

## **The Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation: Where do we stand?**

Informal Discussion

Relexa Hotel Stuttgarter Hof in Berlin, 28 May 2017, 4 -6 pm

### **Background**

The second High-level Meeting (HLM2) of the [Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation](#) (GPEDC) in Nairobi in December 2016 produced the [Nairobi Outcome Document](#) that reaffirmed commitments to the four partnership principles - ownership, focus on results, inclusiveness, transparency and accountability. It also set the GPEDC on the path of (re-)defining its mandate and role in the 2030 Agenda and drafting a new [work programme](#) (2017-2018).

However, there is still little progress in convincing important stakeholders – in particular emerging economies such as Brazil, China, India and South Africa, but also the private sector - to participate in the GPEDC. An open dialogue with abstaining stakeholders about their perceptions and positions vis-à-vis the GPEDC is needed. Especially think tank representatives and researchers are in a suitable position to debate pending matters by taking into account, but not being restrained by, official political considerations.

DIE jointly with partners from the Managing Global Governance (MGG) network and additional partners discussed the global aid architecture over the last years in many formats. In the context of the HLM2 meeting in Nairobi and the T20 Africa conference in Johannesburg (see enclosed document) in early 2017, we already held joint brainstorming discussions. Based on those results we intend to continue our debates.

### **Objective and Key Questions**

The aim for the informal exchange is a frank and open exchange of views to gather opinions on the topic "The GPEDC: Where do we stand?". Taking past discussions<sup>1</sup> as a starting point, the exchange will be forward-looking and open-ended. Participants are asked to explore commonalities and differences of views based on their different country backgrounds, and to explore common ground in the perspectives on the current state of affairs and potential future trajectories of the GPEDC.

Questions to be tackled in this exchange largely fall into two categories.

First, there are macro-level general questions:

- What are the perspectives among stakeholders on the state of affairs of the GPEDC following the Nairobi HLM2? What is the legitimacy and usefulness of the GPEDC in the global aid architecture?

Second, there are more micro-level and technical questions:

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<sup>1</sup> Past DIE events on the GPEDC and the global development architecture are [here](#), [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#).

