

OPEN CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE CIVIL SOCIETY CANDIDATE FOR THE NON-EXECUTIVE CO-CHAIR OF THE GPEDC

I. Background

The Nairobi Outcome Document acknowledged the need for adjustments to the GPEDC's technical working arrangements including the addition of a fourth Non-Executive Co-Chair.¹

A Non-Executive Co-Chair, Vitalice Meja of Reality of Aid Africa from CSO constituency was installed in the NY Senior Level Meeting in 2019 and realised the vision of GPEDC as a truly multi-stakeholder platform. The Non-Executive Co-Chair helped foster democratic ownership by ensuring the decision-making process of the partnership is inclusive and transparent at its highest level. This recognised the unique quality of the global partnership where there are strong non-executive players representing large constituencies.

The Non-Executive Co-Chair facilitated inputs from the six non-executive stakeholders² in the GPEDC Steering Committee and brought additional expertise on improving engagement with non-executive development actors. This enabled a more efficient approach for non-executive stakeholders to shape the agenda of Steering Committee, High-Level and other meetings of the Global Partnership. The NonExecutive Co-Chair continues to bring intellectual leadership, expertise and inputs from this diverse group of six constituencies, and coordinates among them to ensure broad ownership among their communities to help implement the Work Programme.

The [Terms of References \(ToR\)](#) of the NECC, welcomed by the Steering Committee in June 2020, indicated a two-year term after which the position will rotate to other non-executive stakeholders. The term was extended due to the pandemic and then the need to prepare for the Effective Development Cooperation Summit in December 2022. In April 2023, the term of governmental Co-chairs has also been adjusted to between two years and up to four years in between GPEDC High-Level Meetings (see updated [TORs](#) for Co-chairs and Steering Committee members).

A year after the Summit, Meja has indicated his intention to step down. However, the other non-executive stakeholders have expressed that are not ready to accept the position, and are asking whether CSOs are willing to take on another term. All six non-executive Steering Committee members endorsed this process. The CPDE CoordinationCommittee has approved this request.

II. Nomination of Candidates

This Call is being made by the Selection Committee nominated by the CPDE Coordination Committee to oversee the Selection Process for the Non-Executive Co-Chair (NECC) of the GPEDC. GPEDC Joint

¹ Nairobi Outcome Document., Annex I., Box: A Non-Executive Co-Chair in leadership of the Global partnership

² The six non-executives are the Business Sector, Civil Society, Foundations, Local Authorities, Parliamentarians and Trade Unions

Support Team (JST) will be invited as observer to the committee. The Selection Process will be a two-part process whereby (1) nominations are put forward and (2) a consensus building process is established responding to the number of eligible candidates nominated.

The Selection Committee will invite nominations for the Non-Executive Co-Chair of the GPEDC. The call will be posted in CPDE website, CPDE general mailing list and also be sent to the GPEDC Joint Support Team for possible posting in the GPEDC website.

These nominations should be in line with the expectations set out set out by the Nairobi Outcome Document and the TORs agreed by the Steering Committee, as follows:

“The Non-Executive Co-Chair role should be nominated at the highest possible level on par with the government Co-Chairs. This senior representative will normally be at the level of an Executive Director, President, or Secretary-General of one of the non-executive entities represented on the Steering Committee.”

In addition, the candidates should:

- Be knowledgeable of the key issues involved in promoting Development Effectiveness and Effective Development Cooperation
- Have a record of involvement in CPDE/Open Forum /Better Aid or related CSO work over a period of time
- Have proven high level leadership experience in the CSO sector or similar
- Have an understanding of political and technical considerations relevant to the work of the GPEDC by other non-executive constituencies
- Have demonstrable political and diplomatic skills required to work with the other non-executive constituencies and facilitate their interests and concerns in the internal debates of the Steering Committee.

Each CPDE constituency is expected to engage in the nomination process by choosing to nominate a candidate from its own constituency or by supporting the nomination of another constituency for this post. However, the NECC will represent the CSO constituency as well as the other non-executive constituencies in the Global Partnership. Nominations from outside CPDE membership is welcome, as long as they fulfill the criteria indicated above.

Nominations should include:

- A statement from the constituency/nominating organisation setting out the merits of the candidate for this senior role
- A personal statement by the candidate of their interest in the post
- Recommendation of her/his own organisation, stating that the candidate will have the time to devote to the task (can be integrated into first requirement if nominating organisation is the nominee's own)
- Further endorsements from other independent sources who know the candidate well, if possible.

Nominations are to be submitted to the Selection Committee, chaired by Patricia Blankson Akapo, thru cpde-staff@csopartnership.org on or before Friday, 19 July 2024 for the attention of the Selection Committee. The selection is expected to conclude on or before 27 July 2024.

III. Role of the Non-Executive Co-Chair

The Non-Executive Co-Chair will lead the development cooperation agenda in the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (GPEDC) together with governmental stakeholders. It is expected that the Non-Executive Co-Chair would be able to better facilitate inputs from non-executive stakeholders and bring in additional expertise on improving engagement with non-executive development actors. This will enable a more efficient approach for non-executive stakeholders to shape the agenda of Steering Committee, High-Level and other Meetings of the Global Partnership from a very early stage.

A. Foreseeable Commitments

A Co-Chairing role of the GPEDC is a demanding role that requires a significant time commitment by the individual assuming the position.

The Non-Executive Co-Chair is expected to:

- Ensure that momentum for implementing agreed effective development co-operation commitments is accelerated at the highest political levels among all stakeholder groups;
- Spearhead resource mobilisation efforts to meet the financial and in-kind needs necessary for the full implementation of the programme of work of the Global Partnership;
- Lead outreach to the full range of partners in development co-operation, including but not limited to, the business sector and emerging development partners;
- Represent the Global Partnership in international fora related to development co-operation;
- Apprise the Steering Committee on progress in implementing the costed and agreed programme of work in between official Steering Committee meetings, through biannual updates (between each Committee meeting).
- Perform the same function as the three governmental co-chairs
- Participate in all the same meetings and caucuses as the three governmental co-chairs without exception

Aside from the responsibilities indicated in the NECC ToR enumerated above, the NECC from CSOs will sit in the CPDE Coordination Committee, *ex-officio* to ensure the level of accountability to CSOs as a CSO representative. The JST suggests that time commitment varies by co-chair but on the high end is 20-30 hours a month.

B. Proposed support

The Non-Executive Co-Chair will need a support structure to assist with its tasks and obligations.

1. Non-Executive Coordination Group

As a representative of the non-executive stakeholders in the GPEDC, the NECC will seek to coordinate these stakeholders' common agenda in the GPEDC. This group is composed of representatives from each of the stakeholders and will provide:

- A forum for consensus building
- Coordination of positions in the GPEDC Steering Committee

2. CSO Advisory group

As a CSO representative it is ideal that the Non-Executive Co-Chair has a small advisory body of active CPDE leaders to offer guidance and to ensure unity on CSO key messages. The CPDE Steering Committee will take on the role of the advisory group including:

- Strategic guidance
- Development and implementation of relationship and consensus building strategies with other non-executive members of the GP
- Negotiation points requiring quick consultations, whenever necessary

3. CSO Non-Executive Co-Chair Staff

Current co-chairs have support staff to aid the Co-Chair representative on much of the day-to-day work. Support staff can be expected to provide a range of support. Based on past Co-Chair experience support can include:

- Regular liaising with other Co-Chair Representatives, Joint Support Team, and CSO Advisory Group
- Preparing for public engagements and consensus building within the GPEDC leadership
Coordination with the CPDE Global Secretariat
- Technical and logistical support
- Calendaring, documentation and information management
- Day to day assistance to other activities of the Non-Executive Co-Chair, as required

C. Financial Resources

The standing Non-Executive Co-Chair did not receive any financial resources for support staff from the GPEDC. The NECC travel was covered by GPEDC. There is agreement in CPDE that institutional and financial support for the Co-chair need to be clarified. A request for funding to cover, at the minimum, staff support and operational expenses will be requested from the GPEDC. While the responsibility to engage in fundraising to bridge potential capacity gaps lies with the respective Co-Chairs as per ToR, providers of development co-operation, including those represented in the Steering Committee, are encouraged to provide support to other Co-Chairs.

In the past, some resources for the NECC were mobilised under the CPDE programme supported Sida but this may not be the case for the current funding cycle that is yet to start and will end on December 2024. Candidates must assess their organisation's ability to provide or mobilise financial and/or in-kind resources necessary to perform the roles and responsibilities outlined and put in place necessary measures to address any gaps before they are appointed.