

Summarized Draft Concept Note for Consultation
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The 2014 Busan Global Partnership Workshop
6-7 November, Seoul

The first High Level Meeting of Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (GPEDC) was held in Mexico City on 15-16 April. Among others, it reviewed the progress made in the implementation of the key Busan principles, and discussed how the GPEDC could advance efforts to bring about more effective development cooperation, as part of the ‘how’ of the Post-2015 development agenda. In this context, the Foreign Minister of the Republic of Korea announced an initiative to host a workshop on an annual basis. The annual workshop was therefore given the mandate in the HLM Communiqué (16 April 2014) to “take stock and bring together partners to review implementation of the Busan commitments at country level, in order to support building up of evidence-based global high level political dialogue and commitment on effective development cooperation.”

Objectives, Opportunities and Outcomes

Against this backdrop, the Busan Global Partnership Annual Workshop (*hereafter “the Busan GP Workshop”*) will be held in Korea from 2014 onwards, providing a regular, inclusive, and evidence-based meeting for GPEDC with a back-to-back modality in relation to the HLMs. It will build upon the outcomes of Busan and Mexico, and will create a global forum to review the implementation dynamics of the Busan commitments at the country level, and will generate critical reflections and recommendations for the bi-annual HLMs and monitoring surveys. By doing so, the Workshop will support the work of the SC and enrich the substance as well as the process of the Global Partnership. More specifically, main objectives and expected outcomes of the Workshop are the following:

- **Provide qualitative evidence and build a lively and consolidated knowledge base on the implementation dynamics of the Busan commitments on the ground.** As the bi-annual global progress report focuses on covering quantitative measures, with data submitted by voluntary members, the Busan GP Workshop will provide a complementary platform to showcase achievements and best practices, and to discuss bottleneck challenges and lessons learnt.
- **Provide an inclusive forum for multi-stakeholders across sectors to bring their experiences and insights drawn upon their work on the ground and share innovative ideas on how to deliver effective development results.** In particular, it will facilitate global political dialogue with development providers from emerging economies and new providers such as private sector entities and philanthropic foundations, together with traditional actors, in order to increase mutual understanding and push for necessary behavior changes for more effective development cooperation.

- **Feed into the work of the SC and biannual HLMs by collecting inputs and recommendations to strengthen the work of the GPEDC.** The Busan GP Workshop will provide an opportunity for members outside the SC to hold regular discussions on the substance and processes of the Partnership and channel their suggestions for the HLM preparations more systematically.
- **Provide space for showcasing and intellectual advocacy for key Busan HLF-4 Building Blocks, such as South-South and Triangular Cooperation, as well as the voluntary initiatives submitted at the Mexico HLM.** In doing so, it will help create synergies beyond the GPEDC, through outreach, as well as coordination among different modalities and initiatives of development cooperation.
- **Enhance the role of the Global Partnership in the context of the Post-2015 development agenda by facilitating reflections and dialogues on the agenda in relation to the Partnership principles and commitments.** The workshop will thereby help strengthen the GPEDC's action-oriented role and relevance in the post-2015 era.

Highlights:

The Workshop has a potential to support the work of the SC and serve as an institutional bridge among the existing working arrangements of the GPEDC by consolidating suggestions for the HLMs and the global monitoring exercises in a systematic and inclusive manner. In particular, it will allow for GPEDC members outside the SC as well as non-GPEDC participants to hold regular discussions at the working level on the substantive issues and processes of the Partnership. Discussions are particularly on the practical challenges and policy issues which may not be fully captured in the formal monitoring survey exercise.

To further support this function, the Workshop will add a capacity building component, in collaboration with KOICA (Korea International Cooperation Agency) through the **GPEDC Learning & Accelerating Program**. This program will provide a training that will help bridge the gaps between the GPEDC's policy agenda and ground-level work, combining the technical and policy perspectives. This programme will be held back-to-back with the Busan GP Workshop and will be open to some of the Workshop participants.

Participants

This meeting will gather around 100 representatives of the Partnership members at the senior and working level, including those of the Co-Chair group of the Steering Committee, SC members, the OECD-UNDP Joint Support Team, as well as several eminent political leaders and experts. The Workshop is also open to non-GPEDC members.

Preparations & Arrangements

- **Organizers.** The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea will host the annual workshop in Seoul, in partnership with the Global Partnership Joint Support Team (UNDP/OECD). Inputs and formal participation from relevant institutions and interested

members will be appreciated.

- **Date.** The first Busan GP Workshop will take place for two full days on 6-7 November 2014 **(TBC)**. Beyond 2014, the exact time of the Workshop will be adjusted in accordance with future HLM dates in order to maximize the synergetic effort with the HLMs.
- **Location.** The Busan GP Workshop will be held in Seoul, Korea (meeting venue TBD).
- **Activities.** Participants are encouraged to engage in lively discussions and share their experiences and case studies for practical knowledge sharing and technical feedback during the Workshop.

Agenda

The Workshop will comprise of multi-stakeholder plenary discussions, breakout and working group discussions, and parallel thematic discussion sessions, complemented by showcase displays and ad hoc meetings organized by participants as desired. Thematic issues will be selected to meet specific opportunities and needs arising from the emerging Post-2015 development agenda as well as the future HLM agendas. As the 2014 Busan GP Workshop will take place in the same year as the Mexico HLM, it will devote special attention to discussing key achievements, lessons, challenges, as well as follow-up policy issues regarding the first HLM and the Global Progress Report.

Suggested key elements of the agenda:

- State of Play on Busan Commitments: From Busan to Mexico and Beyond
- Case Studies for Reflection and Inspiration : Best Practices and Lessons Learnt
 - Share bottleneck challenges and lessons learnt from in implementing the Busan principles and commitments, referring to participants' own experiences.
- GPEDC Monitoring Tools and Processes
- Ideas for Strengthening Monitoring Tools and Processes
- Thematic Session linked with several Building Blocs and Voluntary Initiatives
 - Suggestions for this session are on "South-South Cooperation", "CSO Development Effectiveness & Enabling Environment", "Public-Private Partnerships".
- GPEDC's Now and Future: Ongoing Efforts and Recommendations for Strengthening GPEDC's Strategic Work toward more Effective Development Cooperation