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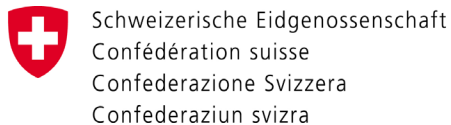
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## Acronyms

<b>AAAA</b>	Addis Ababa Agenda for Action
<b>AAs</b>	GPEDC Action Areas
<b>AIMS</b>	Aid Information Management System
<b>AMP</b>	Aid Management Platform
<b>BPPS</b>	Bureau for Policy and Programme Support (UNDP)
<b>CSO</b>	Civil Society Organization
<b>DFA</b>	Development Finance Assessment
<b>FfD</b>	Financing for Development
<b>GPEDC</b>	Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation
<b>HLM3</b>	Second High-Level Meeting of the GPEDC in 2022
<b>HLPF</b>	High Level Political Forum
<b>JST</b>	UNDP-OECD Joint Support Team
<b>KSP</b>	Knowledge Sharing Platform
<b>NGO</b>	Non-governmental Organization
<b>NOD</b>	Nairobi Outcome Document
<b>NSDP</b>	National Strategic Development Plan
<b>ODA</b>	Official Development Assistance
<b>PDP</b>	Provincial Development Plan
<b>PSE</b>	Private Sector Engagement
<b>PPP</b>	Public Private Dialogue
<b>SDGs</b>	Sustainable Development Goals
<b>SCM</b>	Steering Committee Meeting
<b>SSC</b>	South-South Cooperation
<b>TrC</b>	Triangular Cooperation
<b>UNGA</b>	United Nations General Assembly

## Acknowledgments

This 2020 Annual Status Report aims to provide an overview of UNDP's global and country-level work in improving the effectiveness of development cooperation, drawing on the expertise and experience of its Regional Bureau and Country Offices and in collaboration with development partners. The report will showcase UNDP's work, achievements and results in 2020 through the Global Project on Managing Development Cooperation Effectively interlinked with the GPEDC Work Programme.

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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## A decade of action and the global partnership for effective development cooperation

The year 2020 marked the beginning of a '[Decade of Action](#)' towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030. Yet, the global effort to drive human development is facing profound headwinds, ranging from growing inequality, poverty, and climate change, to a global pandemic, an unfolding economic crisis and constrained fiscal space.

Achieving the SDGs in an era of COVID-19 requires, collective action – multilateral and multi-stakeholder. This imperative on collective action is what makes **how** we partner and work together – based on shared principles and led by evidence – so important to achieve the 2030 Agenda. The [principles of effective development cooperation](#) – **country ownership, inclusive partnerships, a focus on results, and transparency and mutual accountability**– provide a shared basis for working better together through improving the effectiveness of development cooperation and partnerships.

Agreed in Busan in 2011 (and reconfirmed in Nairobi in 2016) by more than 161 countries and 56 organizations, the [four principles of effective development cooperation](#) provide a framework for more equal and empowered partnerships and more sustainable development outcomes. The commitment to effective partnerships – those that are inclusive, equal and empowered – is a global objective in its own right, as well as a mean of implementation to achieve the SDGs. The same is set out in SDG17 and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda (AAAA), which highlights the importance of improving the quality, impact, and effectiveness of development cooperation. These global commitments recognize the centrality of the effectiveness principles to the achievement of long-lasting development results.

The [Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation](#) (thereafter *Global Partnership* or *GPEDC*) is an important multi-stakeholder vehicle for driving development effectiveness efforts. In 2020, the Global Partnership launched the [new Work Programme \(2020-2022\)](#). Launched in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Programme aims to build strong coalitions of country governments and partners and to promote the application of, generate evidence from, and demonstrate the impact of the principles of effective development cooperation at the country level across diverse partnerships in efforts to build back better and toward 2030. The member-led implementation of the Work Programme is guided by the following **three strategic priorities**:

- **Promoting development effectiveness to accelerate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda**
- **Building better partnerships**
- **Leveraging monitoring for action**

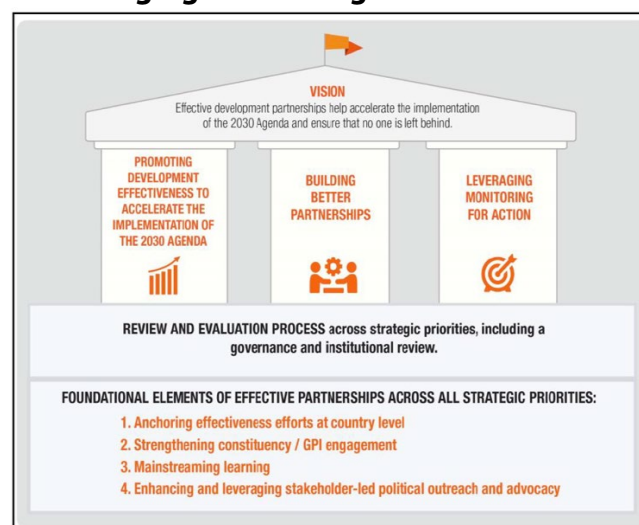
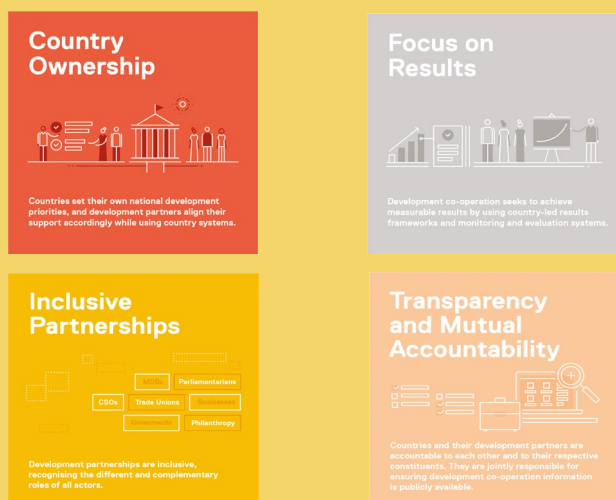


Figure 1. Building Blocks of the 2020-2022 Work Programme



## LEADERSHIP

Formally constituted in 2012, the Global Partnership is led by four Co-chairs (Switzerland, DRC, Bangladesh, and Reality of Aid Africa as 4<sup>th</sup> non-executive Co-chair) representing the main stakeholders involved in development cooperation, including governments and non-State actors. Its work is driven by a 25-member Steering Committee, reflecting the spirit of inclusive partnerships, and a 'whole-of-society' approach, that achieving the 2030 Agenda requires.

The four 'foundational elements' guide the implementation of the work programme to consolidate member-led actions and to deliver an impact greater than the sum of its parts (see Figure 1). In 2020, the Global Partnership has also embarked on two major reviews: (1) the Global Partnership monitoring framework, and (2) the GPEDC review. Both aim at strengthening the instruments and working arrangements of the Partnership.

### UNDP'S support through the Global Project on Managing Development Cooperation Effectively

UNDP together with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) supports the Global Partnership as the UNDP/OECD Joint Support Team. As the knowledge frontier organization for sustainable development in the UN Development System and as the integrator for collective action to realize the SDGs, functions supported by UNDP build on UNDP's substantive and operational footprint, network and multi-disciplinary support across development planning, data, SDG finance, partnerships, and governance across regions and in various country contexts. UNDP's support to the Global Partnership draws on UN and UNDP's existing mandate to build, develop, and strengthen national capacities for mobilizing and effective utilization of

international development cooperation, financing, innovation, and knowledge-sharing.

UNDP's support to the Global Partnership is provided and managed through the Global Project on Managing Development Cooperation Effectively (hereafter the *Global Project*) with main objectives centered around supporting:

1. Policy and institutional reforms and capacity strengthening for advancing the effectiveness of cooperation at country level through evidence, data and knowledge products, and tools;
2. Global evidence-based policy dialogue and multi-stakeholder partnerships for more effective cooperation

These are in line with the [UNDP Strategic Plan 2018-2021](#), which recognizes support to national governments and partners to work towards common results relating to development cooperation allocation and use of financing instruments and partnership modalities. It underscores the importance of better collaboration across public, private, international, and national sectors to deliver impact at scale and utilize limited resources efficiently. In 2020, the Global Project contributed substantively and operationally Global Partnership's accomplishments in support of the Global Partnership Co-chairs and Steering Committee and in working together with the OECD.

## KEY HIGHLIGHTS

The following are the **key highlights** on results and achievements of 2020:

**GPEDC MONITORING REFORM.** The Steering Committee in its 19th Meeting endorsed the strategic ambition and direction for reforming the Global Partnership monitoring. The first conceptual phase of the comprehensive monitoring reform process was launched to define the strategic ambition-level of the reform, and support in validating and prioritizing the challenges it will seek to address. Consequently, during September – November 2020, a series of virtual small-group monitoring consultations with different groups of stakeholders on elements of the reform have been initiated and hosted by Co-chairs. Findings from these exchanges provided a basis for the Co-chairs' monitoring proposal on contours of the process of designing a future Global Partnership monitoring exercise.

**ACTION DIALOGUES 2021.** In 2020, the Co-chairs launched multi-stakeholder 'Action Dialogues 2021' to discuss and design collective actions to strengthen partnerships and build back better together in different country contexts. In the spirit of a 'whole-of-government' and 'whole-of-society' approach, these dialogues will bring together relevant

undertook the Global Partnership 2018 monitoring to better understand the monitoring results most relevant to them and use this evidence to identify persisting challenges of making development cooperation and partnerships more effective and derive actions to improve effectiveness policy and practice.

- The results of the monitoring rounds continued to inform global reports, such as Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) Report on Financing for Sustainable Development 2020 (chapter on international development cooperation). This reference provided an opportunity to learn from partner countries and different stakeholders' efforts to address diverse issues on effectiveness and ways to improve the quality, impact, and effectiveness of development cooperation.
- To further promote the work of Global Partnership monitoring, a website page called Tools & Dialogue for Action was developed under the 'Our Evidence' website tab. The comprehensive page provided an overview of tools and action dialogue opportunities for key stakeholders, helping them explore how they might strengthen their actions

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