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ACTION DIALOGUE 2021 FOR EFFECTIVE DEVELOPMENT CO-OPERATION

Promoting effective country level partnerships and accountability

Yaounde, Cameroon

CONCEPT NOTE

Background

The Republic of Cameroon recently adopted its National Development Strategy (NDS30). The resource needs for its implementation are huge. The COVID-19 pandemic seriously affected the national economy. As the pandemic unfolded, development cooperation providers in Cameroon joint efforts with the national government to provide relief to the affected populations. The coordinated responses demonstrated that when partners join efforts together, better results can be achieved faster. The COVID-19 pandemic further revealed the value of partnerships in finding common solutions to development current challenges.

The current context is marked by the need to foster implementation and achievement of the objectives of the National Development Strategy and the Sustainable Development Goals, as well as the acceleration of the decentralization process.

Cameroon has a good record of active participation in the global framework for development assistance as well as involvement in the monitoring and evaluation exercises of the implementation of the related global commitments. In this regard, the country took part in 2008 and 2011 Monitoring of Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness, the 2010 Evaluation of the Implementation of the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness, the various monitoring rounds of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation, as well as the 2018-2019 Development Finance Assessment carried out within the framework of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda on Financing for Development. Today, in collaboration with the donor community, the country is in the process of revitalizing of the Multi Partners Committee (CMP), a government-donor consultative platform to strengthen the cooperation and partnership around the national priorities and SDG's implementation.

The Action Dialogues 2021 will draw upon the evidence, learnings and data from the past and ongoing processes, including the Development Finance Assessment, and the results of the 2018 Monitoring Exercise of the Global Partnership for the Effective Development Co-Operation. The Action Dialogue 2021 will also utilize lessons from the Kampala Compact for the Private Sector,

the CMP reinvigorate process, as well as the Voluntary National and Local Reviews of the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development in Cameroon. It is expected to help shape the national agenda and enhance the effectiveness of development co-operation and partnerships in the country.

Objectives

The objectives of the Action Dialogue are to:

- foster the implementation of the National Development Strategy
- bolster ongoing efforts towards the 2030 Agenda
- stimulate country-led dialogue and mobilise all partners to improve effectiveness of development co-operation for sustainable results
- strengthen effectiveness efforts and partnerships in the spirit of the “whole-of-government” and “whole-of-society approach” required to achieve the SDGs.
- Inform preparations for the GPEDC’s Third High-Level Meeting (HLM3) in 2022

Methodology

- ***What is being assessed***

The Action Dialogue will assess the performance of development partnership in all the sectors of the National Development Strategy.

A work group will be created within the Ministry of Economy, Planning and Regional Development. the purpose of this work group will be to carry out analysis at the level of each sector of the NDS30 and prepare reports for each sector.

In line with the guidelines in annex, the dialogue in Cameroon will be also focused on:

- how development effectiveness and partnerships are evolving in the changing development landscape,
- how the principles of effective development co-operation are guiding government and development actors to work together effectively; and
- what actions are needed to advance the effectiveness of cooperation and partnerships to deliver sustainable development impact.

The Action Dialogue will be centered around these reports

- ***The way to implement the Dialogue***

The Action Dialogue will take place in the form of a three-days’ workshop.

- ***Roles and responsibilities***

- ✓ Government of Cameroon (Ministry of Economy, Planning and Regional Development):
 - Create a working group to prepare the Actin dialogue 2021
 - Carry out sector assessment of development partnership performance in Cameroon
 - Prepare sector development partnership performance reports to be examined during the Action Dialogue 2021
- ✓ UN RCO and UNDP

- Provide technical guidance and logistic support to the process
- Work closely with the joint support team to help coordinate the process
- ✓ Multi Partner Committee (Providers of development co-operation)
 - contribute to the sector analyses and assessments
 - suggest additional questions and issues to include in the process
 - draw attention to any existing evidence that could be used to enrich the narrative
 - participate in the overall review to validate the methodology

Tentative Timeline

The indicative timeline for the Action Dialogue 2021 in Cameroon is as shown in the table below.

Date	Activities	Responsible
Final planning and proposal design		
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Finalisation of the draft concept note - Dissemination of the proposal 	MINEPAT, RCO, UNDP
July	Workshops to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - select and review indicators for sector reviews of development partnership - prepare and finalise terms of reference for sector reviews 	Working Group MINEPAT, RCO, UNDP
Sector development Partnership Assessment		
August-November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - collect, compile, analyse on development partnership performance at sector level - identify further evidence complementary evidence and input to inform the Action Dialogue 	Working Group MINEPAT, sector ministries, RCO, UNDP
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - workshops to review development partnership performance reports 	Working Group MINEPAT, sector ministries, RCO, UNDP
Action Dialogue 2021		
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Holding of Action Dialogue 2021 (1-3 December) - Dissemination of Report 	Working Group MINEPAT, CMP, RCO, UNDP

Annexes:

1. Provisional Budget for the 2021 Action Dialogue
2. Detailed Brief on the Action Dialogues
3. Guidance and Materials for All Stakeholders
4. Guidance and Materials for Partner Countries