



# GPEDC 3<sup>RD</sup> MONITORING ROUND BRIEFING

## WHAT IS THE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR EFFECTIVE DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION?

[The Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation \(GPEDC\)](#) is a multi-stakeholder platform that promotes the effectiveness of development cooperation and the contribution to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It involves: donor governments of development assistance, recipient governments of development assistance, Civil Society Organisations (CSOs), trade unions, business and other stakeholders (parliaments, foundations, local authorities...).

## WHAT IS EFFECTIVE DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION?

Throughout different High-Level Meetings on aid/development effectiveness from Paris to Busan and later in the GPEDC high-level meetings of Mexico and Nairobi, the development community established [four key principles for the effectiveness of development cooperation](#). These are:

### **OWNERSHIP OF DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES**

Development initiatives can only succeed if they are led by developing countries and implement approaches that are tailored to country-specific situations and needs.

### **FOCUS ON RESULTS**

Development efforts must have a lasting impact on eradicating poverty and reducing inequality, and on enhancing developing countries' capacities, aligned with their own priorities.

### **INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIPS**

Openness, trust, mutual respect and learning lie at the core of effective partnerships for development, recognising the different and complementary roles of all actors.

### **TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY TO EACH OTHER**

Mutual accountability and accountability to the intended beneficiaries of development co-operation, as well as to respective citizens, organisations and constituents, is critical to delivering results. Transparent practices form the basis for enhanced accountability.

## WHAT IS THE GPEDC MONITORING PROCESS?

[The GPEDC Monitoring process](#) was set up to monitor compliance with the four development effectiveness principles (presented above) and gather evidence to inform political discussions at the global and country level. In so doing, it aims to promote dialogue among stakeholders and behavioural change for a greater development impact. It consists of [10 indicators](#) that relate to each of the development effectiveness principles.

The GPEDC monitoring process is mainly undertaken at country level, coordinated by a “national coordinator”, from the government, which leads the involvement of other GPEDC stakeholders (donor governments (aid providers), CSOs, trade unions, business, etc.). This is done through a specific survey and/or through specific workshops.

The third monitoring round of the GPEDC was launched at the end of July 2018 and will go on until December 2018.

Although the monitoring process consists of 10 indicators, each with a specific methodology, the relevant indicators for trade unions are two:

#### **INDICATOR 2: CIVIL SOCIETY OPERATES WITHIN AN ENVIRONMENT THAT MAXIMISES ITS ENGAGEMENT IN AND CONTRIBUTION TO DEVELOPMENT**

This indicator analyses the extent to which the environment at country level is adequate for CSOs (including trade unions) to contribute to development. It deals with issues such as freedom of association and assembly and policy dialogue with the government. The indicator is divided into four parts which tackle: the space for policy dialogue on development policies; the development effectiveness of CSOs, mainly in terms of accountability and transparency; the extent to which donors support an enabling environment in the country; the legal and regulatory environment in terms of the recognition and respect for freedom of association and assembly, expression etc. In the context of this indicator, trade unions should highlight the need to respect the rights to freedom of association and collective bargaining and the right to organise as well as the importance of social dialogue.

The full methodology of Indicator 2 can be found [here](#).

#### **INDICATOR 3: QUALITY OF PUBLIC PRIVATE DIALOGUE**

This indicator measures the quality of public-private dialogue through a multi-stakeholder process (involving governments, business and trade unions), with a focus on identifying whether the basic conditions for dialogue are in place in the country. Trade unions should have a say on this indicator highlighting the importance of social dialogue and the need for business to respect labour rights and be transparent and accountable.

The full methodology of Indicator 3 can be found [here](#).

#### **WHY SHOULD TRADE UNIONS BE INVOLVED?**

The GPEDC monitoring process is a good opportunity for trade unions to engage with key stakeholders, including their respective governments, donor government representatives and other CSOs to discuss issues around development cooperation in their country and put forward trade union priorities. The nature and specificities of indicators 2 and 3, allow trade unions to push for a greater level of social dialogue with their governments and to advocate for freedom of association and collective bargaining (indicator 2), as well as to have a say on the role and impact of business in development cooperation (indicator 3).

#### **HOW CAN TRADE UNIONS GET INVOLVED?**

A list of trade union focal points has been submitted to the GPEDC secretariat, which will then facilitate these to the respective national coordinators for each country. The trade union focal point should then be contacted by the national coordinator to engage in the monitoring process (especially on Indicator 3), either by filling in a survey or in face-to-face workshops. For indicator 2, the trade union focal point should be contacted by a CSO focal point, which will organise a workshop to gather the views of all CSOs, including trade unions, on the different components of the indicator. In case you are not contacted by the national coordinator, please get in touch with the [TUDCN](#) and we will facilitate their contact details so you can reach them.

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Other resources: [Basic information on the monitoring round](#)  
[GPEDC Monitoring Guide for national coordinators](#)