Session 6 – Bringing it All Together with County-Level Action to Deliver Better Together

Session Objective: This session will put a spotlight on action to raise political momentum and spur behaviour change toward more effective development cooperation. Drawing on the rollout of the Global Partnership’s fourth monitoring round, this session will hear from diverse actors on how their constituency is leading or participating at country level, and how it can improve ways of working and partnering that have been discussed throughout the Forum.

The monitoring exercise is at the heart of the Global Partnership’s core mandate, by seeking to track progress on internationally-agreed development effectiveness commitments, encourage multi-stakeholder dialogue, inspire behaviour change and expand the impact of development cooperation. The exercise is country-led and participation is voluntary, with more than 50 countries having confirmed participation in the fourth round. Data generated through the monitoring exercise also tracks progress on three SDG targets (17.15, 17.16, and 5.c).

In the lead-up to the current monitoring round, a reform of the monitoring framework and process was undertaken to address previous challenges. One of the reforms is a stronger emphasis on institutionalization of the exercise, through which partner countries integrate the monitoring exercise into existing nationally-led development co-operation structures. Partner countries can use the results from Global Partnership monitoring rounds in the development of national development co-operations strategies or embed measurements of the monitoring framework into country-specific tools to track progress on the effectiveness of development co-operation. Long-term data trends can help in identifying solutions and challenges in formulating evidence-based actions to further enhance the effectiveness of development co-operation. The inclusive multi-stakeholder nature of the monitoring exercise offers an opportunity in itself to enrich the partner country government’s dialogue with all development actors, including civil society and private sector.

This session will hear from diverse stakeholders that are engaged at country level to explore concrete examples on how the Global Partnership monitoring exercise is rolling out on the ground. The session will also hear from stakeholders on their experience in engaging the in the monitoring exercise at country level, with the aim to share knowledge and experiences from the perspective of different stakeholders participating in the exercise.

Guiding questions:

• What actions can partner countries take to concretely ensure inclusivity, institutionalization, and peer learning through the monitoring exercise?
• How can development stakeholders use the results of the monitoring exercise, once they have been received, to promote increased accountability and dialogue and in the extension a more impactful development cooperation?
• How could the above in an effective way be done in your specific country- or constituency related context, (which may for example include fragility, private sector engagement, and/or SSC)?
• How could the monitoring exercise serve as an occasion for peer learning at regional level or by constituency?