to the people, specifically in the Global South; review the accountability of International Financial Institutions (IFIs) and other stakeholders in their development initiatives and projects; as well as to document and learn from other CSOs and people’s movements in improving CPDE’s advocacy work around IFIs, WB and IMF in particular.

Other than the abovementioned, in advancing effective Development Cooperation principles in private sector development financing, a Civil Society Policy Forum (CSPF) and an IMF–World Bank meeting will be held on the same day, in Bali, Indonesia, to explore the application of EDC principles, discuss mitigation measures, and recommend accountability systems to ensure that both public and private actors comply with existing frameworks, such as the ILO and UN protocols, UN guiding principles on Business and Human Rights, and the OECD guidelines for Multi-national Enterprises.

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