

# Task Team Newsletter #1

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## I. PAST EVENTS

### 2014 Busan Global Partnership Workshop, November 6-7, Seoul

The GP Workshop was attended by Jacqueline Wood (TT Secretariat) and Modibo Makalou (TT Co-chair) and a number of Task Team participants from CPDE & governments. The objective of this second annual workshop was to “take stock and bring together partners to review implementation of the Busan commitments at country level, in order to support building up of evidence-based global high level political dialogue and commitment on effective development cooperation”. The workshop provided numerous opportunities for discussion on Inclusive Partnerships and Multi-stakeholder Approaches, including on issues of the enabling environment and CSO development effectiveness. A ‘clinic’ on Indicator Two: CSO enabling environment allowed for some preliminary discussion on how to refine this indicator and its assessment for the GPEDC’s 2015/16 monitoring round.

A full report of the workshop is available on the GP [website](#). A selection of presentation material has also been made available by the Republic of Korea’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs on their [website](#). The presentations of Modibo Makalou (Mali), Kristina Mikulova (Slovakia) and Jacqueline Wood (Secretariat) were distributed by e-mail on November 26<sup>th</sup> and are available on the Task Team’s Google Drive, accessible via [www.drive.google.com](http://www.drive.google.com). \*

\*The instructions for registering on Google Drive and the user manual for Google Drive are attached to this e-mail. If you do not yet have access to the Google Drive or have questions about its use, please contact Adinda Ceelen via [ceelen@iss.nl](mailto:ceelen@iss.nl).

### Beyond 2015 Conference, November 13-14, Copenhagen

Following an introductory meeting in Brussels on November 4<sup>th</sup> during which avenues for collaboration with Beyond 2015 were explored, David Wubs-Mrozewicz and Adinda Ceelen (TT Secretariat) connected with many CSOs actively involved in the Post-2015 Agenda at the Beyond2015 Conference.

TT positions were voiced throughout the conference. The Secretariat representatives amongst others expressed the need to retain a stand-alone goal on Peaceful & Inclusive Societies (SDG 16); the importance of participation by CSOs for ownership and inclusion; the importance of promoting and protecting an enabling environment for civil society in line with internationally agreed rights including freedom of expression, freedom of association and freedom of assembly; the need to create institutionalized and multi-stakeholder dialogue fora for meaningful multi-stakeholder participation, and the importance of multi-stakeholder partnerships as a means of implementation (SDG 17).

The conference resulted in an [Outcome Document](#) based on the general framework and the outcomes of the thematic discussions. Some of the TT's inputs are reflected in the Outcome Document:

“Goal 16, as proposed by the OWG, provides a minimum baseline, and should be strengthened by the inclusion of (inter alia) the right to information, freedom of expression, freedom of association and assembly, the rule of law”.

“Effective, meaningful and diverse civil society and citizen participation must be an integral part of the post-2015 process from beginning to end and at all levels – from local to global. A safe space for debate and decision-making must be ensured for civil society and citizen involvement, through an enabling environment consistent with internationally agreed rights including freedom of association, organization, and speech.”

### **[2014 International Civil Society Week \(ICSW\), November 21-24, Johannesburg](#)**

ICSW (see [program](#)) was attended by numerous TT affiliates, including TT participants (governmental and CSOs), members of the Secretariat and a Co-chair.\* Events of pertinence to the TT included the EU Country Road Map for Engagement with Civil Society (during which EU delegations in partner countries elaborated a Roadmap for their engagement with Civil Society); the CIVIC Pulse Advisory Panel Roundtable (during which the proposed new Civic Pulse (a regular panel survey of a cross-section of civil society leaders from around the world to get their views on conditions for civil society in their country) was discussed); the session on Enabling and Protecting Civil Society organized by the [Community of Democracies Working Group on Enabling and Protecting Civil Society](#), and SD2015: how to shape the world we want in 2015 (on the Post-2015 Process).

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## **II. GPEDC-RELATED DEVELOPMENTS**

### **[Collaboration with the OECD/UNDP Joint Support Team on Indicator Two](#)**

Following the Mexico High Level Meeting the TT has been in ongoing contact with the OECD/UNDP Joint Support Team (JST) about collaboration on Indicator Two refinement in the context of Voluntary Initiative 12, renamed Global Partnership Initiative 12 (see next paragraph on outcomes of the GPEDC January 2015 Steering Committee Meeting). The JST's latest thinking is to pilot, through GPI-12, an Indicator Two questionnaire, to be completed through multi-stakeholder dialogue at country level, in collaboration with the TT, and with CPDE's Working Group on Enabling Environment. While serving as a tool for monitoring, the intent of the questionnaire would also be to foster multi-stakeholder dialogue and build common understanding on the topics of democratic ownership/multi-stakeholder dialogue; official donor support to CSOs; legal and regulatory frameworks; and CSO development effectiveness. The JST is currently considering establishing a small ad hoc working group comprised of balanced multi-stakeholder representation from a selection of TT participants. A meeting is planned for the working group in February.

The GPEDC sees a strengthened Indicator Two as benefitting not only monitoring of the associated Accra, Busan and Mexico commitments, but as a potential contribution to the enabling multi-stakeholder environment necessary for development cooperation and partnerships in implementing an inclusive Post-2015 agenda.

### GPEDC Steering Committee Meeting, January 19-20, the Hague

The GPEDC's latest Steering Committee Meeting took place in the Hague on January 19-20. One important outcome is that Building Blocks and the Voluntary Initiatives have been renamed Global Partnership Initiatives. We will update the TT on more pertinent outcomes of the meeting as they become available.

The Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs also organized a side event on "Effective Partnerships" on January 19. In the Netherlands the private sector, government and civil society are increasingly reaching out to each other to find solutions for development issues. This side-event showcased a number of successful Dutch examples. The session was opened by Mrs. Lilianne Ploumen, Dutch Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation. Subsequently examples of multi-stakeholder partnerships were highlighted by representatives from Philips, Cordaid and the Bernard van Leer Foundation.

### EU Global Partnership Planning Workshop – Strengthening Coordination to Deliver Results, January 21-22, Brussels

The workshop "is intended to constitute a wide and inclusive consultation of members of the Global Partnership, beyond those represented in the Steering Committee, on future Global Partnership work. The expected output of the workshop would be a two-year workplan for the Global Partnership, with clear workstreams and corresponding activities, captured in a coherent framework that would encompass the aid and development effectiveness-related activities of the Global Partnership constituencies, regional organisations, thematic Building Blocks and voluntary initiatives." The meeting is co-hosted by the European Commission, the NEPAD Africa Platform for Development Effectiveness, and the Asia-Pacific Development Effectiveness Facility, in collaboration with the GPEDC Steering Committee Co-chairs. For more information, click [here](#). The TT in its capacity as 'host' of VI-12, was represented by donor/MFA Co-chair Cornelius Hacking. Various TT participants also attended the workshop.

### Exploratory meetings and discussions for Global Partnership Initiative 12

Jacqueline and David (TT Secretariat) conducted a number of explorative meetings with various stakeholders in Kenya to discuss the possibility of implementing Global Partnership Initiative-12 there. The mission will take place from January 26-30. Explorative discussions are also taking place with stakeholders in a few other countries including Bangladesh, Uganda, and eventually Kyrgyzstan.

## **III. UPDATE ON TASK TEAM ACTIVITIES**

### Annual review meeting with Sida

The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) is the funder of Secretariat and Task Team activities. In November 2014 David Wubs-Mrozewicz and Jacqueline Wood met with Sida representatives for an official annual review meeting. Sida has approved the annual progress report and planning, which you can access via the Google Drive (folder 02 – management/internal documents). In the progress report you also find the (aggregated) inputs on 'Task Team performance' as were gathered during the Dublin Task Team meeting. Sida has expressed satisfaction with the Task Team performance framework which is also accessible via the Google Drive (folder 02 – management/internal documents).

### Global Partnership Initiative 12 (GPI-12)

During a mission to Mozambique (26 November - 1 December 2014) David and Adinda (TT Secretariat) conducted explorative meetings with various stakeholders to discuss the possibility of implementing GPI-12 in Mozambique. The Secretariat met with the Ministry of Planning and Development (MPD) of Mozambique, development cooperation providers, CSOs as well as

academics. Work has also been completed on elaboration of invitations to GPI-12 multi-stakeholder dialogues, a 'value proposition', and an implementation outline.

### Task Team Studies

Following the TT Dublin meeting, a final selection was made for countries to conduct a scoping study in. Scoping studies were conducted in November and December 2014 in Costa Rica, Indonesia, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan and Mozambique. These studies were led by scholars from the International Institute of Social Studies (ISS), who have now selected the countries for the full studies. In mid-February the researchers from the selected countries will come to the ISS for a 2-day methodology workshop.

### New participants

The TT is pleased that four countries have decided to participate in the TT and were present at the September meeting in Dublin: Kenya, Mozambique, Slovakia and South Africa. Nepal is likely to join for the next TT meeting in April (tbc).

### New co-chair

Cornelius Hacking has formally taken over the role as Co-chair for the TT, representing the development cooperation provider constituency. Cornelius is Senior Policy Advisor at the Civil Society Division of the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

## IV. UPCOMING EVENTS

### Next Task Team meeting

The next bi-annual Task Team meeting will take place Wednesday April 29 to Thursday April 30 in Paris. This will be a two-day meeting. The meeting will be back to back with the International Donor Group meeting. Kindly note that the Secretariat will also seek to organize a meeting of the Task Team's partner country participants on Tuesday April 28<sup>th</sup>, if there is sufficient interest and representation. Further information including a draft agenda will be forthcoming.

## V. POST-2015 UPDATE

The most important preparatory activities for the Post-2015 Development Agenda have been completed in 2014.

- The **Open Working Group on the Sustainable Development Goals** submitted its report to the UN General Assembly in July 2014. This report forms the basis for the intergovernmental negotiations.
- The **Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing (ICESDF)** submitted its report to the UN General Assembly in August 2014. This report offers a 'basket' of policy options for a strategy to finance the Post-2015 Development Agenda and will inform the Financing for Development discussions.
- The UN Secretary General's **Synthesis Report**, which synthesizes all the input collected from various stakeholders through a range of different channels, was published in December.

In 2015 **three decisive events** will take place that will sharpen the framework (including implementation):

- **Third International Conference on Financing for Development** (July 2015, Addis Ababa). The outcome of the conference is expected to constitute an important contribution to and support for the implementation of the UN's Post-2015 Development Agenda.

- **United Nations Summit for the Adoption of the Post-2015 Development Agenda** (September 2015, New York) resulting in i) a Declaration, ii) Sustainable Development Goals, targets, and indicators iii) Means of Implementation (including on technology facilitation) and a revitalized global partnership, and iv) a framework for monitoring and review of implementation.
- **21<sup>st</sup> Conference of the Parties (CoP) on the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change** (December 2015, Paris)

The TT has produced the following input for the Post-2015 Development Agenda:

- [Reflections on Financing for Development](#)
- [Task Team response to the UN Secretary General's Synthesis Report](#)
- [Input for the High-Level Debate on the Means of Implementation for a Transformative Post-2015 Development Agenda \(incl. summary\)](#)
- [Input for SDSN Global Consultation on its Indicators Report \(incl. summary\)](#)

The Intergovernmental Negotiations have commenced on January 19. Eight sessions will be held ahead of the UN Summit.

Intergovernmental Negotiations on Post-2015 Development Agenda		Date
1	Stock taking	19-21 January
2	Declaration	17-20 February
3	SDGs & targets	23-27 March
4	Means of Implementation & Global Partnership for SD	20-24 April
5	Follow up and review	18-22 May
6	Intergovernmental negotiations on the outcome document	22-25 June
7	Intergovernmental negotiations on the outcome document	20-24 July
8	Intergovernmental negotiations on the outcome document	27-31 July

## VI. CALENDAR

2015

Month	Event	Date	Location
Jan	Intergovernmental Negotiations on Post-2015 Development Agenda – stocktaking	19-21 January	New York
	World Economic Forum Annual Meeting	21-24 January	Davos
	GPEDC Planning Workshop	21-22 January	Brussels
	First drafting session on Outcome Document of Third Conference on Financing for development	27-29 January	New York
	ECOSOC Dialogue on UNDS long-term positioning	30 January	New York
Feb	Economic and Social Council – Youth Forum	2-3 February	New York
	High-level Thematic Debate on the Means of Implementation	9-10 February	New York
	Intergovernmental Negotiations on Post-2015 Development Agenda – declaration	17-20 February	New York
	Economic and Social Council Special Event: monitoring and review of global multi-stakeholder partnerships	20 February	New York
	Economic and Social Council: Operational activities segment	23-25 February	New York
	High-level Thematic Debate on Crime Prevention, Criminal Justice and the Post-2015 Agenda	24 February	New York
Mar	Financing for Development Hearings with Civil Society and Business Sector	4-5 March	New York

	High-level Thematic Debate on Advancing Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women in the Post-2015 Agenda	6 March	New York
	Financing the Future: Fresh Perspectives on Global Development	17-18 March	Accra
	Intergovernmental Negotiations on Post-2015 Development Agenda – SDGs & targets	23-27 March	New York
	Economic and Social Council: Integration segment	30 March – 1 April	New York
Apr	High-level Thematic Debate on Promoting Tolerance and Reconciliation (TBC)	6 or 10 April	New York
	UN Development Cooperation Forum	8-10 April	S. Korea
	Second drafting session on Outcome Document	13-17 April	New York
	ECOSOC special high-level meeting with World Bank, IMF and WTO	20-21 April	New York
	Intergovernmental Negotiations on Post-2015 Development Agenda – Means of Implementation and Global Partnership for SD	20-24 April	New York
	Task Team partner country participant meeting (TBC)	28 April	Paris
	Task Team Bi-annual meeting	29-30 April	Paris
May	High-level Thematic Debate on Strengthening Cooperation between the UN and Regional and Sub-regional Organizations	15 May	New York
	Intergovernmental Negotiations on Post-2015 Development Agenda – follow up and review	18-22 May	New York
	Second Asia-Pacific forum on Sustainable Development	19-21 May	Pattaya, Thailand
	Economic and Social Council: Partnership Forum	28 May	New York
Jun	OECD Ministerial Meeting	3-4 June	Paris
	Third drafting session on Outcome Document of Third Conference on Financing for Development	15-19 June	New York
	Economic and Social Council: Humanitarian Segment	17-19 June	Geneva
	Two days informal hearings with stakeholders	Mid-June (tbc)	New York
	Intergovernmental negotiations on the outcome document	22-25 June	
	Third High Level Political Forum	26 June – 8 July	New York
	GPEDC Steering Committee meeting	June or July (TBC)	Mexico
Jul	Third High Level Political Forum – held under aegis of the Economic and Social Council High-level segment	6-8 July	New York
	Economic and Social Council: High-Level segment	6-10 July	New York
	Third International Conference on Financing for Development	13-16 July	New York
	Intergovernmental negotiations on the outcome document	20-24 July	New York
	Intergovernmental negotiations on the outcome document	27-31 July	New York
Sep	Opening of the 70 <sup>th</sup> session of the UN General Assembly	15 September	New York
	UN Summit on the Post-2015 Development Agenda	25-27 September	New York
	70 <sup>th</sup> session of the UN General Assembly	28 September	New York

Nov	Conference of the Parties UNFCCC	30 Nov – 11 December	Paris
Dec	GPEDC Steering Committee Meeting	Tbc	Tbc

## 2016

Month	Event	Date	Location
March	3 <sup>rd</sup> Development Cooperation Forum High-Level Symposium in preparation of the 2016 DCF	March/April (TBC)	Belgium
June	2016 High-Level Meeting of the Development Cooperation Forum	June/July (TBC)	New York
TBC	2 <sup>nd</sup> GPEDC High-Level Meeting		

## VII. INTERESTING DOCUMENTS

Below a list of documents that may be of interest to you:

- OHCHR has issued a practical guide for civil society: [Civil Society Space and the UN Human Rights System](#)
- ECOSOC president [statement](#) during the first session of intergovernmental negotiations.
- Beyond 2015 rough [minutes](#) of the first session of intergovernmental negotiations
- [Summary](#) of the first session of intergovernmental negotiations (stocktaking)
- A [Policy Briefing](#) on realizing the potential of civil society-led south-south development cooperation

## VIII. CONTACT

Thank you for your ongoing interest in the TT's work. Please don't hesitate to be in touch with any questions.

This newsletter has been produced in response to the expression of interest of a number of TT participants for a newsletter to be circulated between the biannual meetings.

### Do you have a contribution?

If you have any information or material that you would like to have included in the next newsletter, please e-mail [ceelen@iss.nl](mailto:ceelen@iss.nl).