GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP ACTION DIALOGUE 2021
FOR EFFECTIVE COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT (PMCED)

TERMS OF REFERENCE
Effective international cooperation for development is essential to help countries improve the lives of their people. The four (4) principles of the Global Partnership namely (i) country ownership, (ii) inclusive partnerships, (iii) focus on results, (iv) transparency and mutual accountability, guide the relationship between development partners and help strengthen and improve the way they work together.

The Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (GPEDC) is an inclusive forum that brings together countries and organizations voluntarily committed to strengthening the effectiveness of development cooperation. It was born out of an agreement between 161 countries and 56 international organizations at the fourth High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness in Busan, South Korea in 2011, reinforced by the adoption of the Mexico Communiqué (2014) and the Nairobi Outcome Document (2016) on Financing for Sustainable Development. On this occasion, in addition to country representatives, there were representatives of technical and financial partners, the private sector and civil society.

This forum marks a new approach to development cooperation in that it is a multi-stakeholder platform whose objective is to make each actor’s development efforts more effective, with a view to achieving tangible results that integrate the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

This platform is the main multi-stakeholder vehicle for fostering development effectiveness by bringing together different actors such as governments, bilateral and multilateral organisations, civil society, the private sector and representatives of parliaments and trade unions, among others. It supports the concrete implementation of effective development cooperation principles, promotes mutual accountability and strives to maintain the political momentum for more effective cooperation and partnerships based on partner country ownership, a focus on results, inclusive partnerships and mutual transparency and accountability.

In view of the assessment of countries in the implementation of the Busan commitments, surveys are organized every two years at the national and international levels under the term "monitoring cycle". Since 2014, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) have been supporting the governments of partner countries to conduct the monitoring cycle for these commitments. For the year 2021, the co-chairs of the PMCED have invited all partner countries to conduct Action Dialogues for Effective Development Cooperation in 2021. This is a multi-stakeholder dialogue that aims to build a common understanding of concrete steps to enhance the effectiveness of cooperation and partnerships. The dialogue will be led by the Governments of the partner countries through a series of meetings.

In this regard, Togo proposes to focus the dialogue on the theme: "accelerating ongoing efforts for more effective cooperation for development, building on previously agreed plans/roadmaps".

**I- OBJECTIVES**
The overall objective of this dialogue is to organize a series of discussion meetings between the government and development partners and to reflect on the challenges and opportunities to improve the effectiveness of cooperation and partnerships.

Specifically, this will involve:

- Conduct a dialogue with the public sector (representatives of ministries and institutions of the Republic);
- conduct discussions with TFPs;
- conduct discussions with the private sector;
- conduct discussions with academics;
- Conducting discussions with CSOs, foundations, trade unions;
- prepare, validate and send the report of the 2021 Action Dialogue to the joint OECD/UNDP team.

II- EXPECTED RESULTS

- Dialogue with the public sector (representatives of ministries and institutions of the Republic) is conducted;
- Discussions with the TFPs are conducted;
- Discussions with the private sector are conducted;
- Discussions with academics are conducted;
- Discussions with CSOs, foundations, trade unions are conducted;
- The report of the 2021 action dialogue is prepared, validated and sent to OECD/UNDP.

III- METHODOLOGY

The methodological approach to conduct the dialogue is divided into three (03) phases:

- **Phase 1:** preparatory meetings for the dialogue will be held with the groups of junior and seniorexperts identified: these preliminary sessions will make it possible to have the draft reports of the dialogue. The meetings of this phase will take place face-to-face in strict compliance with the barrier measures decreed by the Government;

- **Phase 2:** meetings in thematic groups between development actors identified as resource persons: they will allow to discuss the themes and to amend the draft reports;

- **Phase 3:** The reports resulting from the group work will be compiled into a single report for Togo. This report will be validated at the national level with a view to its transmission to the joint OECD/UNDP team. A one-day validation workshop will be organized for this purpose.

Due to the health context of the COVID-19, all meetings in phases 2 and 3 will be held in virtual format.

IV- PARTICIPANTS

- Representatives of Ministries and Institutions of the Republic;
- Representatives of technical and financial partners;
- Representatives of CSOs, foundations and trade unions;
- Private sector representatives;
- The representatives of the academics of Togo.
Twenty-four (24) resource persons will be specifically copied from a cross-section of ministries and institutions involved in the policy dialogue on development cooperation. These are:

**For the group of public administration, universities and town halls**
- Ministry of Economy and Finance (1)
- Ministry of Public Works (1)
- Ministry of Health, Ministry of Health, Public Hygiene and Universal Access to Health Care (1)
- National Assembly (1)
- Court of Auditors (1)
- Togo City Halls (1)
- Universities (1)

**For the group of technical and financial partners**
- United Nations system (1)
- World Bank (1)
- European Union (1)
- Germany (1)
- African Development Bank (1)

**For the private sector group**
- Association of large companies in Togo (2)
  Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Togo (1)
- Patronage (2)

**For the group of Civil Society Organizations and Foundations**
- Union of Non-Governmental Organisations of Togo (UONGTO) (1)
- Faîtière des organisations non-gouvernementales du Togo (FONGTO) (1)
- National focal point for the global partnership for effective development cooperation (1)
- National Financial Information Processing Unit of Togo (CENTIF-Togo) (1)
- Ministry of Territorial Administration, Decentralization and Local Government (1)
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Integration and Togolese Abroad (1)
- Ministry of Territorial Administration, Decentralization and Local Government (1).

In the first phase, these resource persons will be invited to preparatory meetings for the dialogue. During these preparatory meetings, known as technical meetings, the resource persons will be informed about the context, the issues, the objectives and the methodology of the dialogue.

They will be asked to provide initial information and analyses on the various themes and to consult their peers as needed for more in-depth analyses. On the basis of this substantive work, they will re-read and amend the provisional reports from the meetings.
Thus, in a second phase, they will bring the draft reports before the enlarged groups of stakeholders. They will be collegially responsible for the content of these reports and will be able to defend them if necessary before their peers.

In a third phase, these resource persons will participate in the final validation of Togo's single report, which will be drawn up on the basis of a compilation of the reports from the work of the thematic groups.

V- DATES

| Phase 1: Preparatory meetings with groups of identified resource persons |
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| **Dates** | **Activities** |
| October 28, 2021 | Meeting with ministries, institutions of the Republic, town halls and academics |
| 02 November 2021 | Meeting with technical and financial partners |
| November 03, 2021 | Meeting with the private sector |
| 04 November 2021 | Meeting with CSOs, foundations and trade unions |

| Phase 2: Meetings in thematic groups between development actors |
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| 09 November 2021 | Meeting with the ministries and institutions of the republic |
| November 10, 2021 | Meeting with technical and financial partners |
| November 12, 2021 | Meeting with academics and town halls |
| November 15, 2021 | Meeting with the private sector |
| November 17, 2021 | Meeting with CSOs, foundations and trade unions |

| Phase 3: Preparation, validation and transmission of the country report |
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| November 17 to 19, 2021 | Preparation of the country report for the 2021 policy dialogue |
| November 23, 2021 | Validation of the report |
| November 23 to 30, 2021 | Finalization and transmission of the report |

| Phase 4: Synthesis and follow-up of the implementation of the recommendations and results of the Action 2021 Dialogue |
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| | Presentation of results and lessons learned to the Authorities and partners for improved development effectiveness |
| | Participation of Togo in regional and international meetings on the MDP |
| | Organization of periodic dialogues and consultation groups with stakeholder groups |
| | Organization of the Action 2022 Dialogue |