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## **New Global Partnership Initiative Outlines Principles to Improve Collaboration in Support of Sustainable Development Goals**

*Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-Operation endorses Partnership Playbook as guide for stronger partnering at country-level*

The joint work of *Every Woman Every Child* ([EWEC](#)), the Global Partnership for Education ([GPE](#)), Sanitation and Water for All ([SWA](#)), the Scaling Up Nutrition ([SUN](#)) Movement and Zero Hunger Challenge ([ZHC](#)) has been selected as a new Global Partnership Initiative (GPI) at the second High-Level Meeting of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-Operation (GPEDC) in Nairobi, Kenya. The event gathered leaders from Governments, the private sector and civil society to identify opportunities to strengthen collaboration for a sustainable future that leaves no one behind.

One of three new initiatives, the five partnerships join a list of 28 GPIs that have been accepted by GPEDC as a voluntary, member-led commitment that advances development co-operation and helps turn global agreements into impact at the country-level. Building on their respective areas of work, the five partnerships have actively promoted partnership across sectors and developed a [Partnership Playbook](#) to guide principled collaboration. As one of the new Global Partnership Initiatives, they will continue to catalyse transformations in the way stakeholders work together across sectors to deliver on an integrated development agenda, including through shared principles outline in the *Playbook*.

*"We are here in Nairobi to take the next step in our journey towards effective cooperation. We need to take a leap forward if we are to deliver on the 2030 Agenda," said H.E. Lilianne Ploumen, co-chair of the GPEDC and Netherlands Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation. "Going beyond the traditional silos to work across sectors will be essential. This new Global Partnership Initiative and its Partnership Playbook provides the commitment and guidance we need to strengthen multistakeholder partnerships and ensure alignment with national priorities. With shared principles that encourage mutual respect, transparency and accountability, we can create better partnerships for impact."*

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) call for a revitalized global partnership effort (SDG 17) and require stronger, more inclusive multistakeholder partnerships for their implementation. Collaboration across government, private sector and civil society builds shared value and leverages skills across sectors to accelerate progress against national priorities. To ensure effectiveness and impact aligned with national priorities, such partnerships need guiding principles.

The *Partnership Playbook*, launched during the 71<sup>st</sup> United Nations General Assembly in September 2016, is a practical guide to improve the quality of multistakeholder partnerships to operate across sectors and deliver on an integrated development agenda for all. Its shared principles are based on national ownership to ensure alignment with government plans. By encouraging mutual trust, respect, transparency and accountability for impact, the shared principles help to remove duplication and allow all to benefit from shared efficiencies, risks and responsibilities.

The Global Partnership Initiative was officially announced during a session co-hosted by the partners, in cooperation with the Government of the Netherlands, on "Improving the Quality of Partnerships" on Thursday, 1 December. The session was moderated by Ms. Julie Gichuru, host of *Africa Leadership Dialogues*, and included the perspectives of leaders from the government, private and UN sectors.

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To access the *Partnership Playbook*:

[www.everywomaneverychild.org/images/PARTNERSHIPS\\_PLAYBOOK.pdf](http://www.everywomaneverychild.org/images/PARTNERSHIPS_PLAYBOOK.pdf)



## **About the Partners**



**Every Woman Every Child** is an unprecedented global effort that mobilizes and intensifies international and national action by governments and their partners to address the major health challenges facing women, children and adolescents.



**The Global Partnership for Education** seeks to mobilize global and national efforts to contribute to the achievement of equitable, quality education and learning for all, through inclusive partnership, a focus on effective and efficient education systems and increased financing



**Sanitation and Water For All** is a global partnership of over 100 country governments, external support agencies, civil society organizations and other development partners working together to catalyze political leadership and action, improve accountability and use scarce resources more effectively. Partners work towards a common vision of universal access to safe water and adequate sanitation.



**The Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement** is founded on the principle that all people have a right to adequate food and good nutrition. Driven by 57 countries it catalyzes action between stakeholders and across sectors in a collective effort to end malnutrition in all its forms.



**The Zero Hunger Challenge** aims to bring together all stakeholders to communicate the importance of food security, nutrition and inclusive, sustainable and resilient agriculture to delivering on the promise of the 2030 Agenda, and to encourage, engage, accelerate and amplify collective action to create food systems that deliver for all people.

### **About the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-Operation**

The Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-Operation (GPEDC) was created at the Fourth High-Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness in Busan in 2011 and came into effect in 2012. It brings together governments, bilateral and multilateral organizations, civil society and representatives from parliaments and the private sector all committed to strengthening the effectiveness of their development co-operation. Through its multi-stakeholder platform, the Global Partnership provides practical support and guidance and shares knowledge to boost development impact with a strong country focus to implement internationally agreed effectiveness principles at country-level – country ownership, a focus on results, inclusive partnerships, transparency and mutual accountability.

### **About the Global Partnership Initiative**

The Global Partnership Initiatives (GPIs) are voluntary initiatives led by different types of development actors (e.g., national governments, international organizations, civil society organizations, trade unions, parliamentarians, local and regional governments, foundation, private sector) that are committed to advancing specific commitments for effective development co-operation agreed through the Busan Partnership Agreement, as well as making progress in new and innovative areas of the Global Partnership. The GPEDC aims to support Global Partnership Initiatives by serving as a knowledge hub and platform for sharing their results, while providing a space for mutual learning, increased co-operation, and effective upscaling. Learn more about the Global Partnership Initiatives at <http://effectivecooperation.org/monitoring-country-progress/global-partnership-initiatives/>