



To the members of the Global Partnership Initiative on Results & Mutual Accountability

This is our first newsletter of 2017 and highlights the GPI activities since our last newsletter of September 2016. The main activity of this GPI has been the pilot programme on enhanced use of country results frameworks that led to the formulation of intermediate conclusions by the three participating regions working with 20+ countries. These conclusions were shared with the participants of KOICA's Learning & Acceleration Programme (LAP) in October 2016 and presented to GPEDC's 2nd High Level Meeting in Nairobi late last year.

Amphitheatre session at the HLM2

The three participating regions jointly prepared four main political messages that were presented and discussed in one of the main preparatory sessions of GPEDC's HLM2 in Nairobi. It was a 45 minute session taking place on 30 November. The session was introduced by a short video to focus the participants on the main characteristics of a well-functioning CRF ([GPI video](#)). The four main messages coming out of the pilot are:

1. A sustainable link between technical and political actors

An effective CRF and integration of the SDGs into national development planning and financing requires prioritizing and continuous dialogue at both political and technical levels.

2. An institutional framework that focuses on coordination

Achieving national results and working towards the Sustainable Development Goals can only work when planning, financing and statistics are merged in a coordinated system; when accountability for results is spread across society; and when coordination among sectors and between national and local levels is functioning

3. Smarter use of development cooperation

Effective development cooperation can achieve country results through a focus across three areas: filling financing and knowledge gaps; leveraging other sources of public and private finance; and supporting the development of institutions that can enable more integrated national financing frameworks for sustainable development.

4. The key role of regional platforms

Regional platforms need further support to fulfil their potential as effective hubs for connecting countries' experiences. Their proximity to and knowledge of the country contexts and sub-regional issues gives them a crucial role in facilitating mutual learning, south-south cooperation and linking finance with results.



Start of the Amphitheatre Session at the HLM2, 30 November 2016

Learning & Acceleration Programme

From 6-7 October the Global Partnership Forum took place in Seoul, South Korea, preceded by the LAP from 4-5 October. The GPI organised a session on the results of the pilot programme to date and discussed these with the participants. The results of the discussions were important inputs for our session at the Nairobi HLM2. For a short summary of the KOICA LAP 2016 see [KOICA LAP](#)

Workshop among African countries

From 18-21 October 2016, the NEPAD Agency organised its 3rd African Region workshop with planning and finance representatives from 9 countries. Three new countries joined the African group of countries: Cameroon, DRC and Malawi. The workshop was funded by the European Union; a representative from the EU-HQ Quality & Results Unit guided a session on the recently published EU results framework. The main workshop topic was the lessons learned so far leading to a model of strengthening country results frameworks. Besides the technical characteristics of the CRF, e.g. development plan, targets, costing and resources needed, the workshop emphasised the more political conditions to make the CRF work in practice: sustained leadership, an institutional framework, supporting mechanisms and multi-stakeholder involvement. The workshop report is added to this newsletter.



Participants to the 3rd African Region Workshop

Workshop among Asia-Pacific countries

In preparation of the HLM2, AP-DEF organised a 2-day regional consultation on leveraging finance for achieving the SDGs. Participants shared experiences and formulated messages on how the Global Partnership can support the linking of finance with results at country level. For more information, see [AP-DEF workshop](#). A summary of the HLM2 side-event organised by AP-DEF on this topic is attached to this newsletter.



Participants to the Asia-Pacific workshop,

GPI's as a crucial element in the GPEDC

The GPEDC as a global multi-stakeholder platform realises that policies and guidelines on effective international cooperation needs to be nurtured with country level experiences. The 30+ GPIs provide these experiences, and our GPI is one of them. This was again emphasised by a message from the Joint Support Team on 20 December 2016:

The outcome document identifies GPIs as important instruments to generate evidence and develop innovative ways to drive implementation the principles of development effectiveness and it recognises their great potential for identifying success factors, sharing lessons and making fuller use of knowledge generated through these efforts to promote mutual accountability and learning

The HLM2 outcome document can be downloaded from <http://effectivecooperation.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/OutcomeDocumentEnglish.pdf>. The current GPIs are listed in Annex 3 of this document.



HLM2 Opening Session, 30 November 2016

Message from the Co-Chairs

Since February 2013 the GPI R&MA is co-chaired by Bangladesh and Switzerland. Now that Bangladesh has become the co-chair of GPEDC, they would like to hand over their position of co-chair of the GPI to another country. We would like to ask the members to suggest a replacement. Please contact co-chairs or regional representatives for more information.

Information from the Regional Offices

Africa:

<http://africa-platform.org> (activities and resources)

Asia-Pacific:

<http://www.asia-pacific.undp.org/content/rbap/en/home/ourwork/democratic-governance-and-peacebuilding/ap-def.html> (among others the latest report on Development Finance Assessment)

(AP-DEF site with resources and latest publications, among others on DFA)

Latin America and Caribbean:

http://www.proyectomesoamerica.org/joomla/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=893&Itemid=893 (resources, reports and pictures on the pilot programme in Spanish and English)

Plans for 2017

Besides a continuation of the mutual learning programme among countries in the three regions, e.g. the next workshop in Latin America will be in April, two topics will receive attention among the regions and countries:

- Improving the institutional arrangements linking the planning, finance, budgeting and implementation functions. Important in this process will be attention to the quality of the country results frameworks, resource mapping, the role of the Development Finance Assessment methodology and working towards the INFF (integrated national financing framework)
- Working on the second topic of this GPI, which is *mutual accountability*. With the emergence of the SDGs we already noticed at national level that the concept of mutual accountability is changing; the SDGs are a universal set of goals making all countries more accountable to each other.

We also encourage our members to suggest areas of interest that the GPI R&MA may get involved in. All ideas are welcome. In February we will inform all about more concrete plans.

We wish you a healthy and effective development year.

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