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SUMMARY

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SUMMARY OF THE 10TH STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

Over 60 participants representing Steering Committee members, Co-Chairs and the Joint Support Team attended the 10th meeting of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation Steering Committee on 14 and 15 July 2016 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. Addressing the meeting at the opening, the President of the United Nations Economic and Social Council emphasised the Global Partnership as a firm foundation for a renewed global partnership of the 2030 Agenda to ensure that no-one is left behind. Ambassador Oh recognised that the Global Partnership can make a tangible contribution to complement FfD and SDG follow-up through its monitoring framework, data and lessons learned from the country level, signaling his strong recognition of the Partnership in the UN context.

During the two-day the meeting, the Steering Committee ultimately made decisions on: way forward for revising the monitoring framework; advancing a renewed mandate; preparing for HLM2 and advancing the finalization of its outcome document. The remainder of this summary identifies decisions and specific follow-up actions agreed at the meeting.

I. REVISING THE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP MONITORING FRAMEWORK

A Working Group consisting of Steering Committee members and two Monitoring Advisory Group (MAG) members, will develop a business model/Theory of Change (ToC) for the Global Partnership, based on the preparatory ToC work of the MAG, and on Steering Committee deliberations related to the mandate. The Joint Support Team (JST) will draft principles and parameters for a revised monitoring framework for further consultation.

Discussion

- Monitoring is a centrepiece of the Global Partnership's work and **a key contribution to the 2030 Agenda review process**: Global Partnership contributions to monitor SDG 17.16, 17.15 and 5.c.1 will provide the key entry point. Further synergies to inform UN-led follow-up and review, including HLPF and UNDCF should be explored.
- Initial indications from the **2nd monitoring round** signal some progress in implementing development effectiveness principles on the ground. Participation in the 2nd round is high, with over 80 countries participating. Preliminary findings, individual country profiles and infographics explaining key results will be available from September onwards to inform regional post-monitoring workshops and other regional consultations in the lead-up to HLM2. To this end, results will be discussed at: i) regional and provider workshops in September / October 2016, ii) at the Busan Global Partnership Forum and iii) during HLM2 preparatory days and plenary sessions. Data will be disseminated through the effectivecooperation.org website in early October. The 2016 progress report is still on track to be released **by 28 October**.
- The [recommendations by the Monitoring Advisory Group](#) received broad support. The MAG's preparatory work on a **Theory of Change** provides a rationale for what the Global Partnership wants to achieve and relevant underlying behaviour changes.

Action

- Building on outcomes of the MAG's work and recommendations, the JST will draft **principles and parameters for a revised monitoring framework**, including possible new areas for monitoring, to be presented for further stakeholder feedback at events indicated in the po-

litical roadmap¹, and considered for inclusion (as annex) in the Nairobi Outcome Document.

- For the MAG proposal to establish a Working Group on the Global Partnership business model/Theory of Change, please see action points under section III on mandate.

II. GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVES' RESULTS AND THEIR CONTRIBUTION

The renewed mandate should refer to and clarify GPIs' contribution to the Global Partnership. The JST will propose how to confirm existing and announce new GPIs at HLM2.

Discussion

- GPIs energise the Global Partnership and **make concrete contributions to the SDGs** by supporting effective implementation of the 2030 Agenda on the country level, including country-level implementation of development effectiveness commitments. They are widely supported and should: remain voluntary; be clustered and better linked with one another; have measurable deliverables and communicable results and lessons learned; and be supported by Steering Committee members.

Action

- GPIs' work should be **reflected in the renewed mandate** and working arrangements.
- The JST will prepare a proposal for a **process to confirm existing GPIs and announce new GPIs** at HLM2 **by end of August 2016**.

III. RENEWING THE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP MANDATE

The mandate renewal process depends on the continued leadership of all Steering Committee members. A draft mandate, including revised working arrangements, will be prepared by the Co-Chairs and JST based on feedback from Steering Committee members on the existing 2012 mandate and reports by the Working Group on Country-Level Implementation (WG-CLI) and Working Group on Knowledge-Hub (WG-KH).

Discussion

- On scope and functions, Steering Committee members agreed to develop a **mandate that encompasses a broad canvas of issues, but is also focused and specific**. Driven by countries' needs to finance development and achieve the SDGs, the renewed mandate should capture development cooperation beyond ODA and look at the effectiveness of all development cooperation overall (including non-financial resources) supporting the attainment of SDGs in developing countries. The Global Partnership should make full use of different networks and communities of experts to provide evidence of the issues related to the broader scope of flows and resources.
- The renewed mandate will **address the Global Partnership's contribution to the 2030 Agenda**. SC members highlighted the Partnership's role as a mutual accountability and knowledge sharing platform for effective development co-operation; focus on country implementation and monitoring; ability to advance multi-stakeholder partnerships/platforms for SDG implementation; and its role in funnelling country-level dialogue into the global-level policy debate.
- The Working Group on Country-Level Implementation made **recommendations on policy, dialogue and data to inform a renewed mandate**. It stressed national development finance as-

¹ This will include regional post-monitoring and other preparatory workshops for HLM2, the Busan Global Partnership Forum and other avenues

assessments and inclusive consultations for national development strategies; the importance of multi-stakeholder platforms at the country level; GPI contributions to implementation work; the use of Aid Information Management Systems and alignment of monitoring to SDG indicators. The group also asked for clarity on which actors will implement its recommendations, once finalised and adopted.

- The Working Group on Knowledge Hub recommended **better reflecting how the Global Partnership generates knowledge in addition to sharing it in the renewed mandate**. It stressed the need to invest in making all actors understand effectiveness principles and commitments and recommended the establishment of a knowledge management unit within the JST to coordinate knowledge efforts around monitoring, GPIs, meetings / workshops, regional platforms etc., based on an agreed work plan and driven by Steering Committee members, while realising that this and other recommendations would depend on adequate funding.
- On **working arrangements**, Steering Committee members agreed on the importance of developing a mechanism for partner countries to exchange, coordinate and promote dialogue at a regional basis; the development of Terms of References for Co-Chairs and Steering Committee members – including reflections on constituency representation; keeping the ‘Steering Committee’ name / composition and ensuring continued support by the JST. The Steering Committee also advised that calling on expert advisors, similar to the MAG, should be needs-based.
- Steering Committee members also agreed on the need to maintain a linkage between the **Global Partnership and the UN’s follow-up and review cycle**. The specific HLM cycle was not yet agreed. There was support for specialised policy dialogues as incentive for all actors to engage and for maintaining the Annual Global Partnership Forum.
- Steering Committee members discussed possible alternative Co-Chairing arrangements but did not agree on any of the proposals put forward on the convenience of adding an additional Co-Chair (such as non-executive and regional basis).

Action

- Steering Committee members are invited to provide comments to info@effectivecooperation.org by **Monday, 16 August** on:
 - How the **2012 Mandate of the Global Partnership** should be revised, taking into account the options presented in the [background paper on mandate renewal](#).
 - **Co-Chairing and SC arrangements**, i.e. specific proposals for composition, selection process and mandate of Co-Chairs and the Steering Committee Members, including their “Ambassadorial function” and the “special Co-Chair” role of the HLM host;
 - **Additional comments on the recommendations from the Working Groups on Knowledge Hub and Country-level Implementation**;
- The JST will prepare Terms of Reference and a timeline for a Working Group of Steering Committee members to articulate a proposed Global Partnership business model/ToC as input to the mandate renewal, particularly aimed at increasing the impact of the GPEDC at the country level. Steering Committee members are asked to indicate their interest in joining the group to the JST (info@effectivecooperation.org) by Friday, 5 August.²
- In response to a discussion on how to relate the scope of the Global Partnership to the proposal for the OECD-DAC-led development of the new international statistical measure of **Total Official Support for Sustainable Development (TOSSD)**, Steering Committee members were also encouraged to indicate willingness to contribute and provide feedback to this process, on their national or institutional capacity.

² In the margins of the meeting, AU / NEPAD, EU, USA, CPDE have already indicated their interest.

- Based on this feedback, co-chairs with the support of JST will present a **draft mandate proposal (including achievements, scope, complementarity and working arrangements)** for discussion in the margins of Busan Global Partnership Forum.
- Steering Committee members representing recipient country governments and regional organisations (PIFS and NEPAD), under Co-Chair Malawi's leadership, and those representing provider and recipient country governments, under Mexico's lead, prepare a proposal by 15 September for a **mechanism to nominate new co-chairs**. This will include a timeline for the nomination process ahead of HLM2.
- The co-chairs, with the support of the JST will present a proposal of Terms of Reference for Co-Chairs and Steering Committee members.

IV. BUDGET and ORGANISATIONAL PREPARATIONS OF HLM2

The HLM2 agenda was adopted, with the addition of a Ministerial / Head of Delegation segment. Resource mobilisation proposals and the itemised budget indicating funding priorities will be made available by Kenya by end of July to expedite resource mobilisation.

Discussion

- Kenya briefed the Steering Committee on **preparations for HLM2**, including the set-up of national committees, invitation process and political outreach at the global level.
- The JST made a presentation on **Plenary Sessions and progress made by the HLM2 Working Group**; updated versions of concept notes to be available in September.
- To ensure high level participation, Steering Committee members agreed to include a **restricted Ministerial / Head of Delegation only segment** to ensure broad, high-level engagement in HLM2 discussions and, with this, **adopted the HLM2 agenda**.
- JST briefed the Steering Committee on the **budget gap** and a discussion ensued about how to close it (with funding announcements by some delegates) and minimise costs. The maximum size of delegations was also discussed, with questions on travel facilitation support that is available to non-state actors. It was concluded that it will depend on the overall funding secured.
- **Non-state SC members** emphasised that they need to identify ways to **encourage their constituency to participate in HLM2**. Through the work of the core groups and preparatory forums, this will help to mobilise their constituency.

Action

- Kenya will provide an itemized budget which **indicates priorities** to identify where funding is most urgent and share with Steering Committee members **by the end of July**.
- All Steering Committee members were asked to consider **contributing to the resourcing of HLM2, financially and in-kind**, and encourage members of their constituencies to do the same. The cut-off for the travel fund and in-country preparation is the **end of August**.
- Welcoming AU / NEPAD's offer to help **mobilise high-level participation**, Kenya is to work with AU/NEPAD to ensure participation of a number of African Heads of State at HLM2.
- Non-state actors should communicate any requests for **direct invitations** to Kenya.

V. HLM2 OUTCOME DOCUMENT: THE WAY FORWARD

Discussion

- Steering Committee members **welcomed the revised draft of the Outcome Document** and signalled strong support for the progress made. Ambassador Kamau encouraged stakeholders to **articulate their ambitions and commitments more clearly and to provide specific language proposals as well as proposals on structure** on the latest version of the outcome document (dated 30 June 2016), emphasized on building stronger and inclusive consultations within constituencies. Comments should be sent **by 16 August** to info@effectivecooperation.org, copying to mumbimichelle@gmail.com; tgp@minbuza.nl, betngoma@yahoo.com; and ngonzalez@sre.gob.mx; caseka@gmail.com.
- **Two iterations of the document are foreseen ahead of Nairobi:** i) in late August / early September, based on Steering Committee members feedback; and b) in October / early November. The Outcome Document should be finalised during the pre-meeting days in Nairobi, 28-29 November. There was support for using [UNGA71](#) (13-26 September) and the [Busan Global Partnership Forum](#) (6-7 October) to discuss the next draft in small groups, and for using UNGA to mobilise high level interest in HLM2.
- There is a need to **identify stakeholders that are not reached by the Steering Committee**, for Kenya to reach out separately.
- On **substance**, it was suggested to highlight achievements so far; existing principles and commitments and their meaning for different stakeholders; as well as linkages to the 2030 Agenda. Steering Committee members also suggested a **more assertive tone**, emphasising the multi-stakeholder character and progress made so far (including number of countries engaged in the 2nd monitoring round), **ambitions** about expanding on existing commitments and the Global Partnership's **scope** (reaching beyond ODA and addressing non-financial development co-operation) and to identify commitments for different stakeholders. **Other elements** raised as requiring greater attention or further discussion range from Middle Income Countries and specific roles for providers of South-South Co-operation, to gender equality and transparency. On **structure**, Ambassador Kamau expressed preference for a short and focused document, max 3-4 pages plus annexes. He requested advice from SC members on what needs to be in the main text and what could be shifted to the annexes.
- Ambassador Kamau highlighted the **importance of demonstrating to the wider community how the Global Partnership interfaces with SDG and FFD Follow-up and the DCF**. For example, the findings of the 2016 Monitoring Report can be presented at the next HLPF – heralding a 'New Deal' among developing countries and their partners.

Action

- Steering Committee members are asked to consult their constituencies on [the latest outcome document draft](#) and **provide precise proposals on revised language by 16 August**, including:
 - The value of the Global Partnership for their constituency, and what their constituency brings to the Global Partnership;
 - Specific commitments that their constituency is willing to undertake to improve the effectiveness of development co-operation in the 2030 landscape, and expectations for other partners in development co-operation;
 - Clear indication on which segments are agreed by the constituency and which could be deleted or revised while providing the language being proposed.
 - Clear indication of the actors included in the consultation and subsequent inputs conveyed by the Steering Committee member.

- Steering Committee members, Co-Chairs and JST to identify **stakeholders that are not reached by Steering Committee members** and inform Kenya to ensure outreach on Outcome Document.
- JST to share an **updated roadmap** (graph and calendar) for consultations on the Outcome Document, based on guidance from Co-Chairs and Kenya.
- Co-Chairs to write to **G20 Chair (China)** to present Global Partnership as part of 2030 Agenda follow-up.
- Steering Committee members to **reach out to other emerging economies** in consultation with Co-Chairs, Kenya and JST.

Co-Chairs will revert in early September on the possibility of meetings of members of the Steering Committee in the margins of the UN General Assembly and as part of the Korea Global Partnership Forum. They will keep the Steering Committee informed about the mandate and Outcome Document processes and the status of financing of HLM2 in the interim.