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Kick-Off Workshop Report



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1. Introduction

This is a report on the Kick-Off Workshop for Uganda conducted as part of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (GPEDC) Monitoring Exercise. The workshop took place on 28th February 2024, with the primary objective of ensuring that all partners understand the monitoring process and align their goals, strategies, and expectations before the data collection process begins. After the kick-off workshop, the stakeholders are expected to establish collaborative working relationships, foster cooperation, and create a shared vision for effective global partnership monitoring.

The program for the day spanned a range of topics relevant to the success of the monitoring exercise, including Uganda's policy context, the partnership monitoring process overview, stakeholder engagement and commitment, and action planning. Through presentations, panel discussions, and interactive sessions, participants explored key policies supporting development cooperation, adapted the GPEDC monitoring process to Uganda's context, examined successful collaboration examples, and formulated actionable implementation plans.

The workshop culminated in a collective commitment by all stakeholders to undertake a robust partnership monitoring exercise. This report accounts for the proceedings, including the discussions during this event.

2. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Opening Remarks by the Permanent Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister



The PS/OPM was represented by the Under Secretary/OPM, Ms. Dorothy Nsereko. The Permanent Secretary thanked all participants for their presence at the workshop, emphasizing its significance as the kick-off event for the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (GPEDC) Monitoring Exercise in Uganda. He added that the GPEDC Monitoring

Exercise was contextualized as a country-led, multi-stakeholder initiative to track progress on effectiveness commitments. It ensures that development cooperation is country-owned, results-focused, inclusive, transparent, and accountable.

Reference was made to the National Partnership Policy of 2013, which established a framework for dialogue between the Government and its partners. Despite recent meeting delays, a successful reconvening in November 2023 underlined the collective commitment to strengthening the dialogue framework and adopting evidence-based partnership monitoring practices.

The role of GPEDC as a guiding platform for Uganda since its inception in 2011 was acknowledged. Uganda's active participation, including chairing the Steering Committee in 2016, was highlighted, aligning with the aspirations of the National Development Plan.

The workshop was framed as the beginning of a critical data-gathering process, leading to developing a Joint Accountability and Results Framework for Uganda. This framework aims to foster mutual accountability among all development partners.

Objectives of the workshop were outlined, including raising awareness of effectiveness issues, sensitizing stakeholders on the monitoring exercise, and garnering support for active participation.

Participants were urged to engage actively, as the outcomes of the exercise contribute significantly to various policy initiatives, including the development of the National Development Plan IV and the Voluntary National Review of SDGs.

The Permanent Secretary anticipated collaborative progress and extended gratitude to all partners for their unwavering commitment to the monitoring process.



2.1 Remarks by the Representative of the Co-Chairs of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation.

The remarks were delivered by Adam Kahsai-Rudebeck, Deputy Head of Mission/Head of Cooperation at the Embassy of Sweden in Uganda. In his speech, he extended warm greetings to all attendees and highlighted the importance of collective action in advancing development goals.

He added that the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation is a consortium of bilateral and multilateral development partners. He is collaborating with partner countries like Uganda alongside stakeholders from civil society,

the private sector, and trade unions. The Partnership serves as a platform for fostering practical development cooperation. Uganda's participation in the monitoring exercise and 53 other developed countries were particularly emphasized.

The Co-Chair emphasized that the monitoring exercise transcends mere technical data collection; it embodies a political process to leverage findings to drive actionable steps in development coordination partnerships. The emphasis lies on gathering data and utilizing it effectively to inform policies and practices. Partner countries like Uganda are pivotal in leading this process, ensuring inclusivity, accountability, and meaningful dialogue among stakeholders.

Extensive collaboration between partners and the Government of Uganda, particularly the Office of the Prime Minister's leadership in convening the partnership forum, was commended. Last year's engagements with NDPIII and formulating NDPIV's direction underscored the commitment to practical principles such as country ownership, results provision, inclusive partnerships, transparency, and accountability.

In closing, the Co-Chair encouraged Uganda's active participation and contribution to the Global Partnership, reaffirming Sweden's commitment to supporting government-led processes in Uganda. While expressing regret for being unable to stay for the entire workshop, the Co-Chair expressed eagerness to anticipate the outcomes of today's deliberations.

2.2 Remarks by the Co-Chairs of the Local Development Partner's Group in Uganda



On behalf of the Co-Chairs of the Local Development Partner's Group in Uganda, Ms. Ngongi Namondo, UN Coordinator in Uganda, delivered the opening remarks. She thanked everyone for attending Kick-Off Workshop of the Effective Partnership for Development Cooperation (GPEDC) Monitoring Exercise in Uganda. She appreciated the leadership of the Right Honourable Prime Minister and the Office of the Prime Minister for leading this effort, stressing its importance in lining up teamwork with Uganda's development goals and SDGs.

Ms. Namondo highlighted how strong partnerships are crucial for reaching the 2030 Agenda goals and stressed the need for

straightforward ways to check if our efforts are working. She acknowledged that Uganda faces challenges like insufficient data and using the wrong methods to track progress. Still, she saw this workshop as a positive step in fixing those problems by working together. transparent

She pointed out how important reviving the National Partnership Forum (NPF) is. She said the data and evidence from the monitoring process will help guide the NPF's discussions and actions. Ms. Namondo also mentioned how this effort fits in with Uganda's other big plans, like the National Development Plan (NDP) IV and reviews of how well we're doing on the SDGs.

As part of the Local Development Partners Group (LDPG), Ms. Namondo promised that they are here to help Uganda. She said they believe in being honest and clear, including everyone, and focusing on results, which are all big parts of how the GPEDC works. She ended by saying she is looking forward to working closely with Uganda to create a solid plan based on what we learn from this workshop, which will help us all work better together.

3.0 Session 1: Policy Context of the GPEDC Monitoring Exercise Topic: Key policy issues in development cooperation in Uganda



This session aimed to highlight critical policies supporting development cooperation and delve into the relevant policy issues in Uganda. Assistant Commissioner Andrew Masaba delivered presentations on behalf of the Director of Debt and Cash Policy, Ministry of Finance, Planning, and Economic Development (MoFPED):

The presentation provided valuable insights into the interplay between debt management and development assistance within Uganda. They highlighted the Ministry's role in overseeing development outcomes outlined in the National Development Plan (NDP), emphasizing the necessity of joint financing and execution in accordance with

budgetary allocations and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Additionally, they discussed the challenges faced, including issues with implementation effectiveness and achieving targeted outcomes.

The discussion further delved into the importance of effective monitoring and evaluation (M&E) frameworks, particularly in measuring progress and ensuring accountability. Challenges such as conflicting systems among partners and delays in procurement processes were identified as barriers to effective implementation.

Efforts to enhance development cooperation within Uganda were outlined, including the ongoing revitalization of the National Partnership Forum (NPF) agenda and the adoption of joint progress and program preparation. Additionally, mechanisms such as the utilization of budget transparency initiatives and inclusive consultation processes were highlighted as crucial for ensuring transparency and prioritizing voices in aid and development initiatives.

The session also provided examples of successful partnerships, showcasing initiatives like the Performance for Results Program and the adoption of national budget transparency initiatives. Furthermore, mechanisms to ensure inclusivity in aid and development initiatives were discussed, emphasizing consultative processes and the issuance of circulars to prevent exclusion.

4.0 Topic 2: Finding of Mid-Term Review of the National Development Plan III on Partnerships



Ms. Silvia Angey Ofoyuru, Director of Africa Peer Review Mechanism and Partnerships, and Mr. Gyaviira Dhikusook, Senior Manager, M&E at the National Planning Authority, presented this.

The presentation provided a synopsis of the Mid-Term Review (MTR) of the Third National Development Plan (NDP) covering the period 2020/21-2024/25. The presentation began with an overview of the background to the MTR, highlighting the Comprehensive National Development Planning Framework (CNDPF) and the Government's approval of the NDP III in 2020, aligning it with Vision 2040. The National Planning Authority (NPA) spearheaded

the MTR, necessitated by challenges such as the COVID-19 pandemic and other disruptions affecting implementation.

The objectives of the MTR were highlighted, emphasizing its aim to assess progress towards the NDP III's objectives, milestones, and overall results. The review process encompassed six dimensions: economic management, policy direction, program design, monitoring and evaluation, development partnerships, and local economic development. Methodologically, the MTR adopted a participatory approach, incorporating desk reviews of stakeholder reports, consultations with government representatives at all levels, consideration of cross-cutting issues, fieldwork in selected local governments, and validation workshops.

Key findings from the MTR were presented, showcasing areas of progress and challenges across the dimensions of the NDP III. These findings served as a basis for the subsequent recommendations put forth during the presentation. Recommendations aimed to enhance NDP frameworks, improve coordination mechanisms, revise policy frameworks, strengthen dialogue platforms, explore division of labor exercises, invest in Government capacity, and support data tracking mechanisms. These recommendations were crucial for addressing identified challenges and improving future planning and implementation processes.

Overall the presentation provided valuable insights into the status of NDP III implementation and offered actionable recommendations to enhance development cooperation within Uganda.

4.1 Plenary Discussion



After the presentations, plenary discussions focused on understanding the policy landscape and its implications on development cooperation efforts. During the discussion, participants raised concerns about the sustainability of development finance, particularly questioning the pragmatic steps taken by Development Partners to ensure its sustainability. They sought clarification on how Uganda could overcome existing bottlenecks to gradually transition away from heavy reliance on development financing.

Another point of discussion revolved around mechanisms to improve reporting processes to prevent inadequate progress reporting, such as the reported 18% performance of the NDPIII at mid-term. Participants needed reassurance that similar reporting shortcomings would not recur in plans like the upcoming NDPIV.

Furthermore, participants sought feedback on the perception of Uganda's budget transparency by Development Partners. They raised questions regarding whether Development Partners viewed Uganda's budget management positively or whether there were concerns about transparency and efficiency. Uganda is praised for being the second-best country in Africa in budget transparency and yet the Development Partners do not channel most of these financing through the National Budget.

Additionally, concerns were raised regarding inclusivity in the data collection process of the partnership monitoring exercise. Participants emphasized the importance of ensuring diverse stakeholder perspectives were adequately represented in data collection tools to provide comprehensive and accurate insights.

Efforts to prevent shortfalls, such as the reported 18% attainment, were discussed. It was highlighted that the NDP Program Working Groups were tasked with preparing Program Implementation Action Plans to prioritize and commit to executing specific initiatives over the next five years to prevent such shortcomings in future plans.

Furthermore, participants discussed the need to enhance Civil Society and Private Sector involvement in development processes. Concerns were raised about the dominance of certain stakeholders within these sectors, hindering broader participation. There was consensus on the need to strengthen the National Partnership Forum to address this issue and promote inclusivity.

Finally, discussions centered on Uganda's capacity to generate its own resources for development. Participants suggested shifting from a model of receiving aid to fostering partnerships for trade, emphasizing collaboration for economic advancement. The discussion provided a valuable opportunity for stakeholders to engage in critical dialogue, addressing concerns and seeking solutions to challenges identified.

5.0 Session 2: GPEDC Monitoring Exercise Process Overview and Explanation of Uganda GPEDC Roadmap



The second session provided an overview of the GPEDC monitoring process explained and adaptation of the Uganda Roadmap the country's context. Technical Adviser from the National Partnerships Coordination, OPM, Richard Ssewakiryanga explained aspects, ensuring clarity these among participants. The Technical Adviser provided insights

GPEDC and its significance in shaping international development cooperation efforts. Established in 2011 by 163 countries in Busan, Korea, the GPEDC aims to enhance the effectiveness of development cooperation for the collective benefit of people, the planet, prosperity, and peace.

The presentation outlined the diverse stakeholders involved in the GPEDC, including governments, development partner entities, civil society, the private sector, and representatives from parliaments and trade unions. Through practical implementation of effective development cooperation principles, the GPEDC seeks to promote mutual accountability and sustain political momentum for more effective cooperation and partnerships.

Key topics covered included the leadership structure of the GPEDC, the Global Partnership Monitoring exercise, and its country-led and multi-stakeholder nature. The presentation highlighted Uganda's participation in the monitoring exercise, emphasizing its role in sharing country-led progress, tracking development cooperation commitments, and benchmarking against partner countries.

Participants gained insights into the monitoring exercise process at the country level, including the dimensions and components of the monitoring framework, data collection mechanisms, and the utilization of the new online reporting tool (ORT). The ORT serves as a comprehensive platform for

coordinating with stakeholders, tracking progress, and disseminating results to facilitate the transition to action.

The presentation underscored the value of Uganda's participation in the GPEDC exercise, emphasizing its role in promoting transparency, mutual accountability, and effective development cooperation. By aligning with global standards and engaging in collaborative efforts, Uganda aims to drive positive change and achieve better development outcomes.

6.0 Uganda's GPEDC Monitoring Exercise Roadmap

Uganda's proposed process for engaging in the Global Partnership Monitoring was presented. The roadmap is aligned with Uganda's national partnership acceleration process and informed by GPEDC technical documents. It also delineates the structured approach that will be used in undertaking the monitoring exercise.

In the inception phase, September to December 2023, Uganda embarked on preparatory activities, including defining the scope of monitoring, gathering relevant data, enhancing national ownership, establishing communication channels, and convening a High-Level Kick-off workshop. These foundational steps set the stage for subsequent phases of the monitoring process.

Moving into the data collection phase from February to April 2024, Uganda will focus on gathering comprehensive and accurate data on key thematic areas such as the whole-of-society approach, utilization of country systems, transparency, and inclusivity. Through stakeholder engagement workshops, interviews, and online platforms, a robust data collection process will be implements and this will be helpful in informed decision-making around effective development.

Following the data collection, the review and final submission phase, spanning from April to June 2024, will involve rigorous analysis, identification of gaps/errors, and coordination with stakeholders to ensure data completeness and accuracy. The final submission to the Joint Support Team of GPEDC will be a crucial milestone at the end of the monitoring cycle.

There will be a transition to disseminating results and initiating action from June to July 2024. Efforts then will focus on focused on sharing findings with stakeholders through various channels such as policy dialogues, workshops, and online platforms. These dissemination activities aimed to inform and mobilize stakeholders for subsequent phases of the monitoring process.

Looking ahead to reflection, dialogue, and action from July 2024 onwards, the importance of engaging diverse stakeholder groups, including government, civil society, private sector, academia, and youth was emphasized. This roadmap underscores Uganda's commitment to effective

development cooperation, as it leverages the Global Partnership Monitoring process.

7.0 Roles of National Coordinator and Focal Point

Key to the success of the monitoring exercise is the identification of focal points who play crucial roles in coordinating and facilitating the process. At the helm is the National Coordinator, tasked with leading and overseeing the monitoring exercise in the country.

This responsibility falls upon the Commissioner Strategic Coordination and Implementation at the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM), supported by the Technical Adviser, National Partnership Coordination, OPM.

The National Coordinator's main roles include coordinating with the Joint Support Team (JST) to ensure alignment with global standards, mobilizing stakeholders, managing data collection processes, facilitating dialogue on monitoring results, and promoting follow-up actions.

7.1 Private Sector Focal Point

The Private Sector Focal Point is responsible for ensuring the active engagement and contribution of the private sector in the monitoring exercise. This individual collaborates with the National Coordinator and other focal points to provide relevant data on the private sector's role and contribution as per the results of the Kampala Principles Assessment, participate in data validation and analysis, support dissemination of monitoring results, and foster dialogue between the private sector and other stakeholders.

7.2 Development Partner Focal Point

The Development Partner Focal Point plays a vital role in ensuring smooth implementation of the monitoring exercise. This focal point collaborates with the National Coordinator to provide data on development partners' contribution and performance, participate in data validation and analysis, support dissemination of results, and promote dialogue on practical development cooperation. Each Development Partner in Uganda will provide a focal point person who will work directly with the Development Partner Focal Point in the data collection process.

7.3 CSO Focal Point

The CSO Focal Point is instrumental in ensuring the meaningful participation and representation of CSOs in the monitoring exercise. This focal point coordinates with the National Coordinator to provide data on CSOs' role and contribution, particularly regarding the CSO enabling environment, participate in data validation and analysis, support dissemination of results, and advocate for the effectiveness of CSOs.

The workshop heard that for effective coordination and collaboration, these focal points are essential for successfully implementing the monitoring exercise.

8.0 Session 3: Stakeholder Engagement









Stakeholder engagement was emphasized in this session, with a panel discussion featuring representatives from various sectors:

- Ministry of Finance, Planning, and Economic Development (MFPED)
- National Planning Authority (NPA)
- OXFAM
- Private Sector Foundation
- Local Development Partners Group (LDPG) Representative

The panel discussion centered on the importance of stakeholder engagement in effective development cooperation, supplemented by examples of successful collaboration.

9.0 Stakeholder Engagement and Commitment to Action

During the session, the panelists provided insights into their respective roles and strategies for effective stakeholder engagement and commitment to action.

Oxfam highlighted the critical roles of civil society in development cooperation, emphasizing their function in amplifying the voices of marginalized communities, promoting citizen participation in accountability processes, and delivering essential services during humanitarian crises. Additionally, civil society organizations (CSOs) contribute significantly to policy development, advocacy, and the monitoring and implementation of SDGs. Their advocacy efforts extend to the promotion and protection of human rights and democratization processes.

The NPA underscored its commitment to engaging a wide range of stakeholders, from international partners at the global level to interest groups such as people with disabilities. Engagements span various domains, including policy development, resource mobilization from development partners, and support for technical papers prepared by special interest groups and academia.

The PSF shared its collaborative initiatives, including partnerships with UNDP to advance the SDGs and projects promoting energy efficiency and youth employment. Notably, the PSF has been actively involved in policy development, exemplified by its collaboration with the Ministry of Finance on the Private Sector Development Strategy aligning with national development priorities. Furthermore, the PSF is exploring opportunities in the refugee space and addressing governance challenges through skills development and government facilitation forums.

During discussions on successful engagement areas, Oxfam highlighted the creation of spaces for citizen participation, evidence-based advocacy, monitoring, capacity-building, and the promotion of enabling legal frameworks. NPA acknowledged challenges in partnership coordination and prioritization, emphasizing the need for alignment between budget and planning processes. PSF recognized challenges with partner systems and emphasized the importance of commitment to learning and collaboration with civil society.

In a nutshell, the panel sessions provided valuable insights into stakeholder engagement strategies and underscored the importance of collective action in driving sustainable development efforts in Uganda.

10. Session 4: Commitment and Action Planning

While the Session on Commitment and Action Planning was abbreviated due to time constraints, valuable insights were gleaned from plenary sessions and interactive activities.

Throughout the sessions, participants reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening stakeholder engagement mechanisms, advancing policy development initiatives, mobilizing resources, building capacity, and aligning national strategies with global commitments. Challenges such as coordination issues, priority setting, partnership alignment, data collection, and capacity development were also identified and discussed extensively.

The workshop participants agreed that key actions must be undertaken to translate the discussions and commitments made during the workshop into tangible results. First and foremost, stakeholders need to establish robust coordination mechanisms to streamline efforts, avoid duplication, and maximize impact in the partnership monitoring process. This may involve the creation of inter-agency/multistakeholder working groups focused on specific thematic areas or initiatives emerging out of the partnership monitoring.

Secondly, there is a pressing need to prioritize development interventions based on their potential for impact and alignment with national priorities and global commitments. This requires careful planning, consultation, and consensus-building among stakeholders to ensure that resources are allocated effectively.

Additionally, efforts should be made to enhance partnership alignment and coherence among diverse stakeholders, including development partners, to foster collaboration and synergy in development efforts. This may involve the development of common frameworks, guidelines, and reporting mechanisms to facilitate coordination and information sharing. The participants welcomed the idea of the Joint Results and Accountability Framework.

Further, stakeholders must invest in robust data collection mechanisms and monitoring frameworks to track progress, evaluate impact, and ensure accountability in development cooperation initiatives. This may entail the establishment of monitoring and evaluation systems beyond the one-off sessions by GPEDC, capacity-building initiatives in partnership management and development and knowledge-sharing platforms to support evidence-based decision-making and learning.

In summary, there was consensus that sustained commitment, collaboration, and concerted action are essential to realizing the goals and objectives outlined during the workshop and advancing effective development cooperation and partnership in Uganda.

11. Session: Next Steps and Closing Session

The workshop concluded with a session summarizing key takeaways, commitments, and announcing follow-up actions. The Commissioner, Strategic Coordination and Implementation, OPM led the session.

Key Takeaways and Commitments:

- 1. Enhanced Stakeholder Engagement in the Partnership Processes: The workshop highlighted the importance of engaging diverse stakeholders, including government officials, civil society organizations, the private sector, and development partners, in the monitoring exercise. Commitments were made to foster collaboration and participation across these sectors to ensure comprehensive data collection and analysis.
- **2. Commitment to Effective Development Cooperation Principles:** Participants reaffirmed their commitment to effective development cooperation, recognizing its importance in achieving sustainable development goals. This commitment includes aligning national strategies with global frameworks, promoting mutual accountability, and fostering dialogue and action for more effective partnerships.
- **3. Role of Civil Society and Private Sector:** CSOs and Private Sector were acknowledged for their critical role in development cooperation, particularly in advocating for marginalized communities, promoting accountability, and monitoring progress towards development goals. Commitments were made to strengthen partnerships with CSOs and Private Sector and ensure their meaningful participation in the monitoring process.
- **4. Partnership Management Capacity Building and Collaboration:** Participants acknowledged the need for capacity building and collaboration to overcome challenges related to partnership management, data collection, analysis, and reporting. Commitments were made to support technical training, share best practices, and enhance coordination among stakeholders to improve the effectiveness of the monitoring exercise and subsequently partnership management.
- **5. Continued Monitoring and Follow-up Actions:** The workshop emphasized the importance of continued monitoring and follow-up actions beyond the kick-off workshop. Commitments were made to sustain momentum, track progress, and implement recommendations emerging from the monitoring exercise. This includes regular reviews, dissemination of results, and ongoing dialogue to address challenges and foster continuous improvement.

11.1 Follow-up Actions:

1. Regular Reviews and Updates: Stakeholders committed to conducting regular reviews and updates on the monitoring exercise's progress, ensuring accountability and transparency in the process.

- **2. Dissemination of Results:** Efforts will be made to disseminate monitoring results widely, ensuring stakeholders are informed and engaged in the outcomes of the exercise.
- **3. Capacity Building Initiatives:** Plans are in place to implement capacity-building initiatives, including training sessions and workshops, to enhance stakeholders' skills and knowledge in monitoring and evaluation.
- **4. Policy Advocacy:** Stakeholders will engage in policy advocacy efforts to address systemic challenges relating to development cooperation partnerships and promote an enabling environment for effective development cooperation.
- **5. Collaborative Partnerships:** Commitments were made to strengthen collaborative partnerships among stakeholders, leveraging collective expertise and resources to maximize the impact of development cooperation efforts.

11.2 Statements of Thanks

The UN Resident Coordinator, expressed her heartfelt gratitude to all participants for their active engagement and valuable contributions to the workshop. She thanked them for their commitment to advancing the goals of effective development cooperation and emphasized the importance of continued collaboration and partnership moving forward.

11.3 Closing Remarks

The Under Secretary, OPM, Ms. Dorothy Nsereko who represented the PS/OPM expressed appreciation for the dedication and enthusiasm demonstrated by participants throughout the event. She extended thanks to the organizers, facilitators, and attendees for their hard work and collaboration, underscoring the importance of collective action in driving positive change and sustainable development. She thanked the Development Partners and all stakeholders for their continued active participation and official closed the workshop.

12. Conclusion

The GPEDC Monitoring Exercise Kick-Off Workshop in Uganda served as a significant milestone and platform for stakeholders to align their efforts towards practical development cooperation. With robust discussions on policy contexts, stakeholder engagement, and commitment to action planning, the workshop laid a strong foundation for the forthcoming monitoring exercise, reinforcing Uganda's commitment to sustainable development and practical development cooperation.

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Date: 28th February 2024 Time: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Venue: Imperial Royale Hotel

Time	Agenda	Objectives	Details	Responsible Persons
8:30 AM - 9:00	Arrival of Participants	Registration process	Participants arrive and register	OPM
AM				
9:00 AM - 9:15 AM	Welcome and Opening Remarks	Introduce the objectives of the meeting and agenda	Introduction of Workshop Objectives and Agenda Welcome Remarks	Permanent Secretary OPM Co-Chair GPEDC Representative
				(Sweden) United Nations Resident Coordinator

9:15 AM - 9:45 AM	Session 1 – Policy Context of the GPEDC Monitoring Exercise	 Highlight key policies supporting development cooperation Debt Sustainability Analysis and Development Cooperation NDP – Finding of MTR on Partnerships 	Highlight key policy issues in development cooperation in Uganda	Commissioner, Debt and Cash Policy, MoFPED Director, Africa Peer Review Mechanism and Partnerships, NPA
9:45 AM - 10:30 AM	Session 2 - Process Overview: Roadmap Adaptation	 Inform participants about the GPEDC monitoring process Explain the Uganda Roadmap 	Overview of the GPEDC monitoring process Explanation of Uganda GPEDC Roadmap adapted to Uganda's context	Technical Adviser, National Partnerships Coordination, OPM
10:30 AM - 10:45 AM	Tea/Coffee Break	- Allow participants to refresh and network	Tea/coffee break	Hotel
10:45 AM - 11:30 AM	Session 3 – Stakeholder Engagement	Foster engagement and participation of development partners Highlight successful collaboration examples Panel Theme: Enhancing Partnerships in Development Cooperation: Key Issues of Concern for the Stakeholders Panelists 1. MFPED 2. NPA 3. OXFAM 4. Private Sector Foundation	 Panel discussion with stakeholders on: Importance of stakeholder engagement in practical development cooperation Highlight successful collaboration examples in stakeholder engagement 	Facilitator and selected panelists

		5. LDPG Representative		
11:30 AM - 12:15 PM	Session 4 - Commitment and Action Planning	Seek commitments toward GPEDC monitoring exercise Develop action plans for implementation	Presentation of roles of Government, CSO, Private Sector and Development Partners in the GPEDC Monitoring Exercise Interactive activity to develop critical actions and next steps Discussion on challenges and strategies to overcome them	Facilitator
12:15 PM - 1:00 PM	Session 5: Next Steps and Closing Session	 Summarize key takeaways and commitments Announce follow-up actions 	 Summary of key points and commitments Announcement of follow-up actions 	Commissioner, Strategic Coordination and Implementation, OPM and National Focal Point, GPEDC Partnership Monitoring Closing Remarks, Co- Chair, LDPG
1:00 - 2:00 PM	Lunch and Departure			

Workshop Materials (click here)