

GPEDC Side Event at Financing for Development Conference

Effective Cooperation and Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships for Addressing Sustainable Development Challenges in Middle Income Countries

The geography of poverty has been evolving so that middle-income countries (MICs) now represent almost three quarters of the global poor. While a considerable number of countries have reached middle-income status through rapid economic growth, many MICs encounter diverse development challenges including persistent poverty, growing inequality, vulnerability to macro-economic shocks and climate change. Against the backdrop of rapidly changing development architecture with the emergence of new transformative SDGs, there is a growing consensus that this is an opportune time to re-assess the role of development cooperation in the context of MICs.

This high-level multi-stakeholder panel discussion will consider the principles of successful development cooperation practices in MICs. Hosted by **Japan** and **Mexico** under the framework of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation; **GPEDC**, and moderated by international broadcaster **Henry Bonsu**, the side event will include perspectives from a range of governments, as well as international organizations, CSOs, and the private sector on key questions including:

- *How can development cooperation play a catalytic role in addressing impediments to further development in Middle Income Countries?*
- *How can the GPEDC as a multi-stakeholder platform promoting behavioral change on the ground support these efforts?*

When: July 14th, 2015, 13:15-14:45

Where: Hotel Intercontinental (Warka), Addis Ababa

** A complimentary light lunch will be served.*

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Attendance is open to all registered participants at the FFD Conference.
Should you have any question, please contact: **anna.whitson@undp.org**

Programme

Introduction

Moderator: Mr. Henry Bonsu, International Broadcaster

Opening Remarks

- **Japan: H.E. Mr. Minoru Kiuchi**
State Minister for Foreign Affairs
- **Malawi (GPEDC Co-Chair): Mr. Newby Kumwembe**
Principal Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Development

Panel Discussion

- **Ghana: H.E. Mr. Seth Terkper**
Minister of Finance
Perspectives from MIC in Africa
- **Mexico (GPEDC Co-Chair): Mr. Juan Manuel Valle**
Executive Director, Mexican International Development Cooperation Agency (AMEXCID)
Multidimensional poverty perspectives
- **OECD/DAC: Mr. Jon Lomoy**
Director of the Development Co-operation Directorate
- **The Netherlands (GPEDC Co-Chair): Mr. Christiaan Rebergen**
Director-General for International Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Lessons learned from multi-stakeholders partnerships
- **UNDP: Mr. Magdy Martínez-Solimán**
Assistant Administrator and Director of the Bureau for Policy and Programme Support
"The Role of Development Cooperation in MICs" (Japan-UNDP Partnership Fund Survey)
- **Thailand: H.E. Mr. Don Pramudwinai (TBC)**
Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs
Perspectives from MIC in Asia

Interactive Discussion from the Floor

- **Republic of Philippines: Ms. Violeta S. Corpus**, Assistant Director of Monitoring and Evaluation Staff, National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA)
- **ECLAC: Mr. Daniel Titelman**, Chief, Economic Development Division
- **UNICEF: Ms. Naline Nippita**, Senior Advisor for Multilateral and Intergovernmental Partnership
- **CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness (CPDE): Mr. Jorge Balbis**, Co-Chair for Outreach and CSO Effectiveness.
- **Philips (TBD)**
- **USAID: Mr. Alex Their**, Assistant Administrator