

Key messages for major forums and events



2021 High-Level Meeting of the Development Co-operation Forum 6 – 7 May 2021 | New York / virtual

Topic(s): This Forum will advance international development cooperation that reduces risk, enables recovery, and builds resilience in the COVID-19 period and beyond. The programme is available [here](#).

The Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation...

...in a word: *Partnerships.*

...in a phrase: *the primary multi-stakeholder vehicle for generating and sharing knowledge on effective development cooperation, to "maximize the effectiveness of all forms of co-operation for development for the shared benefits of people, planet, prosperity and peace".*

...and if you have a bit more time: *We have what we need to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and a framework for the resources needed in the Financing for Development (FfD) process. The Partnership compliments these efforts by focusing on how we partner and work together – through principle-based, evidence-led, development efforts – to achieve the 2030 Agenda*

*It promotes **four principles of effective development co-operation:** (i) ownership by developing countries; (ii) a focus on results; (iii) inclusive development partnerships; and (iv) mutual accountability and transparency.*

Points to raise on Effective Development Co-operation:

- The COVID-19 pandemic has emphasized the indispensable role of global solidarity and international co-operation to contain the pandemic and address its socio-economic fallout. We need to redouble our efforts to effectively deliver development co-operation to not only **recover from COVID-19**, but also to **support resilient systems and societies** in combatting new and unforeseen development challenges the crisis has given rise to.
- While ODA has increased, the funding gap for the SDGs has also increased with the ongoing pandemic. Hard gained progress is already being reversed in many places with as many as 150 million people at the risk of becoming extreme poor. We thus need more resources, better partnerships and do more effectively with what we have - in that sense, **the case for more effective co-operation and partnerships is stronger than ever.**
- The pressures resulting from the pandemic have only underscored the **importance of the principles of effective development co-operation**, the importance of strengthening national capacities and the core role of partnerships in our collective development efforts. This ideology is the basis on which the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation (GPEDC) works, bringing together **different development partners to maximize the effectiveness of all forms of co-operation** for development.
- The pandemic has also stressed the specific need for **development planning and co-operation to be more risk informed** to be more effective.
- **The UN Secretary-General's report on development co-operation, referring to the Global Partnership's most recent monitoring evidence (2019), shows that more needs to be done for risk-informed planning in development co-operation.** Predictability is a requirement for effective development planning, but **predictability of ODA is declining**, with limited availability of forward expenditure and implementation plans from country development partners, especially in extremely fragile contexts.
- Evidence also shows an **overall decline in the alignment and use of country results frameworks and planning tools** by providers of development co-operation. Since COVID, hundreds of millions of dollars of development assistance have been re-purposed (USD 12 billion as per OECD's latest data). It will be critical to ensure alignment of these funds with partner country priorities and under their policy leadership.
- Together, **these trends weaken the ability of developing countries to effectively plan and budget for their development efforts.** Development partners urgently need to re-focus their action and support to national efforts and leadership to achieve the SDGs so those hit hardest are assisted quickly and effectively so we build back better.