



# Engaging Local Governments for Effective Development Co-operation



**Global Partnership**  
for Effective Development  
Co-operation

## At the current rate of delivery, we will not meet the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Support to local and regional governments in localising the SDGs is absolutely critical to ensuring that the SDGs are made relevant for local contexts, addressing the challenges faced by different communities, territories and peoples.

United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) participates in the **Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation (GPEDC)** where it represents the vision and aspirations of local and regional governments as contributing partners for sustainable development everywhere.

Local government leaders are elected to serve the interests of their municipality, ensuring the running of an effective local government that is fair, resourceful and efficient in the use of citizens' taxes, eventually improving the overall quality of life for all people residing in these communities.

In the lead up to the Global Partnership's first **Senior-Level Meeting (SLM)** at the **UN High-Level Political Forum** in July 2019, local governments from around the world – closest to the people they serve – are called upon to advocate for the needs of their communities and the policy changes to help make the SDGs a reality.

## Effective development co-operation is defined by four key principles.

In 2011 at the **Busan High-Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness**, a multi-stakeholder constellation of key actors, including nearly 160 countries and various international organisations, endorsed the Busan Partnership Principles and agreed to:



Align their co-operation with national priorities and plans, tailored to country-specific situations and needs (**country ownership**)



Ensure accountability among partners and provide openly available information on development co-operation (**mutual accountability and transparency**)



Foster innovative partnerships with openness, trust and mutual learning that boosts development impact (**inclusive partnerships**)



Ensure investments and efforts have a lasting impact on eradicating poverty and reducing inequality for sustainable development (**focus on results**)

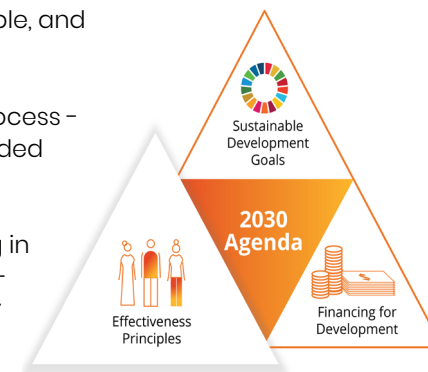
## Effective Development Co-operation and the 2030 Agenda

Complementing the enabling architecture of the **Agenda 2030**:

**The what:** The Sustainable Development Goals – articulating what we want to achieve for planet, people, and prosperity.

**The means:** The Financing for Development process – including the different types of resources needed for the 2030 Agenda.

**The how:** The effectiveness principles – working in more empowered, inclusive, and equal partnerships to develop 'whole-of-society' solutions for more sustainable development outcomes.



**Local governments are the closest sphere of government to their communities and thus integral to ensuring the 2030 Agenda is met effectively, transparently, and in the interest of all.**

Representing governments on the ground, local officials play a key role in ensuring trust, accountability, and transparency between government officials and citizens i.e. that local resources are used in a coherent manner in accordance with state and federal laws and guidelines. In turn, citizens hold their council members accountable for carrying out their duties as efficiently and effectively as possible.



## ✔ Consult with your GPEDC Representative

United Cities and Local Government (UCLG) represents and defends the interests of local governments on the world stage, covering 240,000+ towns, cities, regions and metropolises and 175+ local and regional government associations.

UCLG also serves as the voice of local governments on the GPEDC's 25-member Steering Committee - a multi-stakeholder governing body that meets biannually to guide the work of the Global Partnership and ensure that it is carried out transparently, and in full consultation with each stakeholder group.

For inquiries, contact your constituency representative through [policy@uclg.org](mailto:policy@uclg.org).

## ✔ Explore GPEDC Monitoring Results

The Global Partnership monitoring exercise is a voluntary, country-led and multi-stakeholder process that tracks progress on the implementation of the four effectiveness principles, using **10 indicators**. Using this data, local governments can find out more about country progress on key indicators that matter to them. This includes exploring which countries are setting national results frameworks that determine the priorities of their own development and if there are basic conditions in place for ensuring a multi-stakeholder dialogue process, which would in turn allow local government voices to be heard in key national decision-making processes. The results of the monitoring round feed into the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda.

Contact [monitoring@effectivecooperation.org](mailto:monitoring@effectivecooperation.org) or visit the [website](#) for more information.

## ✔ Join the GPEDC Knowledge-Sharing Platform

Local governments can now use the Global Partnership's Knowledge-Sharing Platform - a one-stop digital hub for information, training, and peer-learning. It provides practitioners the opportunity to network around successes, bottlenecks and innovations in effective development co-operation and sustainable development. Council members can share their success stories, experiences and lessons learned, create a group with other local councils around the world or host online consultations on key local issues.

Available in June at [www.knowledge.effectivecooperation.org](http://www.knowledge.effectivecooperation.org).

## Local Governments for Effective Development Co-operation

Local governments are instrumental in ensuring that limited, local resources are used to meet the needs of their constituencies:



**Localise the SDGs:** Local and regional governments are key to interpreting and understanding the SDGs (see [UCLG's toolkit on localising the SDGs](#)) in local contexts, prioritising based on the needs of the regions and territories they serve.



**Facilitate partnerships:** Local governments are in the best position to facilitate partnerships between government bodies, the private sector and civil society groups in their communities for more effective, inclusive, and cross-cutting partnerships.



**Develop coherent policies:** Local governments can help develop policies that address the multi-faceted and unique challenges of local communities, in turn helping implement effective, tailored development programmes.



**Mobilise local resources:** Local government officials can play their part in mobilising more resources through e.g. local taxes for financing the sustainable development agenda, but also advocating for the effective transfer of resources, based on competences defined at other levels of governments.

## Contribute to the 2019 GPEDC Senior-Level Meeting

The GPEDC is holding its **Senior-Level Meeting** in July 2019, taking place in the margins of the United Nations **High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development** in New York. This Senior-Level Meeting will showcase tools - from and for the country level - for making development co-operation more effective. The input of local governments at the SLM is necessary to ensure that efficiency is achieved at all levels of government. Local governments from the North and South will be invited to engage in discussions around effectiveness through different platforms and social media.

Contact [info@effectivecooperation.org](mailto:info@effectivecooperation.org) to find out ways to get involved.