

Dear Joint Support Team,

The GPEDC Steering Committee Constituency of Canada, Australia, New Zealand constituency strongly supports the overarching strategic goal of the Senior Level meeting to send a clear and visible political signal to the development community at the 2019 HLPF sessions that will showcase the relevance and contribution of the GPEDC to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

We commend the Joint Support Team and the Co-Chairs on a well-thought out strategic positioning of the SLM in terms of both substance and timing.

The constituency is pleased to see that the five objectives of the SLM include showcasing work on improved effectiveness in fragile contexts, and improved partnerships for private sector and triangular cooperation, and will be underpinned by the findings of the 2018 monitoring report. The relevance of the achievements of the GPEDC could be better showcased by tying them to all the SDGs being discussed at the 2019 HLPF.

We welcome Objective IV, which seeks to address forward looking 'frontier issues' for effectiveness. With regard to Objective V, we support efforts to stagger the three Co-Chairs' rotations to ensure the organizational effectiveness of the GPEDC.

Achieving **gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls** is a priority for the constituency. We propose that the GPEDC could look at this under Objective IV when discussing pressing concerns and issues, forging new coalitions, and the next critical areas where the Global Partnership can drive effectiveness.

I would like to emphasize the critical role of gender equality in the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, both as a stand-alone and a cross-cutting goal, and we support a call from the GPEDC to promote gender equality as a central global development priority in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

It would be important to invite organizations supporting women and girls' rights to the SLM.

Innovation helps to identify new or improved approaches that are more effective than current practices.

Including innovation as a new focus for the GPEDC, and a cross-cutting theme, would build on the knowledge-sharing for innovation workstream. Effective innovation goes beyond technology and blended finance to include new policies, partnerships, business models, behavioural insights and delivery methods.

The G7 Whistler Principles to Accelerate Innovation for Development Impact, endorsed by G7 countries in Canada in June 2018, aim to ensure that innovation contributes to development effectiveness.

In June 2018, at the Ministerial-level G7 meetings organized in Canada, we used an innovative method of galvanizing Ministers to act on achieving gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls, by seating adolescent girl leaders from marginalised communities on an equal footing with and beside each Minister. Ministers commented that this was a first for them, and the person-to-person contact was the most compelling experience of this meeting, and influenced their perspective on the importance of empowering adolescent girls.

We welcome the proposal to summarize SLM conclusions in a formal summary by the Co-Chairs.

Comments on the Resource Mobilization Proposal

Organization and Venue

A UN venue would be appropriate for this event. It would lend the UN 'patina' and would be the most cost-effective option.

It will be important to ensure the inclusiveness of this event by planning for a good ratio of national governments *vis a vis* non-executive representatives, for example civil society. The ratio should reflect the strong engagement by non-government representatives at the HLM in Nairobi.

We favour Option 2 of the scenario options for the SLM. We believe that \$484,751 with an attendance of approximately 560 is a reasonable option, that balances budgetary pressures with the need to bring together a critical mass of 'effectiveness' supporters. If a low-cost UN venue can be secured, perhaps support for more attendees could be envisaged.

Very best regards,



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