

**STATEMENT BY MR. HENRY ROTICH, EGH, CABINET  
SECRETARY, NATIONAL TREASURY DURING THE BRIEFING  
ON THE SECOND HIGH LEVEL MEETING (HLM2) OF THE  
GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR EFFECTIVE DEVELOPMENT  
COOPERATION (GPEDC) AND LAUNCH OF KERP ON 15<sup>TH</sup>  
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**Chair, Council of Governors  
Your Excellencies, Hon. Governors  
Fellow Cabinet Secretaries Present**

**Your Excellencies, High Commissioners and Ambassadors  
present  
Development Partners of Kenya  
Principal Secretaries Present  
Distinguished Guests  
Ladies and Gentlemen**

1. Let me take this opportunity to welcome you all to this briefing of the HLM2 of the GPEDC and further wish to thank you for sparing time from your busy schedule to attend this function. As you might be aware, Kenya has been honoured to host another important international conference which is the Second High Level Meeting (HLM2) of the Global Partnership for Effective

Development Cooperation (GPEDC) scheduled to take place from 28<sup>th</sup> November -1<sup>st</sup> December 2016 at the Kenyatta International Convention Centre, Nairobi. The meeting will consist of two days of preparatory meetings on 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> November 2016 and two days of the High Level Segment on 30<sup>th</sup> November and 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2016.

2. The high-level segment (30 November – 1 December 2016) will have seven plenary sessions, each preceded by an amphitheater session allowing technical-level exchange; and a series of side events and marketplace stalls for showcasing successful innovation and sharing knowledge. During the preparatory meetings, a number of forums are planned which

include; Civil Society, Youth, Women, Parliamentarians, Local Government, Foundations and the Private Sector fora, along with a workshop on Global Partnership monitoring, among others.

3. Ladies and Gentlemen; Discussions on development cooperation have been based, on reduction of the cost of doing business between the Development Partners and recipient countries. Towards this end, a number of forums have been held which started in Rome (2003), then Paris (2005), Accra (2008), Busan (2011) and Mexico (2014). The objective of the meetings is to bring together the full range of development actors to ensure finance, knowledge and policy to ensure maximum impact on development results.

4. It should however be noted that in Busan (2011) the International Community changed the approach of emphasizing reduction on transaction costs to focusing on development effectiveness. As a result of this new thinking other stakeholders of development assistance were invited to discuss harmonization and co-ordination in the spirit of partnership. These include the Private Sector, Civil Society Organizations, Philanthropies, South/South and Triangular cooperation have been brought on board. During the Meeting on Aid Effectiveness in Busan, South Korea in 2011, the stakeholders also renewed commitments and endorsed the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (GPEDC). The

First High Level Meeting of the GPEDC was therefore held in Mexico City, Mexico in April 2014.

5. I am happy to inform that the Second High Level Meeting of the GPEDC will take place in Nairobi from 28<sup>th</sup> November – 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016. This will happen in Nairobi after adoption of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in 2015. The SDGs requires us to observe human-rights based, universal and transformative approach to development. The SDGs provides the overarching framework for us to renew our commitment to eradicate poverty and fast-track inclusive and sustainable development, including urgent action on climate change.

6. The Addis Ababa Action Agenda on Third Financing for Development also adopted in 2015 incorporates the means of implementation in which it acknowledged that the new agenda requires—*inter alia*—effective development cooperation and inclusive multi-stakeholder partnerships. The Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation is fully aligned with this intent as expressed through 17<sup>th</sup> SDG : on *Partnerships for the Goals*.

7. **Ladies and Gentlemen**, The Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation is an all-inclusive forum that takes place every two years, bringing together the full range of Development Actors, from governments, Parliaments, International Organizations,

Trade Unions, Private Sector, Civil Society and the Foundations. Through this multi-stakeholder platform, the Global Partnership provides practical support and shares knowledge to boost development impact across the globe, which is essential for the delivery of development results and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

8. While the SDGs address *development outcomes*, such as ending extreme poverty, the Global Partnership focuses on the *quality of development inputs and results*. The Global Partnership therefore focuses on development effectiveness and on the “how” to achieve both development goals and the SDGs. HLM2 will

therefore provide a unique opportunity for all stakeholders to assess and set the tone and prioritize agendas for the Global Partnership.

9. **Ladies and Gentlemen**, The HLM2 will further seek to enhance the positive impact of development co-operation by taking stock of the implementation of internationally-agreed principles of development cooperation that is: *Ownership of development priorities by developing countries; Focus on development results; Inclusive multi-stakeholder partnerships; and Transparency and Accountability*. The principles are implemented through a set of ten indicators which are monitored globally every two years. The 2015/2016 monitoring results will therefore feed into discussions during the Nairobi High Level Meeting. The HLM2 will also provide

a learning space to showcase successful examples and lessons learned, and identify innovative approaches to sustainable development that can be scaled up.

10. The specific objectives of HLM2 therefore include: taking stock of the implementation of development effectiveness principles and commitments; providing a learning space on development effectiveness and showcasing successful examples; identifying and scaling up initiatives and innovative approaches to development; and position the GPEDC as a center of excellence for development effectiveness, providing a significant contribution to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda (AAAA).

11. One of the results of HLM2, there will be an outcome document which is currently with all the stakeholders. The HLM2 outcome document will: (i) outline renewed commitments on increasing the effectiveness of development co-operation for diverse stakeholder groups; (ii) agree on how the Global Partnership can contribute to implementation of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and; (iii) define new working arrangements for the GPEDC. Inclusive consultations ahead of HLM2 have contributed to a draft outcome document and final deliberations prior to the HLM2 will feed into and shape the Final Draft of the Nairobi Outcome Document.

12. I am happy to inform you that Kenya will be championing a flagship topic, “*on Economic Empowerment of Women and Youth*” which is led by the Ministry of Public Service, Gender and Youth Affairs.

13. Let me once more take this opportunity to invite the County Governments, Parliamentarians, the Diplomatic Missions and Development Partners of Kenya, Private Sector, Philanthropy Groups/Foundations, Civil Society Organizations and the Media as key stakeholders to technically support the HLM2 and to participate during the HLM2 at the highest level to ensure inclusivity of all stakeholders.

14. Finally, let me remind that the HLM2 is a high level meeting, at Ministerial level but also with some Heads of State attending. In this regard, I request all the Diplomatic missions to reach out to their Headquarters to ensure Ministerial level participation during the HLM2. I also urge my colleagues, Cabinet Secretaries and the Principal Secretaries to ensure that they lead their ministries' delegation in HLM2. For more information on your participation, please log on to the HLM2 website at [www.hlm2nairobi.go.ke](http://www.hlm2nairobi.go.ke)

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