

**Second High Level Meeting**  
**Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation**  
**Nairobi, 28 November - 1 December 2016**  
***INTERNAL Engagement guide for European CSOs***

**What is the Aid/Development Effectiveness Agenda?**

The effective development agenda is essential for our work as it advances the effectiveness of development efforts by all actors, delivers results that are long-lasting, in line with developing country priorities and contributes to the achievement of the SDGs.

[Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation](#) (GPEDC) supports and ensures accountability for the implementation of shared principles and differentiated commitments at the political level through its monitoring framework comprised of a set of 10 indicators.

The aid effectiveness agenda was outlined with the Monterrey Consensus back in 2002, which recognised that not just aid quantity matters but also aid quality does; since then, a series of High Level Fora had taken place: Rome – 2003, Paris – 2005, Accra – 2008 and Busan – 2011. The [4th High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness in Busan](#) in 2011 saw the birth of a new kind of development partnership with the ambition of including the voices of all development stakeholders. The [Busan Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation](#) (BPd) marked a shift from aid to development effectiveness while reaffirming past commitments including those endorsed by the interested parties in Paris and Accra. The BPd laid out a set of *shared principles*: ownership of development priorities by developing countries, a focus on sustainable results, inclusive partnerships for development and transparency and shared responsibility; development actors partaking in the Busan partnership would be bound by *differential commitments*. In the case of the *providers of South-South cooperation* principles, commitments and actions would be a reference on voluntary basis only.

The first High-Level Meeting of the GPEDC in Mexico in 2014 focused on the review of the global progress in making development co-operation more effective, agreed actions to boost progress and anchored the effective development co-operation in the post-2015 global development agenda.

The first monitoring report presented ahead of the Mexico HLM showed little progress since Busan and the current round of monitoring is likely to show similarly lacklustre progress. Effective development cooperation, more effective use of scarce and unique aid resources, will all be vital to achieving the SDGs and ensuring that no one is left behind. As civil society in Europe, we can help to deliver this by redoubling efforts to put pressure on our governments to deliver on the commitments they have made and improve the quality of their aid.

## The current state of play

The second High Level Meeting of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (HLM Nairobi) will be held in Nairobi: from 28 November till 1 December. The whole process is led by the [co-chairs of GPEDC and its Steering Committee](#). The European region is represented within the group of providers of development cooperation by EC-DG DEVCO and the Netherlands is one of the co-chairs. The CSO voice is represented in the Steering Committee by the CPDE co-chairs and Trade Unions.

There are several main outcomes documents to be expected from the HLM Nairobi:

- *Outcome document:* [draft zero](#) and [first draft](#) were already circulated to GPEDC Steering Group. CPDE, the CSO partnership for Development Effectiveness, which is a member of the Steering Group, prepared its [response to the first draft](#)
- *Monitoring report:* expected in October/November.
- *Revision of the GPEDC Mandate:* CPDE's suggestion available [here](#).

HLM Nairobi will focus on 6 current issues of development effectiveness:

- *Taking Stock: Progress and Challenges for Effective Development:* GPEDC was established to improve development co-operation, ensure accountability for implementing Busan commitments, facilitate knowledge exchange and support country level implementation. Five years on from Busan, it's time for an honest reflection on progress, highlighting achievements and identifying bottlenecks.
- *Moving forward: how Effective Development Can Deliver the 2030 Agenda:* An ambitious and universal 2030 Agenda calls for an equally ambitious and comprehensive response from all development actors. It will require strong political leadership, a revitalised Global Partnership and redoubled efforts by all development actors to improve the quality, effectiveness and impact of their co-operation.
- *Inclusive and Effective Development Cooperation to Achieve the SDGs: Lessons Learned from South-South and Triangular Cooperation:* South-South Co-operation actors are growing in number, volume, impact and contribute to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, enhanced by an inclusive approach involving state actors, the private sector, trade unions and civil society working together.
- *Our Shared Future: Achieving Prosperous Business, Prosperous Society and a Prosperous Environment:* To highlight the essential role of business in the achievement of the SDGs and to provide inspiration and practical guidance for how governments and others can support responsible, inclusive and sustainable business.
- *Economic Empowerment of Women and Youth:* The overarching goal is to look at the accountability of development stakeholders in relation to women's rights, gender equality and the rights of the youth in the context of development cooperation.

- *Our Greatest Challenge: Leaving No-One Behind:* The global community has committed to achieving an ambitious agenda for sustainable development, promising that no-one will be left behind. We aim to achieve sustainable development for everyone, everywhere – for all countries and groups, and for the most vulnerable in our societies.

Several European CSOs representatives are involved in the organisation of the High Level Plenary sessions: Izabella Toth (European CPDE Representative, CordAid) on Leaving no-one behind, Luca De Fraia (ICSO Group/ActionAid) on Progress with implementing development effectiveness principles and commitments and Jeroen Kwakkenbos (Eurodad) on Achieving and financing the SDGs.

## How is the Global/European Civil Society organised?

Global civil society is organised via [CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness](#). Each region and sector has assigned number of representative seats in the CPDE Global Council and in the CPDE Working Groups.

European region representatives of the CPDE Global Council are:

- Izabella Toth (European Region),
- Koos De Bruin (EU sub-region) and
- Antonia Fonari (Eastern Europe and Balkan sub-region).

European region secretariat is held by Fond Romania.

The European CSO delegation will be composed of 17 members including the European CPDE representatives.

Ahead of HLM Nairobi CONCORD published a position "[The Road to Nairobi](#)" with the key messages addressed towards the EU Institutions and EU member states on the implementation of development effectiveness and key outcomes of Nairobi HLM.

CPDE will organise a meeting on 20-23 September in Rome to prepare the advocacy strategy and main positions for the HLM Nairobi. In the areas of Enabling Environment and CSO Development Effectiveness, CPDE will publish the following policy position and research papers:

- CPDE Key messages on CSO enabling environment and CSO development effectiveness
- CPDE Global Synthesizing Research 2016
- CPDE Action Research on CSO DE and Accountability 2016
- CPDE Action Research and Policy Development on Institutionalising Participation and Enabling Environment for CSOs

## What we want as European CSOs?

Our key messages are summarised in the latest position call "[The Road to Nairobi High Level Meeting - CONCORD's key messages](#)" which could be used for both EU and other European CSOs.

## What is the EU preparing for HLM Nairobi?

The EU is seeking to have a joint position for Nairobi discussed by CODEV (Council's Working Party on Development Co-operation) and approved by one of the Council meetings in late October/ early November (not a development Foreign Affairs Council on 28 November). The EC will release a Second EU Study on the Implementation of Busan Commitments around October/November. European Parliament is preparing its own initiative report: Increasing the effectiveness of development cooperation, first discussion in DEVE Committee was held on 31 August.

## Key events and meetings in the run up to HLM Nairobi

August		
31	European Parliament: DEVE Exchange of Views on Development Effectiveness and Nairobi HLM. A video from the debate is <a href="#">available here</a> – starting at 10:42:45.	Brussels
September		
19-21	Technical Seminar on aid and development effectiveness: DG DEVCO is organising a seminar for the experts from EU Member States to discuss the outcomes of the EU monitoring report on development effectiveness and to prepare for the Nairobi HLM2. On 21 September workshop will continue with an update on EU Joint Programming and working together / joint action.	Brussels
29	Webinar for European CSOs on HLM Nairobi	Brussels/online
29-30	Provider Conference	Vienna
October		
3	Draft of the Council Conclusions/EU Joint position presented to CODEV (Council working party on development effectiveness)	Brussels
6-7	3rd Busan Global Partnership Forum and the GPEDC Learning and Accelerating Program	Korea
8	11 <sup>th</sup> GPEDC Steering Committee meeting	Korea
Tbc	EU Monitoring Report of the implementation of development effectiveness commitments to be published	Brussels
Tbc	GPEDC Second Monitoring Report to be published	Paris
25-26	<a href="#">CONCORD HUB 3 Meeting</a>	Brussels
26-27	<a href="#">CONCORD HUB 2 Meeting</a>	Brussels
26	Launch of the 2016 CONCORD AidWatch report	Brussels
November		
2	Black Sea NGO Forum - Day 3 with special session focusing on the the CPDE and engagement of the European Region in it	Varna
8-9	<a href="#">Learning and Exchange Forum</a>	Budapest
26	CPDE Coordination Committee Meeting	Nairobi
27	CPDE Global Council Meeting	Nairobi
28	Preparatory Forums Nairobi HLM2 - Youth Forum and Women Forum	Nairobi
29	CSO Preparatory Forum for Nairobi HLM2	Nairobi
30	GPEDC: Second High-Level Meeting (Ministerial Days)	Nairobi
December		
1	GPEDC: Second High-Level Meeting (Ministerial Days)	Nairobi
2	CPDE Coordination Committee Debriefing	

## Who are the key targets to be influenced?

### 1. National level

Target	Role	Timing	Actions
<b>National governments</b> (minister in charge of development cooperation)	Implementation of the development effectiveness principles  Preparation for the position for Nairobi HLM  Sending delegations to Nairobi HLM	October - November	Ask for a multistakeholder dialogue to discuss the outcomes of the GPEDC monitoring reports (in case of the EU member states also the EU monitoring report)  Advocate for implementation plan of Busan commitments
<b>National Parliaments</b>	The official position of the government should be presented - discussed by the members of parliaments	October - November	Ask for public debate with the CSOs representatives to be included  Use also budget discussions to open the debate on quality of aid

### 2. EU level

Target	Role	Timing	Actions
<b>EU Council</b> (CODEV, FAC - Foreign Affairs Council, Slovak Presidency...)	Coordinates MS to come to common EU position, takes final EU position	October/November	Share with your CODEVodev representative CONCORD's position " <a href="#">The Road to Nairobi</a> "  Pressure them to provide a clear and accountable implementation mechanism to follow-up on Busan commitments (operational framework!)
<b>European Parliament</b> (DEVE, JPA ACP-EU, ..)	Keep the Council accountable to previous decisions	August-November	Influence the DEVE Initiative Report on HLM Nairobi
<b>European Commission</b>	Provides technical support to Slovak Presidency, and in fact leads many of the informal negotiations from behind the scenes.  Responsible for the EU	Summer 2016: drafting of the EU study October: EU Study released	Have a regular dialogue with administration on their positioning

	Study on the progress since Busan.		
EEAS	Participates in CODEV & FAC meetings; seems to keep a rather low profile on development effectiveness debates		

## What can you do as European NGO?

- Share intelligence/updates from your national level through the CPDE regional secretariat (for the EU sub-region - CONCORD and for the non-EU subregion - FOND);
- Target national institutions (parliaments) and governments (for EU national platforms - especially your CODEV representative in Brussels and inform CONCORD about the sensitive / political debates taking place in your countries),
- Please see [ConcordNet](#) for a full list of positions, updates and other tools that can be used for advocacy purposes;
- Disseminate CPDE background and position papers to national institutions (parliaments, government, regional institutions);
- If there is not a CSO space in national delegation going to Nairobi, request a meeting with the representatives of the national delegation to inform them on the CPDE positions;
- Inform your members/partners about the HLM Nairobi;

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