

Summary Concept Note
**Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation Planning Workshop-
Strengthening Coordination to Deliver Results**

Context:

Further to the strong political momentum given by the Mexico HLM in April 2014 and building on the work of the last two years, the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (GPEDC) is in the process of renewing its vision for the future, including reflection on its contribution to the implementation of the post-2015 agenda. Increased coherence within its work is part of the aims for the new vision. A work plan for the Global Partnership for 2015-2016 in this context would be needed, allowing for the translation of the new vision into practice.

During the Steering Committee of the GPEDC in July 2014, the European Commission offered to host a planning workshop, which would bring together all interested parties of the Global Partnership in order to develop such a work plan for 2015-16.

Purpose:

The Planning Workshop is intended to constitute a wide and inclusive consultation of members of the Global Partnership, beyond those represented in the Steering Committee, on the future work of the GPEDC. There are a lot of work streams active as part of the implementation of the aid and development effectiveness agenda that could be better coordinated, communicated and related to the work of the steering committee.

The expected output of the workshop would be a two year work plan for the Global Partnership, with clear work-streams and corresponding activities, captured in a coherent framework that would encompass aid and development effectiveness undertakings of the GPEDC constituencies, regional organisations, thematic Building Blocks and voluntary initiatives, namely those included in the Mexico Communiqué. The work plan will also contain key milestones and deliverables, along with mechanisms for communicating and reporting these to the Steering Committee and in a broader manner.

The work plan will also be sought as a defined framework capturing the GPEDC experiences, part of which can constitute a contribution to the implementation of the post 2015 agenda, organised along the axes proposed in the GPEDC input to the UNSG Synthesis Report.

Date: 21-22 January 2015 (after to the GPEDC Steering Committee meeting taking place in the Netherlands on 19-20 January)

Proposed place: Brussels

Organisers

The workshop is organised in coordination with the GPEDC co-chairs and hosted by the European Commission, the NEPAD Agency Africa platform for Development

effectiveness (APDev), as well as the Asia-Pacific Development Effectiveness Facility (AP-DEF).

The Joint Support Team (JST) will play its role in preparing the meeting, especially for information dissemination, mobilisation of participants and development of some background material.

Proposed participation: +/- 160 participants

The planning meeting shall gather a range of stakeholders, represented at the technical level by aid and development effectiveness representatives including:

- Members of the GPEDC Steering Committee & support organisations
- Leaders and key members of the thematic Building Blocks
- Leaders and key members of the voluntary initiatives launched at the Mexico HLM
- Regional organisations/ platforms
- Other, as appropriate

Facilitators: one facilitator per working group (which co-organisers will identify).

Content elements for the *tentative* Programme

In order to deliver a draft 2-year work plan for the GPEDC at the end of the 2-day meeting, joint work in break-out groups will be instrumental.

1st day

- Welcoming addresses from co-hosts
- Presentation of the renewed vision of the GPEDC and of the priority directions for the work of the Partnership by the GPEDC co-chairs- feedback from the discussions in the Steering Committee in the Netherlands (including feedback from the GPEDC questionnaire on future work, as well as highlighting the key inputs provided to the UNSG Synthesis Report)
- Presentation from Republic of Korea on the outcome of the Seoul November workshop: How country-focused implementation can translate into better planning for the next phase.
- 6 parallel Working Groups, bringing together representatives of the GPEDC members, Building Blocks, voluntary initiatives, others, on the following pre-identified workstreams:
 - DRM,
 - Private Sector,
 - South-South cooperation & knowledge sharing,
 - MICs,
 - LICs, Fragility & conflict ,
 - Regional and country-led efforts on development, effectiveness and quality

The 6 working groups will horizontally address the design of multi-stakeholder partnerships and inventorying best practices on effective cooperation.
- Presentations from the working groups on concrete 'mini-workplans' for selected work-streams

- Plenary discussion on completing the workplan framework, additional elements not captured through the above mentioned WGs

2nd Day

- 6 parallel Working Groups: bringing together representatives of the GPEDC members, Building Blocks, voluntary initiatives, others, on the following pre-identified workstreams (to be discussed and further refined):
 - Implementation of the principles for development effectiveness: Results, Transparency, Country ownership, Inclusive development partnerships,
 - Linkages with the post 2015 agenda and other processes, including UNDCF activities.
 - Stakeholder engagement and improving communication among and between constituencies within the GPEDC
 - Outreach activities, including to new partners and fundraising
 - Integrating Building Blocks and Voluntary Initiatives fully in the GPEDC architecture
 - Monitoring, including steps for the critical assessment of the existing framework in the light of post-2015 requirements.
- Presentations from the working groups in plenary
- Wrap-up of the workshop, including final remarks on the way forward and Conclusions from the co-hosts and co-organisers