

## *Foreword*

The first High-Level Meeting of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation will take place in Mexico City 15-16 April 2014. It will represent a crucial midpoint between the Busan High Level Forum in 2011 – where the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation was envisioned – and the agreement of a post-2015 international development agenda. In Mexico, ministers from all over the globe, heads of international organisations, civil society actors, foundations, business leaders and parliamentarians will come together, and the first question they will need to ask each other is: Have we made our development co-operation more effective over the past two years?

This report provides a central piece of evidence to help answer that question. The report, based on data provided by 46 countries that receive development co-operation, reveals that despite global economic turbulence, new conflicts, changing political landscapes and budgetary pressures in many high-income countries, commitment to effectiveness and continued reform remains strong. The quality – not just the quantity – of development co-operation is receiving a great deal of attention all over the world, and it is improving. For example, providers of development co-operation have managed to sustain progress achieved on some critical aid quality commitments that date back to 2005 – particularly untying aid. Organisations and governments all over the world are becoming more open and transparent about the co-operation flows they receive and send. Many governments now track how particular groups – such as women and girls – are allocated resources. New approaches such as the “Compacts” that are being introduced through the New Deal for Engagement in Fragile States are helping to ensure recipient countries are in the driving seat – even where governments are in transition. Businesses are recognising the positive impact they can have on development – some of this because their dialogue with governments is intensifying.

It is very encouraging to read about this progress. However, there is more to be done, and the true challenge lies ahead.

As co-chairs of this first crucial period for the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation, we are very grateful to all 46 countries that submitted data for input in this report. We hope that more countries and organisations will engage in this data collection process in the future so that it can deliver the credible evidence we need as a community. In addition, whilst good progress, data on ten indicators cannot give us a full picture of progress on development effectiveness. Many of the indicators in this report are simply focused on the quality of aid – rather than the quality of broader tools for development – such as tax or trade. We will need to find ways to reflect progress on these broader tools in our work.

That said, we have an ambitious agenda, and we are now only at the midpoint. We have enough evidence that more can be done now – even without a more comprehensive approach. For instance, we can all become more inclusive – especially with regard to

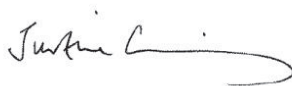
creating more space for civil society to engage and drive development. We can all do more to put recipient countries’ priorities at the forefront – learning from South-South co-operation and the New Deal in particular. We can all do more to ensure the data from new transparency efforts itself drive further reform.

The Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation is a key, multi-stakeholder movement for action to continuously improve and reform development co-operation so that we can all reduce poverty now and in a post-2015 landscape – leaving no-one behind. We hope all Global Partnership members and the international community at large will use this report and the other pieces of evidence presented in Mexico City to reflect on this challenge – and take action to do even more.

The “how”, not just the “what”, matters. We look forward to discussing this with members of the Global Partnership for Effective Co-operation in Mexico.



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