

Paraguay's Action Dialogue on Effective Development Co-operation

“Multi-stakeholder partnerships for sustainable development: follow-up and monitoring of the Co-operation Framework between Paraguay and the United Nations”

Concept Note

I. Context:

The Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation (<https://www.effectivecooperation.org/>) is the primary multi-stakeholder vehicle for driving development effectiveness, to maximize the effectiveness of all forms of development co-operation for the shared benefits of people, planet, prosperity and peace. It brings together governments, bilateral and multilateral organizations, civil associations, private sector, and representatives of parliaments and unions, among others, who are committed with strengthening the effectiveness of their partnerships and the 2030 Agenda.

Formally constituted in 2012, the Global Partnership supports the practical implementation of the effective development co-operation principles, promotes mutual accountability and works to sustain the political momentum for more effective co-operation and partnerships. Agreed in 2011 (as in the Nairobi Document) by more than 161 countries and 56 organizations, the four principles of effective development co-operation provide a framework for more equal and empowered partnerships and more sustainable development outcomes. The effectiveness principles are: a) Ownership of development priorities by developing countries; b) Focus on results; c) Inclusive partnerships; d) Transparency and mutual accountability.

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (<https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/development-agenda/>), comprised of 17 goals and 169 targets, brings together the international community to join efforts to eradicate poverty, extend the access to human rights, achieve a global economic development that is sustainable and respectful of the planet and the resources it offers. It proposes a paradigm transformation with a vision to transversally advance the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development.

The 2030 Agenda also establishes multi-stakeholder partnerships as the center for the realization of its goals and targets, stating that the collaboration between different sectors of society is one of the fundamental enablers of sustainable development, calling for an unprecedented level of co-operation between the public sector, private sector, civil society, academia, and citizens, for its achievement. Hence, the imperative of effective partnerships to contribute towards attaining its fulfillment.

To that effect, the Co-operation Framework between the United Nations and Paraguay is a document cocreated following a multi-stakeholder consultation process. It seeks to accelerate Paraguay's progress towards fulfilling its commitments to the 2030 Agenda, aligning its programming to priority areas, outcomes, products, and strategies, pursuing to ensure its complementarity and synergies with national planning frameworks.

Furthermore, the Republic of Paraguay has established the National Development Plan – Paraguay 2030 as a roadmap. Launched in 2014 and updated in 2021, the National Development Plan defines priority objectives, as well as indicators with ambitious long-term goals that lead in turn to sustainable development actions with the engagement and participation of every State agency and civil society. The document has a 92% alignment with the SDGs, enabling an effective contribution to the international development agenda through the management of the national government.

In terms of development co-operation, the management of non-reimbursable international cooperation (CINR, by its Spanish acronym) is structured through the Decree 6159/2016, which establishes a coordination mechanism between the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the Technical Secretariat for Economic and Social Development Planning (STP, by its Spanish acronym).

The Interinstitutional Technical Committee for the management of International Cooperation (CTI, by its Spanish acronym) recognizes that the International Non-Reimbursable Co-operation is a very important instrument that supports the sustainable development of the country, through which, resources that complement national efforts in areas defined as priorities are channeled. Additionally, it mandates to establish official dialogue mechanisms between the national government and international development co-operation actors.

To that effect, the CTI, in coordination with the United Nations Development Programme - UNDP (<https://www.undp.org/>) agreed to hold an Action Dialogue, within the framework of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation.

This initiative seeks to bring together stakeholders and key development actors at the country level in order to build a shared understanding of the importance of effective development co-operation and to expand effective partnerships. This is part of the efforts to maximize positive impacts in the field of sustainable development from a post-pandemic recovery and to contribute to the fulfillment of the goals and targets proposed in the 2030 Agenda and the 2030 National Development Plan.

II. Objective:

Present good practices from the multi-stakeholder process followed to develop the Co-operation Framework between Paraguay and the United Nations and the exercise of bringing its indicators closer to national priorities.

III. Expected outcomes:

1. Reflect on the importance of building co-operation frameworks that identify multi-stakeholder partnerships as key contributors to effective development co-operation in a national and international context.
2. Identify challenges and opportunities to build co-operation frameworks that promote an effective multi-stakeholder dialogue, and the generation of indicators following an approach on effective development co-operation measurements.

3. Identify actions and recommendations to strengthen the effectiveness of co-operation and multi-stakeholder partnerships in the country.

IV. Participants:

- CTI Members: Ministry of Finance (MF), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), and the Technical Secretariat for Economic and Social Development Planning (STP).
- Agencies of the United Nations System in Paraguay.
- Development Co-operation Partners.
- Network of Co-operation Managers from State's Organizations and Entities.
- Private Sector.
- Civil Society.
- Academia.

V. Format:

The Action Dialogue will be held in a virtual format. It will be sectioned into two key segments supported by moderators who will conduct and facilitate the interventions as well as the participations that may arise during the session.

VI. Live broadcast through UNDP Paraguay:

Live transmission in: <http://bit.ly/youtubepnud>

VII. Registration and additional information:

- Any query about the event can be made to dgcd@stp.gov.py.
- Please connect with due anticipation. The platform will be enabled 20 minutes before the start of the event.

VIII. Programme:

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH, 2022

- 09:00 a 09:15** **Opening Statement.** Interinstitutional Technical Committee for the management of International Cooperation (CTI)
- **Mr. Adilio Celle Insfrán**, Deputy Minister of the Technical Secretariat for Economic and Social Development Planning (STP)
 - **Ms. Martha Medina**, Director of International Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA)
- 09:15 a 09:25** **Presentation.** Reflections on the current status of the follow-up and monitoring of development co-operation, the case of the Co-operation Framework between the Republic of Paraguay and the United Nations Organization (Intervention by STP)

- 09:25 a 09:35** Intervention by representatives of the **Monitoring and Evaluation Group** of the Co-operation Framework between the Republic of Paraguay and the United Nations Organization
- 09:35 a 10:20** **Space for dialogue**
- 10:20 a 10:30** **Conclusions and closing remarks. CTI**
- **Ms. Ana Osorio**, Director of Debt Policy, Ministry of Finance