

**Africa Regional Workshop on the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation
Post-Monitoring Results and Preparations for the 2nd High Level Meeting (HLM2)**

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Key Political Messages to HLM2

Progress and Challenges for Effective Development Cooperation

Monitoring:

- Remains an important part of GPEDC and has the greatest potential to contribute to the achievement of AU Agenda 2063 and Agenda 2030 respectively;
- We call for a review of the Monitoring Framework to be aligned to the needs of AU Agenda 2063 and Agenda 2030 and an Action Plan for implementation be developed. HLM2 should lead to binding commitments from all stakeholders;
- We call on GPEDC to deepen the role of regional organizations in the implementation and monitoring of GPEDC commitments;
- We call upon development partners to harmonise their data on African country systems and commit to strengthen our data collection, analysis and dissemination capacities;
- We strongly urge development partners to use and adhere African country systems. This calls for enhanced use of Country results Frameworks (CRFs);
- We commit to strengthen our Development Cooperation Policy Frameworks to adapt to the changing landscape of development finance;
- Adopt recommendations from the Monitoring Findings in reviewing the GPEDC commitments.

Aid Dependency and Flows:

- We acknowledge that Domestic Resource Mobilization remains the most sustainable form of funding Africa's development transformation. We commit to strengthen policies, mechanisms/instruments and institutions to deepen and promote DRM;
- Aid can play a strong catalytic role for Africa's development and achievement of Agenda 2063. In this regard, we call for aid to be directed towards productive sectors and economies;

We note with concern the reducing volume of aid and call upon development partners to meet their 0.7% GNP pledge and not compromise this with flows towards challenges in migration being experienced where ODA is being considered to cover humanitarian assistance, as well as, further increase grants and concessional lending towards LDCs.

Enabling Environment for Multi-stakeholders:

- We will deepen our work on enabling environment for CSOs and private sector to promote the implementation of GPEDC, AU Agenda 2063 and Agenda 2030 and call upon CSOs and private sector to strengthen their transparency and accountability towards the achievement of socio-economic transformation. Further, we call upon all multi-stakeholders to support the sensitization of all CSOs on Istanbul principles.

GPEDC Contribution to Agenda 2030

- We propose that GPEDC be transformed into a platform for achieving behavioural change on partner contribution towards implementation of SDGs;

- GPEDC Mandate should be reviewed to reflect the needs of Means of Implementation of Agenda 2030;
- GPEDC principle on Results based outcomes must be consistent and aligned with the National Development Plans and their respective Results Frameworks for impact;
- Development Partners should provide support for capacity development towards aligning AU Agenda 2063 and Agenda 2030 with the National and Regional Development Plans.

South-South Cooperation

- South-South Cooperation agenda must be defined and led by the South, including the definition of its delivery and monitoring framework; and in the Continent's case, it should be framed and driven by African countries with the African Union and Regional Economic Communities with a secondary or supportive role of international development agencies and partners;
- We recognize that African countries have different financial needs for development and commit to strengthen and deepen the role of South-South Cooperation in providing complimentary resources towards the continent's transformation agenda;
- We commit to create an enabling environment for the promotion of knowledge and technology transfers, south-south investments and free movement of capital, services and persons;
- We commit to strengthen the role of South-South Cooperation in deepening the role of regional integration in Africa's transformational agenda;

Business Sector's Contribution to Sustainable Development

- We urge the business sector to promote responsible, inclusive and sustainable business practices, including curbing illicit financial and resource flows from Africa, in line with the needs of the SDGs Agenda;
- We commit to strengthen the role of domestic business sector e.g SMEs through providing an enabling environment to access financial services thus contributing to SDGs implementation;
- We urge business sector to strengthen and align their cooperate social investment and SDG related programmes to the National Development Plans;
- We are committing to sensitize the private sector on their role in the GPEDC;
- We commit to mitigate risks emanating from public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) and apply GPEDC principles in the delivery of PPPs projects;

Economic Empowerment of Women and Youth

- We call on governments to fully implement youth and women employment and empowerment policies in all sectors;
- We commit to create structures for effective mobilization, participation and inclusion of women and youth in planning, budgeting, implementation and monitoring of development programmes at all levels;

We urge for the creation of an enabling environment including financial facilities and legal framework to support women and youth employment, empowerment and initiatives.