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Fostering collective efforts for sustainable development impact: Focusing on joint results as a lever for a global recovery

13 December 2022, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM CET

Background:

Results-focused approaches are the key to strengthening development processes at country level, acting as the anchor for better planning, financing, implementation, and monitoring. Drawing on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as a shared results framework to guide development programmes has the potential to profoundly strengthen the impact of our collective efforts.

A series of case studies and structured dialogues involving partner countries, development partners and CSOs explored, across a variety of development contexts, how the SDG framework is used to guide policy, planning and budgeting, as well as to track implementation progress. The session will provide an opportunity to share lessons from this action-oriented research, and will discuss solutions to fostering integrated and inclusive approaches as well as consistent support to the SDGs at country level, as identified during diagnostics and inclusive dialogue processes carried out in Malawi, Sierra Leone and Tanzania in 2022.

The session will also build on a series of thematic dialogues on Leave No-One Behind, climate change adaptation and data for development conducted in 2022 with the support of the European Union.

This work is the continuation of efforts led by the Global Partnership Initiative on Results and Mutual Accountability until 2019.

Purpose of the Session:

Development partners' domestic pressures for accountability and showcasing results may come at the expense of keeping a longer-term partnering horizon, simplifying procedures and more innovative approaches. This session will discuss how country-owned results frameworks can be an effective tool for development actors to navigate the complexities and uncertainties of development co-operation processes, steering collective action and fostering integrated approaches in different country contexts.

Objectives:

- Raise policy makers' awareness of results frameworks as a critical and effective tool to navigate the complexities and uncertainties of development processes, steering collective action and fostering integrated and inclusive approaches that are needed to achieve the SDGs in each country context.

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- Share practical solutions and good practices to promote inclusive co-ordination and enhance effective partnerships in support of sustainable development at country level.

Expected Outcomes:

- Policy makers will understand better the gain of realigning development co-operation to internationally agreed results at country level. In turn, development stakeholders in partner countries will be better equipped to design effective results frameworks and use them to engage in constructive dialogues and coordination processes.
- Results frameworks will be more explicitly linked to international frameworks (such as the SDGs, the Paris Agreement on Climate, the 2063 Agenda for Africa), facilitating reporting on contributions to these collective goals. In uncovering innovative approaches that different agencies have developed, development actors will be able to monitor certain issues that are hard to measure (e.g. on some aspects of the inclusion/LNOB agendas).
- Results frameworks will be more harmonised, thereby allowing synergies in data collection and reporting at country level, and facilitating support to partner countries' statistical and monitoring systems.
- A better understanding of the potential of common results frameworks to guide development efforts at country level and ways to foster consistent support and strengthen partnerships.
- A guidance toolkit on effective results frameworks will be issued and available online in May 2023, comprising tools and good practices to help design national development plans and results frameworks, support partner country planning efforts, ensure co-operation is aligned to country priorities, and promote effective data collection and reporting. The toolkit will include a global database of results indicators.

Format:

Session will start with introductory remarks and a short presentation of key findings from the research work followed by a panel discussion with high-level representatives from partner country governments, bilateral and multilateral development co-operation providers and civil society organisations, an interactive discussion, and will end with closing remarks.

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