The GPEDC Review
Background document for Session 3

21st Steering Committee Meeting, 7-8 July 2021

This document provides an overview of the objectives and scope of the ongoing GPEDC Review and of planned next steps to facilitate a discussion among Steering Committee members on how to use emerging findings from the review to foster political engagement in the run up to the next Steering Committee meeting and beyond.

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1. Objectives and Scope

Under the leadership and guidance of the four Co-Chairs, the essence of the GPEDC review is to assess and offer recommendations for the realisation of the current mandate of the GPEDC - supporting the implementation 2030 agenda by maximising the effectiveness of all forms of cooperation for development. In doing so, the GPEDC review consists of two interlinked components: (1) Performance review and (2) Governance review.

The main objective of the performance review is to answer the question: “to what extent has GPEDC delivered on its mandate, and how can this be improved?” In doing so, the performance review will assess the (continued) relevance and effectiveness/impact of the GPEDC at the global and country level. Besides, the performance review sets out to understand how and why the momentum (vibrancy in constituency engagement) of the partnership has changed over time. The main objective of the governance review is to answer the question: “to what extent and how can the functioning of GPEDC’s leadership and governance arrangements be improved in support of GPEDC’s mandate?” In doing so, the review examines five success factors of a so-called ‘cooperation system’: Strategy, Cooperation, Steering Structure, Processes, and Learning Capacity.

In analysing its findings, the review will pay deliberate attention to mapping and explaining changes in the application of the Development Effectiveness principles at the global, regional and country-level (i.e. behavioural changes). This analysis will be structured using the COM-B behaviour change model, which means specifically looking at how Capacities, Opportunities and Motivation for displaying desired behavioural change can be improved.

A detailed set of review questions has been worked out. These questions will be answered by collecting data using a combination of desk-study and interviews (perception study) with a broad group of GPEDC stakeholders, representing the various constituencies that make up the partnership. In addition, the feasibility of undertaking an online survey is being examined to offer a wider group of stakeholders the opportunity to provide inputs into the review as well. Upon completion of the data collection process, and in line with the learning purpose of the review, a sense-making workshop will be organized to validate and jointly reflect on key findings as a basis for a participatory design process to generate ideas about GPEDC’s best way forward.

Ultimately, the combined performance and governance review are meant to result in a set of actionable recommendations to regain GPEDC’s momentum, and how best to retain the relevance and effectiveness of GPEDC’s performance in implementing its mandate.

The inception process of the GPEDC review was completed in May 2021, while the overall review process is expected to be finalized in the 2nd half of September 2021.

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1 Prepared by independent review team
2 Using the Capacity Works model as presented in Cooperation Management for Practitioners – Managing Social Change with Capacity Works, GIZ GmbH, 2015
3 The COM-B Theory of Change, John Mayne, 2018
4 Including co-chairs, representatives of the various constituency groups and JST members.
The figure below illustrates the detailed time schedule for undertaking the GPEDC review in more detail.

2. Proposal for next steps

It is envisaged that the report of the independent consultants will offer recommendations on:

- Ways of regaining momentum, retaining relevance and effectiveness of the Partnership; and
- Improved governance and working arrangements of the Global Partnership.

Following the presentation of the report, the Co-Chairs will reflect on how to take forward recommendations concerning the Partnership’s future directions in the context of the HLM3 political track, and work with the Steering Committee and the Joint Support Team to address key issues related to the working modalities.

The roadmap (see below) outlines the Co-Chairs’ proposed next steps in taking forward the findings/recommendations of the report from the independent review, in the lead up to the 3rd High-Level Meeting.
GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP REVIEW
A ROADMAP

20th SCM
Start of GPEDC Review process & engagement with stakeholders

21st SCM
Discussion on GPEDC Review to date & future process

SENSE-MAKING WORKSHOP
Reflect on findings

Co-Chairs reflect & consult on the report in preparation for the Steering Committee meeting

Taking recommendations forward:
Designing a renewed GPEDC approach & ways of working

23rd SCM
Review progress on implementation of review recommendations

22nd SCM
Consultation with Steering Committee members on Co-Chair proposed directions

BUSAN PARTNERSHIP FORUM
Broader consultation with stakeholders on GPEDC future

3rd HIGH-LEVEL MEETING
Relaunch a strengthened GPEDC, informed by the GPEDC review

Dec
March - June
Early July
End July
Early Sept
Mid-End Sept
Sept - Nov
Nov - Dec
Early 2022
Late 2022

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