

## Instructions

Countries and/or organizations planning to submit a proposal for a ‘thematic initiative’ to the Co-chairs of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation (GPEDC) are invited to fill out this form and send it to [info@effectivecooperation.org](mailto:info@effectivecooperation.org). Proposals can be made throughout the duration of the 2023-2026 work programme. Submissions should be sent at least one month before the Steering Committee meetings, where new initiatives will be discussed.

## Important information

‘Thematic initiatives’ must be:

- Informed by commitments of the [Geneva Declaration](#)
- Self-governed and -funded, and may, on a case-by-case basis, benefit from minimal JST support only.
- annual or longer-term, depending on partners’ ambitions and support before they can get ‘a life of their own’ or dissolve again.
- Led by at least two co-leads

Priorities of ‘thematic initiatives’ will be decided by and reported back to the Steering Committee and can include the uptake of existing thematic knowledge resources of the Global Partnership (see Annex 4 of the Geneva Declaration) to promote learning, knowledge sharing and policy action. They centre around development of guidance and tools, promoting dialogue, and/or piloting and collecting good practice to bring them to action at country level.

Direct engagement of or feedback loops with countries will be critical to ensure relevance, and they should be driven by different partners to ensure a multi-stakeholder effort. Substantively they can include, but also go beyond issues covered in the GPEDC monitoring.

### ***Title and Main Objective of the Thematic Initiative***

***Enabling civil society through trust building, and an informed implementation and inclusive monitoring of the effectiveness commitments***

**Main objective:** To deliver on the various effectiveness commitments undertaken relating to guaranteeing an enabling environment for Civil Society so that it can support the realization of sustainable development as a development actor in its own right

**Description of the Thematic Initiative**

The thematic initiative will take direction from the Geneva Outcome Document while building on previous commitments relating to the enabling environment for Civil Society, including but not limited to the Busan Partnership Agreement, the Nairobi Outcome Document and the DAC Recommendation on Enabling Civil Society.

In this regard, the initiative will place an emphasis “inclusive multi-stakeholder dialogues at country level, supported by capacity building measures and trust-building behaviour” (para 25) with a view towards reversing the trend of shrinking civic space in country and guaranteeing an enabling environment for civil society.

The initiative will also aim to ensure that Civil Society is fully engaged in the GPEDC monitoring exercise in order to ensure that evidence gathered on Indicator 2, as well as other indicators, takes into account CSO inputs, perspectives and data (para 45). Further the initiative will aim to ensure that the evidence generated by the monitoring exercise serves is acted upon through multistakeholder collaboration and decision making at the country level.

**Confirmed partners (countries, organizations and/or individuals)**

CPDE, WINGS, Sweden, Switzerland, Kenya (TBC), OECD FOR Unit (TBC) ICNL, Civicus, FORUS International

**Proposed activities**

Regional training on GPEDC Monitoring Framework

Country Level Action Dialogues on Indicator 2 monitoring results

Country Level Action Dialogues (thematic) on different aspects of CSO EE (building trust, legal and regulatory frameworks, human rights, civic space, etc.)

**Timeline for activities**

Synced to GPEDC Monitoring Exercise rollout

**Are resources secured?**

Yes  No