

Concept Note for attendees
KOICA 2023 GPEDC Learning and Accelerating Programme
“Better partnerships for better results: National Coordinators training for the GPEDC 2023-2026
Monitoring Round”

Background and context:

In 2011, South Korea hosted the Fourth High-Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness in Busan, which led to the establishment of the **Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation (GPEDC)**. The Busan Partnership Agreement set out [four internationally agreed principles](#) on effective development cooperation. These principles – country ownership, a focus on results, inclusive partnerships, transparency and mutual accountability – marked a fundamental shift; moving beyond the notion of traditional aid to a recognition of the increasingly important roles of diverse development actors. Preceding this event, international high-level fora had been organized in Rome (2003), Paris (2005) and Accra (2008), in recognition that donors and developing countries alike (along with other stakeholders) need to improve measurable results and mutual accountability in development cooperation, among other things.

In 2014, the Government of the Republic of Korea launched the **Busan Global Partnership Forum** demonstrating its commitment to supporting the implementation of the Busan principles at the country level and sustaining the ambitions of the GPEDC. The Forum brings together governments, bilateral and multilateral organisations, civil society, and the private sector to assess the status of GPEDC implementation, address key challenges and exchange knowledge regarding practical solutions. In addition to this, the **GPEDC Learning and Accelerating Programme (LAP)** was created to **meet countries’ demand for training in selected areas related to the implementation of the effective development cooperation principles**. In this context, the LAP provides a platform and venue for participants from developing countries to share experiences on their efforts towards more effective development cooperation and to engage in in-depth discussions on challenges and potential solutions. **A total of five programmes have been organized (2014, 2015, 2016, 2019 and 2021) thus far.**

Following three global monitoring rounds (in 2014, 2016 and 2018), the GPEDC’s leadership decided to [reform and rethink](#) the monitoring exercise to ensure it would meet its original aims and the evolving challenges and needs of stakeholders. The renewed monitoring exercise, launched at the [2022 Effective Co-operation Summit](#) held in Geneva, seeks to drive country-level action by introducing a more robust multi-stakeholder country-level process, as well as a revised framework that will continue to monitor trends in performance while also generating evidence on new thematic areas.

The new monitoring exercise has started rolling out in 2023. At the halfway mark to the 2030 Agenda, it is vital to capitalize on the momentum created at the Summit to progressively strengthen political momentum, mobilization and support around the monitoring exercise. With data continuing to feed into official reporting on SDGs 5 and 17 indicators, the monitoring results show how principle-based development co-operation partnerships can contribute to accelerated development progress and SDG implementation at country level.

The 2023 GPEDC LAP is timely, as it will provide participating countries of the 2023-2026 monitoring round with the necessary knowledge to lead and co-ordinate the exercise in their countries. In addition, this training will provide the opportunity to generate training materials which can serve stakeholders during the entire 2023-2026 monitoring round, including video tutorials. The videos produced during the 2023 LAP training will ensure replicability and sustainability of the training programme in the long-term, facilitating that future cohorts of National Coordinators and other stakeholders can access resources and materials, thus, increasing the impact of the support provided by the Republic of Korea.

Target group: National Coordinators (government official appointed from a ministry with a mandate/role in managing development co-operation) from Partner Country Governments from **Africa, Eastern Europe and Latin America and the Caribbean**¹, who have committed to participate in the 4th Monitoring round and to begin the exercise in 2023 or 2024. In addition, given the multi-stakeholder nature of the GPEDC and its monitoring exercise, the LAP will include a limited number of non-executive stakeholders representing their constituency at the global level, who will then be expected in turn to convey relevant elements of the program to their counterparts in the countries undertaking the monitoring exercise.

Location and timeframe: Republic of Korea. Three-day training to be held during the first week of October 2023.

Programme Objectives: At the end of the LAP, participants will have:

- A thorough understanding of the process and framework of the Global Partnership monitoring, and reflect on ways in which to use the exercise for more effective cooperation; explore implications of monitoring and monitoring findings for the participants' country contexts;
- Provide a platform for peer-to-peer learning and skills training on the implementation of the GPEDC monitoring exercise, including from previous global and country-level experiences;
- Understand how the components of the monitoring can be threaded in national processes and mechanisms.
- Improve the participants' understanding of what constitutes effective development cooperation and encourage them to apply lessons learned in their own working contexts; and
- Foster a community of practice on effective development cooperation among participants and module leads.

Methodology:

1. **In-person training sessions**, designed to provide participants with the knowledge and tools required to carry out the monitoring exercise, institutionalize the exercise in national practices and facilitate stakeholder management and co-ordination.
2. **Production of training materials**, including video tutorials, on key subjects related to the monitoring process and its phases, to constitute a repository of materials to be used in the onboarding of additional countries during the 2023-2026 monitoring round. This component is

¹ Countries from the **Asia-Pacific** region that have committed to participate in the 4th Monitoring round (and who will begin the exercise in 2023, 2024 or 2025) will receive similar training sponsored by Indonesia shortly after.

developed in Annex 1, and we recommend treating it as a separate budgetary item to be discussed at a later stage.

Outputs:

- Participants with increased knowledge on the renewed GPEDC monitoring exercise and capacities to drive the exercise at country level.
- Curriculum and reference materials for the different sessions.
- Repository of videos and training materials for online onboarding of future participants.
- Country roadmap proposals, workshopped during the event.
- List of databases and knowledge repositories to be scanned for best practices.

Outcomes:

- Smooth roll-out and implementation of the monitoring exercise, contributing towards strengthened partnerships and evidence-based policy and decision making at country-level.
- Strengthened community of National Coordinators and countries, as well as non-executive constituencies, undertaking the monitoring.
- Increased pace of GPEDC monitoring uptake by countries, as a result of advocacy from participant countries in their regions and peer learning.

Lesson plan and learning objectives:

Module 1: Introduction and context (1.5h – Day 1)

- Opening and Welcoming participants to the LAP.
- Overview of LAP contents.
- Adoption of the agenda and objectives.
- Context of effective development co-operation agenda, introduction of GPEDC and situating it in other global processes. (lead: UNDP)
- Overview of the monitoring related 2022 Geneva Summit outcomes, 2023-2026 GPEDC Work Programme, and progress in global roll-out of the monitoring. (lead: OECD)

Module 2: Fundamentals of the monitoring process (5h – Day 1)

- Overview of module contents:
 - (Lead: OECD) GPEDC monitoring exercise objectives and vision, including related to its inclusive and multistakeholder nature, touching on relevant lessons from previous rounds and insights gained during the reform.
 - A full run-down of the **process**, highlighting how the inception and action phases have been added to the process to facilitate translating results into action.
 - Sequence of phases and the role of the National Co-ordinator in steering the process, and of other country-level actors who have various roles in the process.
 - (Lead: UNDP) Workshop for each NC to develop a context-specific value proposition for each participant stakeholder. 2023 countries could focus their pitch on engagement for phase 5, and 2024 countries would also think about kick-off meetings and data collection.

- Country examples and ideas for institutionalizing the exercise into the Government's mechanisms and timelines, links to SDG reporting, and conducting the multistakeholder action dialogues.

This module will feature country-led presentations to encourage peer learning as well as breakout groups for deep dives into key principles of the new monitoring process, including institutionalization, high-level national ownership, moving from findings to action, and the role of all stakeholders.

Module 3: Fundamentals of the monitoring framework (6h over two sessions – Day 2) (Lead: OECD)

- Overview of module contents:
 - An in-depth view of the monitoring framework overall, with a focus on evidence that will be generated across the four dimensions, and reporting roles of various stakeholders; the module will provide an overview of the distinction between the standard methodology and the adaptation for fragile and conflict-affected situations.
 - A zoom-in on the new Kampala Principles Assessment (KPA), and integral part of the exercise which provides evidence on the enabling environment for effective private sector engagement in development co-operation, and draws reporting from five stakeholder groups.
 - A close look at the data reporting process at country level, including the role of the National Co-ordinator and the JST in review and finalisation of data.
 - An induction on the new online reporting tool.
 - An overview of the reporting products will be produced by the JST based on country results.
 - An opportunity for peer learning and exchange between countries (those which have embarked on data collection and those which have yet to do so), to share experiences and pointers on the above topics any tips.

Module 4: Roadmaps for engagement and action (2.5h – Day 3) (Lead: UNDP)

- Overview of module contents:
 - This session will be dedicated to sharing of experiences by National Co-ordinators, on the development and implementation of high-level roadmaps for the GPEDC monitoring exercise, and to exchanges between NCs and non-executive participants on how to drive an inclusive process at country level.
 - National Co-ordinators of countries doing the exercise in **2023** will be invited to present information about their contexts and reflect on effective ways of conducting the monitoring and engaging stakeholders, hurdles faced and solutions and recommendations (guiding questions will be shared with these NCs ahead of the LAP to aid preparation).
 - National Co-ordinators of countries doing the exercise in **2024** will be provided with guidance and time to develop their country roadmaps, as well as a discussion space to share them with their colleagues.

Module 5: Use of results and peer learning opportunities (2h – Day 3) (Lead: UNDP)

- Overview of module contents:
 - Presentation and discussion of the JST’s ideas for providing guidance around the results of the monitoring.
 - Workshop methodology to collectively reflect on a virtual peer learning strategy for the latter phases of the monitoring round. This entails identifying avenues for use of results from the process (such as national and regional events and other opportunities), as well as identifying national and regional databases and knowledge repositories to be scanned for best practices to explore in peer-learning.
 - Discussion on potential hurdles and support required at the country level; potential sources and modalities of support.

Conclusions and closing ceremony (1h – Day 3)

(Extra-official session) Special discussion on the pilot Self-Assessment on Effective South-South Cooperation (60 min – Day 2) (Lead: UNDP)

Extra-official session, led by Indonesia and Colombia, to brief interested parties on the Self-Assessment tool for effective South-South Co-operation developed by Colombia, the main findings from its pilot implementation in 7 countries in 2022, and gather support for the Thematic Initiative (TI) proposed by Colombia and Indonesia for digitalizing and expanding its application. The SSC Self-Assessment tool is an optional, voluntary instrument for countries interested in analysing their institutional and governance frameworks related to South-South Cooperation. It can be supported by the UNDP, upon request.

UNDP will provide a brief overview of the development and implementation process of the 2022 exercise, and Colombia and Indonesia will lead a discussion on how to engage with the TI.

Tentative Schedule (health breaks to be added)

Date	Time (UTC+9)	Session
Day 1	09:30 – 10:00	Opening ceremony
	10:00 – 11:00	Module 1: Introduction and context
	11:00 – 12:30	Module 2: Fundamentals of the monitoring process
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Day 2	09:30 – 12:00	Module 3: Fundamentals of the monitoring framework
	12:00 – 13:00	Lunch
	13:00 – 16:00	Module 3: Fundamentals of the monitoring framework
	16:00 – 17:00	Extra-official session on the SSC Self-Assessment
Day 3	09:00 – 11:00	Module 4: Mapping for engagement and action
	11:00 – 12:30	Module 5: Use of results and peer learning opportunities
	12:30 – 13:30	Lunch

	13:30 – 14:30	Conclusions and closing ceremony
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