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## Acronyms and Abbreviations

AAAA	Addis Ababa Agenda for Action
AIMS	Aid Information Management System
AMIS	Aid Management Information System
AMP	Aid Management Platform
BPPS	Bureau for Policy and Programme Support (UNDP)
CSO	Civil Society Organization
DAC	Development Assistance Committee (OECD)
DAD	Development Assistance Database
DAG	Development Assistance Group (Ethiopia)
DCF	Development Cooperation Forum
DFA	Development Finance Assessment
DFID	Department for International Development (United Kingdom)
DFMIS	Development Finance Management Information System
EU	European Union
FfD	Financing for Development
GPEDC	Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation
HLM2	Second High-Level Meeting of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation
IATF	Inter-Agency Task Force on Financing for Development
IATI	International Aid Transparency Initiative
INFF	Integrated National Financing Framework
INGO	International Non-Governmental Organization
JST	UNDP-OECD Joint Support Team
LDC	Least Developed Country
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
MAG	Monitoring Advisory Group
MAPS	Mainstreaming, Acceleration and Policy Support
MIS	Management Information System
MoFEC	Ministry of Finance and Economic Cooperation (Ethiopia)
NDS	National Development Strategy

NEPAD	New Partnership for Africa's Development
NOD	Nairobi Outcome Document
ODA	Official Development Assistance
OECD	Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
QCPR	Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review
SCA2D	Accelerated Growth and Sustainable Development
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
SIDS	Small Island Developing States
SLM	Senior-Level Meeting of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation
UN	United Nations
UNDESA	United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs
VNRs	Voluntary National Reviews

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## I. Executive Summary

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is a transformative set of goals that aims to ensure long-term peace and prosperity for people and the planet. Making this Agenda a reality will require mobilizing more resources from a wider variety of partners and ensuring systems are in place to use them as effectively as possible. In this context, development cooperation remains central, providing catalytic support to countries implementing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the 2030 Agenda.

As such, the [Inter-Agency Task Force on Financing for Development](#) (IATF) highlighted an emerging focus on capacity strengthening to mobilize public and private resources for sustainable development, in particular exploring the catalytic role of ODA and various other flows.<sup>1</sup> Likewise, the Secretary-General reaffirmed development cooperation's role in helping align context-specific national and regional plans with the 2030 Agenda, which will help build synergies, reduce duplication of efforts, increase effectiveness and strengthen development impact.<sup>2</sup>

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has supported capacity-building for implementing effective development cooperation commitments in more than 60 programme countries. Through its *Global Project on Managing Development Cooperation Effectively*, UNDP provides policy guidance, knowledge sharing and mutual learning to strengthen policy and institutional frameworks for managing development cooperation; defining and implementing country-led national development goals; and aligning these policies with the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs. As such, in its role as part of the UNDP-OECD Joint Support Team (JST) of the [Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation](#) (GPEDC), UNDP is well-positioned to provide catalytic support to country-level implementation and policy dialogue for more effective development cooperation.

The Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation is a dynamic, multi-stakeholder platform that brings together stakeholders from governments, development partners, civil society, the private sector, parliaments, trade unions, local governments, foundations and others to increase the effectiveness of development cooperation and maximize development impact. At the [Second High-Level Meeting \(HLM2\)](#) of the GPEDC (Nairobi, December 2016) over 4,600 stakeholders from developing and developed countries reaffirmed the internationally-agreed [effectiveness principles](#) of *country ownership, a focus on results, inclusive partnerships and transparency and accountability*.

Endorsed at HLM2, the [Nairobi Outcome Document](#) (NOD) articulated differentiated commitments for more effective development cooperation according to stakeholder group, recognizing diverse and complementary roles and contributions and reflecting the pledge to leave no one behind. HLM2 cemented the GPEDC as the go-to multi-stakeholder partnership for translating effective development cooperation commitments into practice, adopting a powerful new vision for the GPEDC.

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<sup>1</sup> Inter-Agency Task Force on Financing for Development, *Financing for Development: Progress and Prospects 2018* (Advance unedited Version). Available here: [https://developmentfinance.un.org/sites/developmentfinance.un.org/files/IATF%20report%202018\\_AUV\\_9Mar2018.pdf](https://developmentfinance.un.org/sites/developmentfinance.un.org/files/IATF%20report%202018_AUV_9Mar2018.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> Secretary-General's Report on Trends and Progress in Development Cooperation (Advance Unedited Version 28 March 2018). Available here: [https://www.un.org/ecosoc/sites/www.un.org.ecosoc/files/files/en/DCF/sgr\\_trends\\_progress\\_28\\_march\\_2018.pdf](https://www.un.org/ecosoc/sites/www.un.org.ecosoc/files/files/en/DCF/sgr_trends_progress_28_march_2018.pdf)

To take forward the NOD's vision, and strengthen the relevance and contribution of the GPEDC to the 2030 Agenda and implementation of its SDGs, in April 2017 the GPEDC co-chairs and Steering Committee adopted a two-year [Programme of Work](#). The 2017-2018 Programme of Work outlines a plan of action to guide the GPEDC in its effort to maximize the effectiveness of all forms of development cooperation.

Under the GPEDC's 2017-2018 Programme of Work, the UNDP Global Project on Managing Development Cooperation Effectively has delivered the following in 2017:

- **Evidence-based results of the 2016 GPEDC monitoring exercise informed the Sustainable Development Goals follow-up and review process.** Data and evidence generated from GPEDC monitoring also informed the 2017 SDG Report and the 2017 Report of the Inter-Agency Task Force Report on Financing for Development. Furthermore, a number of countries used the results to inform country-level implementation of the development effectiveness principles, including through efforts to strengthen policy frameworks and establish multi-stakeholder dialogue spaces.
- **Technical and substantive refinement of the GPEDC monitoring framework progressed** as endorsed by the Steering Committee in October 2017 at its 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, held in Dhaka, Bangladesh. The strengthening of the GPEDC monitoring framework contributes to global accountability and mutual learning on effective development cooperation, including assisting in national efforts to monitor and measure the use and effectiveness of development cooperation.
- **Policy dialogue supporting development effectiveness at country, regional and global levels was strengthened** through the collection and analysis of country experiences, evidence-based knowledge products and holding of regional workshops. This includes support to national efforts to establish and strengthen policies, mechanisms, frameworks and systems for mobilizing, utilizing and reporting on the use of the various types of cooperation.
- **The visibility of the GPEDC was amplified** through a reinvigorated online presence and a series of high-profile events undertaken to showcase the renewed mandate of the GPEDC and the renewed global commitment to effectiveness, as outlined in the NOD. Additionally, support to the global governance structure of the GPEDC was provided, with focus on the practical implications and applications of the principles of effective development cooperation.

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