

Global Partnership Initiative Proposal [Draft]

“Promoting Effective Triangular Cooperation”

Please provide a short description of the initiative, outlining concrete deliverables to improve the quality of development co-operation on the ground (i.e. not just meetings), expected outcomes (the outcome should involve multiple actors), and relevance to the GPEDC agenda and the realization of the SDGs. Please make sure to keep your text short (max 500 words), as well as action and outcome-oriented.

In 2011, at the Fourth High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness celebrated in Busan Korea, developing countries, donor countries, multilateral organization, and other development actors, all recognized that South-South (SSC) and Triangular cooperation (TrC) could play a key role in the emerging development architecture, not only for their contribution to overcome pressing development challenges, but also for the diversity of the practices and experiences shared, the lessons they offer for building common agendas at global and regional levels, and the leaderships they promote, particularly at local levels.

Since Busan, governments from across the world have sought to harness the potential of these modalities and have made important strides in developing key criteria, guidelines and frameworks to underpin their South-South and Triangular initiatives. As a regional example, in 2015, the Ibero-American General Secretariat established 5 key criteria for triangular cooperation efforts at across the Ibero-American region. These principles are: horizontality, mutual benefit, recipient leadership, efficiency and effectiveness, and mutual responsibility.

We firmly believe that these ambitious efforts should not be developed in a vacuum. Indeed, this Initiative seeks to bring together any interested development actors to discuss their experiences in the establishment of guidelines and the creation of triangular cooperation frameworks that ensure country-led and country-based processes and inclusive partnerships are at the heart of these cooperation projects. This GPI expects to work alongside important partners including governments, multilateral organization, civil society, think tanks, academia and other development actors to contribute to the debate at Nairobi and foster more effective TrC through the exchange of best practices and experiences. We hope that by forging clear and actionable guidelines that align with the development priorities of countries, TrC will be further strengthened as an effective development cooperation modality and will result in dramatically positive outcomes for the all partners involved. It is important to remark that SSC and TrC are related to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and SDG 17 “Partnership for the Goals”.

In concrete terms, this GPI will:

- Organize voluntary biennial meetings on the margins of the High Level Meetings (HLM) of the GPEDC that will gather a wide array of interested parties creating a forum for dialogue surrounding the development of effective Triangular cooperation guidelines at global level.
- Provide an ideal setting to produce important policy work, methodologies, financing mechanisms, including a possible GPEDC-backed South-South and Triangular Cooperation guidelines that will naturally incorporate a multi-stake holder perspective and the principles of the effective IDC.

- Promote knowledge-sharing and capability building regarding the development of SSC and TrC guidelines at national, regional and global level.
- Promote other initiatives derived from the proposed biennial meetings that aim to strengthen SSC and TrC.

There is no doubt that achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development requires the mobilization and effective use of all types of development resources. Triangular cooperation has demonstrated its ability to mobilize resources in an innovative manner, combining the elements of traditional cooperation modalities and benefits of technical assistance. This GPI will look to bridge the GPEDC principles of ownership of development priorities by developing countries and inclusive development partnerships by creating a space for dialogue and the fruitful exchange of ideas and expertise. With innovative quantitative and qualitative frameworks that incorporate GPEDC principles we will create more dynamic and effective cooperation modalities. By bringing together a wide array of voices that can tell their story, this initiative will look to government, CSOs, multilateral organizations, academia and all relevant development actors to capture the benefits of a mutual exchange.

Please specify partners involved and ideas/ways for interested partners to get involved with your initiative. In addition, please let us know if the Global Partnership can help you to reach out to specific partners. (Maximum 300 words)

In recent times, triangular cooperation has proved successful in great measure thanks to its multi-actor engagement. Through inclusive partnerships between donor, developing and multilateral organization, there have been ample examples of successful triangular projects. Through this GPI we hope to engage with the following partners:

- Organization of Ibero-American States: Andorra, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Spain, Guatemala, Honduras, México, Nicaragua, Panamá, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal, Dominican Republic, Uruguay and Venezuela.
- This could also provide an opportunity to revitalize *South-South and Triangular Cooperation Building Block* initiated in 2011 and supported by Germany, Spain, European Union, Japan and Korea Colombia, Chile, El Salvador, Ghana, Honduras, Peru, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Costa Rica and Cambodia.
- It would be essential to count on organizations like UNDP, World Bank and OECD that have a wealth of experience in TrC projects.

Please provide a timeline for your initiative's deliverables.

During the 2nd High Level Meeting Nairobi this GPI would seek to carry out the following:

- Gather informally with previous building block supporters to assess the viability of the proposal.
- Establish an executive and technical team with wide participation base.
- Establish a working schedule and agenda for 2017-2018

During 2017-2018 we would seek to:

- Organize regional informal and formal gathering, following up on the agreed agenda.
- Work towards achieving our group document, compiling the varying guideline recommendations, for review in 2018 before the Third High Level Meeting of the GPEDC.

If available, please provide relevant website and online links to further information on your initiative.

<http://www.cooperacionsursur.org/images/docs-programa/doc-8-PIFCSS-guia-ct-2015.pdf>

Please provide the name of a contact person or focal point for your initiative. This name will be added to the Joint Support Team's database of GPI "leads" and will be shared publicly for information related to the initiative.

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