

**CONCEPT NOTE**  
**ASIA-PACIFIC TRAINING FOR EFFECTIVE DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION 2023**  
**Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (GPEDC) 4<sup>th</sup> Monitoring Round**

**Background**

The Busan Partnership Agreement sets out four internationally agreed principles on effective development cooperation, including country ownership, a focus on results, inclusive partnerships, as well as transparency and mutual accountability. To provide key evidence in identifying strengths and opportunities, the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (GPEDC) Monitoring Exercise is introduced. The monitoring focuses on multi-stakeholder participation, data collection, and dissemination of results, leading to a period of strategic reflection, dialogue, and action for more effective development cooperation. Since 2011, there have been three monitoring rounds involving the participation of more than 100 partner country governments, development partners and other actors.

Building on the achievements of these prior rounds, the GPEDC Summit 2022 in Geneva launched the new monitoring framework and process. The 4th Monitoring Round is the backbone of the GPEDC's 2023-2026 Work Programme, and the exercise is being implemented using innovative data collection methods and by incorporating new measurements to measure progress on development effectiveness commitments. The new monitoring exercise has started rolling out in 2023. With data continuing to feed into official reporting on select 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.

To provide participating countries with necessary knowledge in leading and coordinating the monitoring exercise, the Government of the Republic of Korea initiated the GPEDC Learning and Accelerating Programme (LAP) in 2014. 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. In October 2023, the LAP was organized for Partner Country Governments from Africa and Latin America.

Inspired by the LAP model, the Government of Indonesia, as one of the co-chairs for the GPEDC, is taking the lead in organizing tailored training sessions for countries set to commence monitoring in 2023-2024. The training will be organized for National Coordinators in Partner Country Governments from Asia-Pacific Countries. The training sessions will cultivate a culture of mutual learning and accountability, propelling progress towards more effective development cooperation.

**Target Group**

National Coordinators (government officials appointed from a ministry with a mandate/role in managing development co-operation) from Partner Country Governments from **13 Countries in Asia-Pacific**, who have committed to participate in the 4th Monitoring round and to begin the exercise in 2023 or 2024.

**Schedule**

Time : 29 November - 1 December 2023  
Location : Alila Solo Hotel, Surakarta City, Central Java Province, Republic of Indonesia  
Format : three-days in-person training  
Working Language : English

## Objectives

The objectives of this training are to:

1. Develop participants' understanding of the process and framework of the GPEDC Monitoring Exercise, and reflect on ways to use the exercise for more effective cooperation;
2. Explore implications of monitoring and monitoring findings for the participants' country contexts;
3. 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;
4. Develop participants' understanding on how the components of the GPEDC Monitoring Exercise can be threaded in national processes and mechanisms;
5. Develop participants' understanding of what constitutes effective development cooperation and encourage them to apply lessons learned in their own working contexts; and
6. Foster a community of practice on effective development cooperation among participants and module leads.

## Methodology

**In-person training sessions** are 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 coordination.

## Outputs

1. Increased knowledge among participants on the renewed GPEDC Monitoring Exercise and capacities to drive the exercise at country level;
2. Curriculum and reference materials for the different sessions; and
3. Country roadmap proposals, workshopped during the event.

## Outcomes

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

## Agenda

Time	Session	Description
<b>Tuesday, 28 November 2023</b>		
All Day	Arrival in Indonesia	Hotel Check-In
<b>Day 1: Wednesday, 29 November 2023</b>		
9.00 - 10.00	Opening Session	GPEDC Co-Chairs - Mr. Bogat Widyatmoko, Deputy Minister for Politics, Law, Defense, and Security, Ministry of National Development Planning/Bappenas - Vitalice Meja, Executive Director, Reality of Aid Africa Network - Video Messages: Sweden and DRC  Introduction to the Programme: Rebekah Chew, GPEDC Joint Support Team, UNDP
10.00 - 11.00	Module 1: Introduction to the GPEDC and Context	This session provides space to discuss the effectiveness agenda in development co-operation, how it fits into the larger global development context, and forward outlook following the 2022 Geneva Summit.

Time	Session	Description
11.00 - 12.30	Module 2: Introduction to the GPEDC Monitoring Exercise; Overview of the Process	This module will provide an introduction to the GPEDC Monitoring Exercise, with attention to key features which have persisted over time, as well as provide an overview of how the monitoring process is envisioned during the 4 <sup>th</sup> round, both at country and global levels.
12.30 - 13.30	Lunch	
13.30 - 17.00	Module 3: Fundamentals of the Monitoring Process	This module aims to provide a comprehensive understanding of the Monitoring Framework, covering its dimensions and components, measurements, data collection and review, processes and tools, and the roles and responsibilities of stakeholders in these phases of the exercise.
19.00 - 20.00	Welcoming Dinner	Venue: Pracima Tuin West Park and Garden, Mangkunegaran
<b>Day 2: Thursday, 30 November 2023</b>		
9.30 - 12.00	Module 3: Fundamentals of the Monitoring Framework (con't)	
12.00 - 13.00	Lunch	
13.00 - 16.00	Module 4: Stakeholder engagement and institutionalisation	This module will provide opportunities for the National Coordinators to consider a strategy and develop messages to ensure inclusive stakeholder participation in the monitoring exercise in their country, and to identify institutional features and milestones to which the monitoring can contribute.
16.15 - 17.00	Extra-official Session on South-South Cooperation	This extra-official session will brief interested parties on the Self-Assessment tool for effective South-South Cooperation 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.
19.00	Cultural Night	Venue: Sri Wedari Wayang Orang Dance Theater (Optional)
<b>Day 3: Friday, 1 December 2023</b>		
08.00 - 10.00	Module 5: Use of Results and Peer Learning Opportunities	This module aims to stimulate thinking about the best ways to promote inclusive reflection, dialogue, and action at the country level, once the results of the monitoring exercise are provided to the National Coordinator.
10.00 - 11.30	Module 6: Roadmaps for Engagement and Action	This session will be dedicated to sharing experiences on the rollout of the GPEDC Monitoring Exercise and helping National Coordinators in preparations for implementation.
11.30 - 12.00	Conclusion and Closing	
12.00 - 13.00	Lunch	
<b>Saturday, 2 December 2023</b>		
09.00	Cultural Visit	
<b>Sunday, 3 December 2023</b>		
All day	Departure from Indonesia	Hotel Check-Out